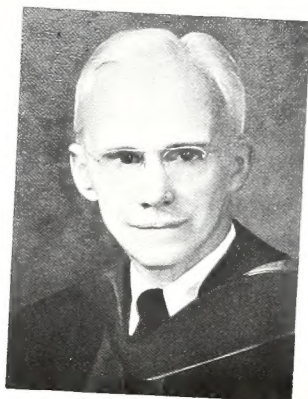




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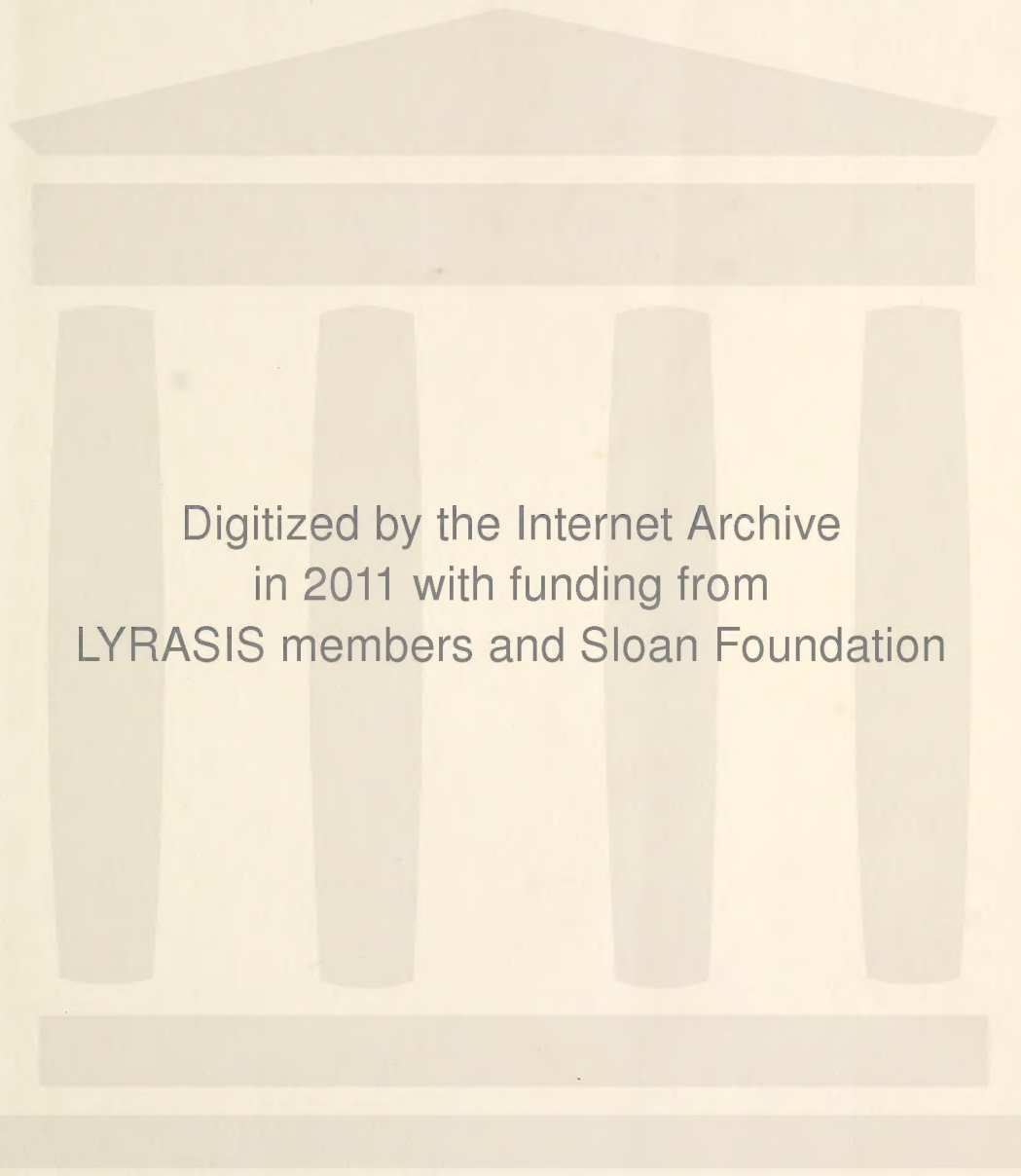


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LYON, THIRD LARGEST CITY IN FRANCE, CHOSEN FOR  
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# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

*Editor, Foreign Mission Number*

## *Is This New Year the Last Year?*

This new year may well be our last year of opportunity to get the Gospel out to the lost and dying of the world; if so, whose shall all the vain earthly things be? We may have all of 1953 as a year of opportunity, but on the other hand it could well be that these words which I have written may be read only by those who are left in the world after the rapture of the church. If we are in the end days, the very edge days, if it's only a half-minute until 12, then how we should be challenged to spend and be spent for Jesus Christ!

The goose flies high in America, as we in this new year think of the prosperity ahead. Oh, yes, we are in a war in Korea, but not so many are thinking *too* much about it, other than those who have loved ones in the danger zone. Why, aren't we making more money than ever before? Aren't prices good? Isn't the new administration in Washington going to change everything for the better? Sure, we're losing some American boys in Korea, but what's that compared to this great prosperity? I hope not one single reader has such wicked thoughts. Such thoughts are certainly carnal. They make us more dependent on things of this world, and less dependent on the goodness and mercy of God.

## *Christ Really First?*

Is Christ really first in our lives? We sing "I Surrender All," but can we honestly sing it when we are spending unbelievable amounts for home comforts, modern conveniences, the latest model inventions, and yet spend only a pittance for the work of Jesus Christ? Jesus spoke of those who put love and loyalty to parents, children, lands, goods, and such in a higher position than love for the blessed Son of God. I fear most of us don't even catch a gleam of what it is to put Jesus Christ first. But our foreign missionaries know! When they leave home, loved ones, children, parents, modern conveniences and comforts, health, social and educational advantages; when they face bodily danger, disease perils, hatred, communism, superstition, loneliness, heartache; when they are willing to lose themselves in the jungles of a distant land, when they face the embarrassment of being told they are not wanted, when they fight for existence in an antagonistic society; they are able to tell us something of putting Christ first. If they do all these things "for Jesus' sake," should we consider the giving of our money, even money we had planned to spend for selfish or family pleasure, as a comparable thing? Until we have been pained by sacrificial giving as much as they have been pained in sacrificial service we can claim no comparable blessing.

## *Serving With Many Tears*

We know a lot about serving with laughter and hilarity, about serving while enjoying great earthly bounties, about serving as we walk in very pleasant places, but do we know so very much about "serving with many tears"? The Apostle Paul understood, mothers with children 10,000 miles away understand, one sitting by the jungle bedside of a dying loved one understands. How often have we served with many tears? Thousands of people gave \$5 for foreign missions last year, thousands more gave \$10 or \$20, and the sad part of the story is that many thousands more gave absolutely nothing to tell the lost men and women of the world of the living, saving Christ. Do such small gifts, just as we speak of them, make you think of serving with tears? Serving with tears is serving while brokenhearted over the sins of the world, serving when the affection for Jesus Christ is so much greater than any other affection. We must sow in tears and serve in tears if we would abound in the joys of Jesus Christ.

## *Lyon, France, Chosen*

The board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society unanimously approved the recommendation of Bro. Fred Fogle, our missionary in France, in approving Lyon, France, as the location for our pioneer work in France. Brother Fogle has been given the "go" sign, and will be moving from Paris to Lyon in the very near future. If suitable housing is found, the moving will have been accomplished at the Christmas season. Few men, even those who have been for many years in France, know the evangelical situation in France better than Brother Fogle. We urge that you remember the Fogle's daily in prayer as they make a start in this new area. It will be hard; not one person has ever suggested that it will be easy. But we have the God of the impossible as the God who makes things possible for us. We march on! Those who are studying in France preparatory to going to Africa will remain in Paris at least for the present.

## *Missionary Outfit Clubs*

We're rejoicing that so many of our churches are really functioning in relation to the Missionary Outfit Clubs. Gifts from the first 14 churches have reached a total of \$350. We are especially thrilled by many of the larger gifts which have come from our smaller and newer churches. When all or most of our churches respond in any way proportionate to the first 14, we will have sufficient to care for the outfit needs of the Zielas-



kos—that is, its purchase, transportation, and customs. We so greatly appreciate all who are helping in such a gracious manner. We would appreciate having your reports in at the earliest possible time.

Some have written of problems in the execution of the outfit club plan. Please understand that this thing need not be done just the way we suggest. We believe the plan suggested has many merits, but if your church can accomplish the purpose by any variation of the plan, feel free to make changes. Our desire is for a great volume of prayer for our missionary candidates as they go to the field, and for an opportunity to be given for all missionary-minded members of our congregations to make some love gift toward the outfit of every missionary or missionary family. The goal, of course, is at least \$1 toward the outfit needs of every such unit.

### **More Seed for the Church**

"The blood of the martyrs, the seed of the church" has

been the church's character since the early days. Martyrdoms haven't ceased. Sr. Ricardo Garcia, one of the faithful national evangelists of the Mexican Indian Mission, suffered martyrdom on October 19. He and 2 other national evangelists were serving in the State of Hidalgo when a mob of about 30 fanatics broke into the place of meeting and announced their intention to kill all 3 evangelists. They were taken off to the woods. One was set free; a second, who was stabbed, fell over a precipice and escaped, but the third, Brother Garcia, was shamefully mistreated, beaten, and kicked. They made fun of his Bible and his faith, and finally shot him and left him in the woods. Our sympathies are extended to his loved ones; our prayers are for his fellow laborers and for the Mexican Indian Mission. Pray, too, that our missionaries serving in Baja California may be protected and empowered as they present the gospel message. This fanatical attitude is not characteristic of the Mexican people, except as they are incited by unfriendly priests.

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## **WHY LYON?**

In the editorials you will have noticed that Lyon, France, has been unanimously approved by the board of trustees of our society as the location for our first permanent testimony in France. We feel you should know something of this great city and some of the reasons for our choice. The paragraphs following, except the last paragraph, are from material prepared by Bro. Fred Fogle and sent to the members of our board for their information. They will answer many of your questions. The picture on the front cover is of just one small section of this great city.

Lyon is the third city of France with a population of 800,000. The surrounding area is rather densely populated—a city of over 200,000 is located 40 miles from Lyon, another of 100,000 or more is 80 miles from Lyon, and yet another of 100,000 or more is 110 miles from Lyon. In addition, there are many smaller cities of 50,000 and less within close proximity.

In comparison to population, Lyon is the least evangelized city in France. In the vast area to the south, north, and west of Lyon, as far as Normandy, there are fewer Protestant churches and fewer gospel testimonies than in any other part of France. There are a few faithful workers in the city and area, but, oh how few, when one considers the estimate made recently that there are not more than 175 or 200 believers in that city of 800,000 souls. Just to the west is an area called the "Auvergne" where there is practically no testimony. Many of the smaller towns with populations as large as 30,000 have NO GOSPEL WITNESS. There are real possibilities for an itinerant ministry; the opportunities are unlimited!

Lyon is one of the business capitals of France and is known as an intellectual center. There are available any number of travel agencies which could be used in caring for the transportation needs of the various missionaries traveling between the United States and Africa by way of France. Plane connections may be had from this area to Bangui just as well as from Paris, and boats from Douala and New York City come regularly to Marseille, which is approximately 150 miles from Lyon.

The educational possibilities in Lyon are second only to Paris. The University of Lyon, second in France,

gives a course in French for foreigners very similar to the one offered at the University of Paris. Another school, the University at Grenoble, just a drive of 2 hours from Lyon, has been a favorite of many foreign students of French. Living accommodations in this area for our future missionaries would not be any more difficult to secure than in Paris, and should be much easier.

Of interest, but not having a bearing on the decision to open our testimony in Lyon, are a few historical facts. Lyon was the ancient capital of Gaul. Irenaeus, the "grandson" in the faith of the Apostle John, was a missionary in this area and later became pastor of the church of Lyon. This city was a capital of Protestantism during the Reformation, but is far, far from that now.

On a trip to Lyon during October, in order to spread the Gospel and investigate the area, over 500 gospel posters were put up in Lyon on which were written a Bible text and an offer of a free New Testament. To date I have in my possession 10 letters written by people in Lyon who saw the posters and were interested enough to write and ask for a New Testament.

It is our plan to move into the Lyon area at the earliest possible time, preferably in a town separate from, but at the same time touching on the city proper. As the Lord opens up possibilities and gives contacts, a Bible class will be begun in the town in which we will live and also one in Lyon proper.

Work in the city of Lyon is only a beginning. Testimonies in additional unevangelized areas should begin at the earliest possible moment. From the beginning the burden for such evangelization will be placed as a challenge before French national believers. But we must have more missionaries—2, 3, and if possible, 4 families. Furloughs considered, 4 families would be the minimum requirement in any field. Such expansion in France, considering the needs of all our fields, seems impossible. The flesh says it is impossible, but I am reminded of a Scripture—"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26). Our board would be happy to talk with young people interested in serving in France. Self-supporting missionaries in France are a possibility.



# THE CASE OF THE MISSING SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS

By Mrs. James B. Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

My Sunday school pupils are missing, it is true, but their whereabouts is not a mystery. I know where to locate each child that should be attending my class. I could go to each one today and invite him to Sunday school, but when Sunday comes he still will be missing from the class. The mystery lies in the problem of how we are going to win these boys and girls for the Lord.

Olga is an attractive child of 12. Although her family are not believers, she attended my Sunday school class during the summer months. As soon as classes started in the public school where she attends, Olga stopped coming to Sunday school. Her teacher is an attractive divorced woman, whose name the whole town links with that of the local priest in a malicious way. Olga is practically forced to attend the Catholic church by the pressure brought upon her by this woman.

A chubby youngster, Carlos, came to my Sunday school class for the first time one Sunday last winter. One of our faithful women talked to him about the Lord and explained to him about the Bible. Carlos became very interested. He lingered to talk after the class, and expressed enthusiastically his interest and his desire to return to the meetings. He attended a few and then we began to miss him. The next time he came to Sunday school I asked him why he hadn't been coming so faithfully as before. He replied, "My mother permits me to come, but my grandmother, who lives with us, beats me for coming to the evangelical church. But I like it, I like it, I like it, and I'm going to come as long as my mother lets me." But Carlos didn't come to the meetings again. When we see him on the streets he expresses the same interest as before, but says that he can't come because of his grandmother's hatred of the evangelicals.

Last summer Marta entered my Sunday school class and assisted quite faithfully for 2 or 3 months. She was very enthusiastic about taking part in our Christmas program. After classes started in the public schools we lost Marta completely. In the school Marta and her little sister claim to be evangelicals and thus are exempt from taking the class in religion. We have visited the mother, seeking an explanation, but lies flow so freely from her lips that we have little confidence in what she tells us. However, she explained that in their neighborhood lives a very faithful Catholic woman who is always stopping Marta on the street and talking to her about coming to our meetings, telling her that only bad women enter the door of the evangelical church. What can a child do when the parents show no interest in the Gospel, when classmates make fun, and when neighbors threaten?

Michael, a boisterous, mischievous boy of 13, never attended my class regularly, but during the vacation months he attended other church meetings quite regularly. He prayed in prayer meeting for his unconverted

parents, but when school started Michael stopped coming. He gives as his excuse that he has to study at night and on Sunday afternoon he attends the movie. We believe that the real reason is because he doesn't like the jeers of his classmates.

At one time Chocha was one of the most faithful members of the class and had professed to accept Christ as her personal Saviour. Chocha, unfortunately, is one of many children in a very poor family. Many such children are placed in homes as servants. They receive their room and board and a sum of money which



*Sunday school and D. V. B. S. pupils in Argentina.*

amounts to about \$2 per month. Chocha, who is now 13 years old, and her younger sister, who before came faithfully to our primary class, have been placed in Catholic homes as servants. Now they never come to our Sunday school. We are trusting that their professions of faith in Christ were sincere, and that in spite of such strong opposition they will continue faithful to the teaching they have received in our Bible classes.

Such is the case of the missing Sunday school pupils. What is the solution? We face much opposition in our efforts to win children and young people for the Lord, but God is able to overcome all obstacles and we trust that through prayerful, patient effort we'll soon see our missing pupils returning.

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# JOSEPH OF BATA

By Rev. Harold Dunning, M'Baiki, Africa

The song says that some from every tribe and nation will be there—in heaven! For years now it has looked as though the M'Baka and M'Baiti peoples were striving to be excepted as old David, who died shortly after becoming a Christian, was the only M'Baka believer, and we knew of no M'Baiti believers. It is with great joy that we can now report conversions among these people.

A few years ago a traveling evangelist from M'Baiki stopped to preach to the workmen at a sawmill. Those willing to listen to the "Protestante" preach about the "God of the English" were very few, but among them was a man named Joseph. He asked questions. He was interested. He was a mechanic working on the steam engine which furnished the power for the sawmill, but his home was many miles away in the Belgian Congo—at Stanleyville.

To Joseph the Gospel was good news indeed and brought salvation to his soul. To be saved meant to serve—the modern sophistication that a soul can be saved by Christ and yet not serve Christ never occurred to him. But Joseph could not read or write. What could he do? Joseph did 2 things—he started witnessing for Christ, and he started learning how to read. For some reason he has never been very successful at the second; even today he can barely read a few familiar verses. God has mightily blessed him in witnessing. He led his wife to Christ, and he led several of his friends and fellow workmen to Christ. He has built a little thatch-roofed chapel and has labored to fill it with believers.

A few weeks ago I heard the story of his work. The local priest, visiting his own church at the sawmill, found the congregation much slimmer. He asked the local Catholic teacher for an explanation. The teacher said, "Joseph has stolen them."

"How?" asked the priest.

"He is always visiting people and preaching to them."

The priest then visited the white manager of the mill.

the black man. Often bigoted priests have persuaded managers and owners of plantations, mining camps, and sawmills to suppress the preaching of the Gospel. So Joseph "held his breath" and waited.

Joseph's testimony as a Christian had reached his employer as well as his fellow workmen. He has refused



*Brother Dunning ready for a trip.*

gifts of beer and cigarettes. He has performed his work faithfully and cheerfully. His white boss said to me, "Joseph is a 'brave type' (a good fellow)." We do not know if the priest said anything about the affair. More than likely he did not; he must realize that the people in question are only nominally Catholic. So far Joseph has heard nothing further. He has gone on preaching and the work is growing.

A few weeks ago I stopped to visit Joseph. The chapel was filled and overflowing. The people purchased every New Testament, songbook, Gospel, and verse booklet I had. But joy upon joy, there were M'Baka and M'Baiti people listening! Recently some from these tribes gave witness to their faith by being baptized.

Any work for God costs. Church people at home realize that their gifts are needed. Joseph also has had to give. He has given his free time. Last month the price he has to pay was raised. The company installed electric power and the steam engine has been shut down. The white boss offered Joseph a job on the company steamboat, which would mean that he would have to go to Brazzaville and give up his chapel work. Joseph refused and humbly accepted a job as an assistant mechanic in the garage at more than a 50-percent cut in pay—from \$60 to \$24 a month. Yes, there is a price to pay in this service—the price of many temporal advantages. The pay, however, is eternal, and there is no substitute.

Pray for Joseph; pray for his work at Bata; pray for his witness among the M'Baka and M'Baiti people. Pray for a young man whom he recently led to the Lord. This young man has expressed a desire to prepare himself for preaching to his own people—the M'Baka.

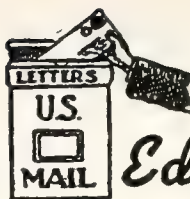


*A native evangelist preaching to his people.*

Then he came to Joseph, saying, "Now my white man will make you stop preaching to Catholics. You can preach only to the heathen."

This caused Joseph no little concern. The white man rules Africa. Very often unscrupulous whites oppress

# Foreign Missionary Editor's Mail Box



*Bossembele, Africa—*

"The Lord continues His blessing upon the work at Bossembele. There were 12 decisions this morning (December 1). The crowd was about as large as at any time, even though the service was in the hot sun—the roof has been taken down in the process of enlarging the church.

"Several weeks ago a very wicked woman was saved. Quite a number of the natives are wondering if she will stick it out, but even more are praying for her, so we know He is able if she will but trust Him for victory. All of which makes us praise the Lord.

"The church also made some moves for which we had been praying ever since coming here. In fact, they did so many things all at once that we were hoping they would do that it makes us think they are getting ready to ask us for something.

"1. They adopted a system (envelopes) for tithing. The first Sunday their offerings were 8 times the best they had ever done before.

"2. This so surprised them as to what could be done that they promptly raised the preacher's salary. They tripled it. He isn't even a member of a union.

"3. They appointed 3 (all who were willing at the time—we are praying for a few more to go too) men to go out to 3 large villages that are too far for the people to come in on Sundays. They go out Saturday evenings and hold converts' classes and then preach at a central point on Sunday. We have had several hundred decisions from this method so far.

"Thus is our joy.

"On Wednesdays I have a 'school' for these 3 men and other leaders of the church on methods of teaching a converts' class, singing, how to prepare messages, etc.

"I should have said that point #4 was the fact that the church divided Bossembele town into districts and placed a leader and his wife over all the converts on that road. They hold classes and see that those in charge of the classes are faithful in their teachings. In other words, the teaching of the converts has been farmed out. With close to 400 on the list of those having made decisions, it is too difficult for the native pastor to keep track of them. As soon as the system is working here, we will move on to concentrate on another church. Pray for us."

—"Bob" Hill.

*Santa Rosalia, Baja California—*

"I arrived here safely by plane on Friday, the 5th of December. On Saturday I tried to locate the believers who were here a year and a half ago. The 2 families who sort of carried the load have recently moved to Guaymas. The reason for the move was mostly that they wanted their children in a church, as the older girls are perhaps 15 and 16 years old. That leaves about 3

adult believers here who were here a year and a half ago, and 2 more they tell me of who live out of town a ways. I met 2 days with the most active of the group, a woman, and there were a few others interested in listening too each time, but as a group they are now inactive. Two other families moved to Mexicali and Ensenada about a year ago, so I don't know what to think of the prospects here unless there were a full-time worker.

"Hope to go to San Ignacio tomorrow or as soon as possible. Will try to keep you informed."

—Walter Haag.

[Editor's note—What a challenge—8,000 people living in Santa Rosalia and only 5 of them believers!]

*Bozoum, Africa—*

"Yesterday (November 28) 23 men graduated from the Bible institute. Besides the regular people at the Bible institute and Bozoum, we had Dr. Floyd Taber, Miss Marybeth Munn, and Brother and Sister Roy Snyder as guests. Marc Volongou gave the graduation address.

"We burned the tall grass around the concession last evening, and today the place is covered with charred grass stubs. Once again our God has protected and kept through the flames. I always think of the verse, 'Saved, yet so as by fire.' Of course, as long as there are the unburned spots, even at a good distance, there is danger."

—Orville Jobson.

*Macapa, Brazil—*

"I want to tell you about the chapel we have completed in the 'Creek of the Women.' This 1-room building is covered with grass, has a board floor, and the walls are about 12 by 19 feet. This last Friday evening (October 31) we had our first service there and had about 130 inside and over 50 outside the building. We are praising the Lord for the interest and trust that souls will be saved in the future as we labor here. We will have a Sunday school on Sunday afternoons and at least 1 week-night service per week. This building when painted (whitewash) and equipped with electricity will cost about \$120. You can't build for that at home, can you? The believers here have already paid for half this amount, besides giving their time in the building.

"I just recently made a trip to Mazagao with the director of works here in Macapa. We went in the governor's airplane, a trip of only 10 minutes. The mayor of that town has very generously given us 2 lots, or an area of about 125 by 140 feet. It is located right in the center of the town. Since this is located right in the center of the town and in such a desirable location, we feel we must build a little better than the building mentioned above. We purpose to build a 1-room type building, slightly larger than the one at Macapa. This building will cost about \$300, and the believers in Mazagao will be helping us."

—Edward D. Miller.



# REPORT OF GIFTS

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## ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Chambersburg, Pa. ....	\$ 15.50	
Hagerstown, Md. ....	80.00	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	28.63	
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	545.00	
Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) ..	125.75	
Philadelphia, Pa. (3d) ..	40.67	
Seven Fountains, Va. ....	44.50	
Washington, D. C. ....	2,003.17	
Atlantic District .....	42.00	
Atlantic District WMC .....	50.00	
	<u>2,975.22</u>	

### Grace Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

General Fund .....	50	
Rottler Funds .....	15.00	
	<u>15.50</u>	

### Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

General Fund .....	10.00	
Rottler Funds .....	70.00	
	<u>80.00</u>	

### Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Zielasko Funds .....	28.63	
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### Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

General Fund .....	415.00	
Africa Special Fund ...	130.00	
	<u>545.00</u>	

### First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

General Fund .....	76.00	
Goodman Funds .....	5.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	14.75	
Schwartz Funds .....	30.00	
	<u>125.75</u>	

### Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

M. Kennedy Funds .....	15.17	
Maconaghy Funds .....	25.50	
	<u>40.67</u>	

### Trinity Brethren Church, Seven Fountains, Va.

General Fund .....	44.50	
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### First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

General Fund .....	2,003.17	
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### Atlantic District

Africa Special Fund ...	7.00	
Foster Funds .....	10.00	
Schwartz Funds .....	25.00	
	<u>42.00</u>	

### Atlantic District WMC

Missionary Residence Fund .....	50.00	
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## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Chico .....	9.31	
La Crescenta .....	13.91	
Long Beach (1st) .....	3,057.64	
Los Angeles (1st) .....	146.90	
Los Angeles (2d) .....	415.00	
Los Angeles (3d) .....	210.00	
Modesto (La Loma) .....	5.00	
San Diego .....	52.61	
Seal Beach .....	288.92	
South Gate .....	113.62	
South Pasadena .....	421.90	
Temple City .....	25.30	
Tracy .....	54.59	
Whittier (Community) .....	509.78	
California District .....	45.00	
California District WMC .....	15.00	
	<u>5,384.48</u>	

### Grace Brethren Church, Chico, Calif.

Maconaghy Funds .....	9.31	
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### Mountain Brethren Church, La Crescenta, Calif.

Maconaghy Funds .....	13.91	
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## First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

General Fund .....	2,189.75	
Africa General Fund ..	16.00	
Africa Leper Fund .....	70.89	
Argentina General Fund ..	5.00	
Argentina Special Fund ..	100.00	
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	25.00	
Bickel Funds .....	5.00	
Coon Memorial Fund .....	100.00	
France General Fund .....	5.00	
Nielsen Funds .....	100.00	
Samarin Funds .....	61.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	380.00	
	<u>3,057.64</u>	

### First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund .....	4.00	
Baja Calif. Special Fund ..	115.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	27.90	
	<u>146.90</u>	

### Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Balzer Funds .....	400.00	
Howard Funds .....	7.50	
Maconaghy Funds .....	7.50	
	<u>415.00</u>	

### Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Baja Calif. General Fund ..	10.00	
Brazil General Fund .....	109.00	
Brazil Special Fund .....	100.00	
	<u>210.00</u>	

### La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Africa Special Fund .....	5.00	
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### First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.

Baja Calif. General Fund ..	7.56	
Haag Funds .....	30.03	
Howard Funds .....	15.02	
	<u>52.61</u>	

### First Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.

General Fund .....	288.92	
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### First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif.

General Fund .....	75.00	
Teeter Funds .....	38.62	
	<u>113.62</u>	

### Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.

Maconaghy Funds .....	10.00	
Teeter Funds .....	411.90	
	<u>421.90</u>	

### Temple City Brethren Church, Temple City, Calif.

Altig Funds .....	5.30	
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	10.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	10.00	
	<u>25.30</u>	

### First Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.

General Fund .....	20.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	13.31	
E. Myers Funds .....	21.28	
	<u>54.59</u>	

### Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

General Fund .....	502.78	
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	7.00	
	<u>509.78</u>	

### California District

General Fund .....	20.00	
Argentina General Fund ..	5.00	
Kliever Funds .....	20.00	
	<u>45.00</u>	

### California District WMC

Bickel Funds .....	10.00	
Howard Funds .....	5.00	
	<u>15.00</u>	

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

Alto, Mich. ....	21.55	
Berrien Springs, Mich. ....	39.50	
Berne, Ind. ....	20.75	
Clay City, Ind. ....	227.00	
Covington, Ohio .....	15.75	
Dayton, Ohio (1st) .....	140.22	
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ..	87.39	
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) ..	10.00	
Flora, Ind. ....	10.18	
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	210.75	
Huntington, Ind. ....	18.29	
Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	126.53	
New Troy, Mich. ....	21.00	
Osceola, Ind. ....	600.00	
Sharpsville, Ind. ....	51.80	
South Bend, Ind. ....	147.80	
Troy, Ohio .....	26.40	
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	51.53	
Central District .....	655.00	
Central District Camp .....	61.81	
Central District WMC .....	29.81	
	<u>2,706.11</u>	

### Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

General Fund .....	9.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	12.55	
	<u>21.55</u>	

### Grace Brethren Tabernacle, Berrien Springs, Mich.

C. Taber Funds .....	7.50	
Foster Funds .....	15.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	17.00	
	<u>39.50</u>	

### Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Hoyt Funds .....	20.75	
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### First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

General Fund .....	200.00	
Foster Funds .....	13.50	
V. Meyers Funds .....	13.50	
	<u>227.00</u>	

### First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio

C. Taber Funds .....	15.75	
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### First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

Byron Funds .....	36.12	
Jobson Funds .....	25.00	
Magazine Fund .....	3.50	
C. Taber Funds .....	75.60	
	<u>140.22</u>	

### North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

General Fund .....	15.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	72.39	
	<u>87.39</u>	

### Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

C. Taber Funds .....	10.00	
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### Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

Foster Funds .....	10.18	
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### First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Beaver Funds .....	23.00	
Habegger Funds .....	32.00	
Mason Funds .....	117.30	
C. Taber Funds .....	13.25	
F. Taber Funds .....	25.20	
	<u>210.75</u>	

### Grace Brethren Church, Huntington, Ind.

C. Taber Funds .....	18.29	
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### Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.

General Fund .....	51.71	
Goodman Funds .....	5.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	69.82	
	<u>126.53</u>	

### New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.

C. Taber Funds .....	21.00	
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<i>Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.</i>		
General Fund .....	500.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	100.00	
		600.00

<i>Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.</i>		
General Fund .....	5.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	128.05	
		133.05

<i>Grace Brethren Church, Sharpsville, Ind.</i>		
General Fund .....		51.80

<i>Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.</i>		
C. Taber Funds .....	15.80	
Zielasko Funds .....	132.00	
		147.80

<i>First Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio</i>		
C. Taber Funds .....		26.40

<i>Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.</i>		
Baja Calif. Special Fund	16.53	
G. Jones Funds .....	35.00	
		51.53

<i>Central District</i>		
General Fund .....	630.00	
F. Taber Funds .....	25.00	
		655.00

<i>Central District Camp</i>		
General Fund .....	11.81	
E. Myers Funds .....	50.00	
		61.81

<i>Central District WMC</i>		
Foster Funds .....		29.81

<i>EAST DISTRICT</i>		
Aleppo, Pa. ....	10.00	
Altoona, Pa. (1st) .....	40.21	
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	210.35	
Everett, Pa. ....	24.17	
Holidaysburg, Pa. ....	10.00	
Hopewell, Pa. ....	27.60	
Johnstown, Pa. (1st) .....	20.00	
Kittanning, Pa. (1st) .....	55.60	
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo) .....	16.95	
Martinsburg, Pa. ....	427.95	
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	361.20	
Mundy's Corner, Pa. ....	69.50	
Singer Hill, Pa. ....	10.00	
Summit Mills, Pa. ....	28.65	
Uniontown, Pa. ....	9.54	
East District .....	25.00	
East District SMM .....	50.00	
East District WMC .....	395.75	
		1,792.48

<i>Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....		10.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.</i>		
L. Kennedy Funds .....		40.21

<i>Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....	10.35	
G. Jones Funds .....	200.00	
		210.35

<i>Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.</i>		
Bickel Funds .....	10.00	
Foster Funds .....	14.17	
		24.17

<i>Vicksburg Brethren Church, Holidaysburg, Pa.</i>		
L. Kennedy Funds .....		10.00

<i>Yellow Creek Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa.</i>		
Bickel Funds .....	14.85	
Foster Funds .....	12.75	
		27.60

<i>First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....		20.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....		36.00

Foster Funds .....	13.60	
Goodman Funds .....	6.00	
		55.60

<i>North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....	13.46	
Foster Funds .....	3.50	
		16.96

<i>First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.</i>		
Foster Funds .....	29.75	
Sumey Funds .....	400.00	
		427.95

<i>Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....	230.80	
Africa General Fund ...	60.00	
Argentina General Fund	24.00	
Foster Funds .....	25.30	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	21.10	
		361.20

<i>Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.</i>		
General Fund .....		69.50

<i>Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.</i>		
Dunning Funds .....		10.00

<i>Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.</i>		
Foster Funds .....	17.50	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	11.15	
		28.65

<i>First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.</i>		
L. Kennedy Funds .....		9.54

<i>East District</i>		
General Fund .....	15.00	
Baja Calif. General Fund	10.00	
		25.00

<i>East District SMM</i>		
Africa Special Fund .....		50.00

<i>East District WMC</i>		
Africa Special Fund ...	50.00	
Brazil Special Fund ...	145.75	
G. Jones Funds .....	200.00	
		395.75

<i>IOWA DISTRICT</i>		
Dallas Center .....	92.76	
Garwin .....	71.43	
Leon .....	27.15	
North English .....	35.85	
Waterloo .....	24.11	
Iowa District .....	25.00	
Iowa District WMC .....	60.00	
		336.30

<i>First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa</i>		
Byron Funds .....	25.02	
Maconaghy Funds .....	37.06	
E. Myers Funds .....	30.68	
		92.76

<i>Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa</i>		
Maconaghy Funds .....	5.50	
Thurston Funds .....	65.93	
		71.43

<i>Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa</i>		
General Fund .....	5.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	22.15	
		27.15

<i>Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa</i>		
Byron Funds .....	22.10	
Maconaghy Funds .....	13.75	
		35.85

<i>Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa</i>		
Maconaghy Funds .....		24.11

<i>Iowa District</i>		
General Fund .....		25.00

<i>Iowa District WMC</i>		
Thurston Funds .....		60.00

<i>MIDWEST DISTRICT</i>		
Albuquerque, N. Mex. ....		19.00
Beaver City, Nebr. ....		15.00
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....		14.83
Portis, Kans. ....		50.00
Llano Quemado, N. Mex. ....		3.60
Ranchitos, N. Mex. ....		3.00
Talpa, N. Mex. ....		3.85
Taos, N. Mex. ....		6.00
		115.28

<i>Grace Grethren Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex.</i>		
Baja Calif. General Fund	15.00	
E. Myers Funds .....	4.00	
		19.00

<i>Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr.</i>		
E. Myers Funds .....		15.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.</i>		
Africa Special Fund .....		14.83

<i>First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans.</i>		
E. Myers Funds .....		50.00

<i>D. V. B. S., Llano Quemado, N. Mex.</i>		
Baja California General Fund ....		3.60

<i>D. V. B. S., Ranchitos, N. Mex.</i>		
Baja California General Fund ....		3.00

<i>D. V. B. S., Talpa, N. Mex.</i>		
Baja California General Fund ....		3.85

<i>Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.</i>		
Baja California General Fund ....		6.00

<i>NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT</i>		
Akron .....	10.00	
Ankenytown .....	20.00	
Canton .....	10.00	
Cuyahoga Falls .....	10.00	
Homerville .....	1,015.00	
Wooster .....	30.00	
Northern Ohio District .....	54.61	
Northern Ohio District SMM .....	39.22	
Northern Ohio District WMC .....	172.21	
		1,361.04

<i>First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio</i>		
Byron Funds .....		10.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....		10.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....		10.00

<i>Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....		10.00

<i>West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....	15.00	
Inman Funds .....	1,000.00	
		1,015.00

<i>First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio</i>		
L. Kennedy Funds .....		30.00

<i>Northern Ohio District</i>		
Africa Special Fund ...	44.61	
Byron Funds .....	5.00	
Hoyt Funds .....	5.00	
		54.61

<i>Northern Ohio District SMM</i>		
Mishler Funds .....		39.22

<i>Northern Ohio District WMC</i>		
Africa Special Fund ...	142.21	
Byron Funds .....	30.00	
		172.21

<i>NORTHWEST DISTRICT</i>		
Albany, Oreg. ....		97.45
Sunnyside, Wash. ....		189.09
Yakima, Wash. ....		25.11
Northwest District .....		36.14

Northwest District WMC .....	15.50	Limestone, Tenn. ....	5.00	Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.	
	363.29	Radford, Va. ....	37.35	Africa Special Fund .....	85.00
Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Oreg.		Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) .....	121.98	NATIONAL MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICT	
Argentina General Fund .....	62.66	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .....	85.00	National Miscellaneous .....	59.75
E. Myers Funds .....	34.79		693.40	National WMC .....	2,367.20
	97.45	First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.			2,426.95
First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.		Maconaghy Funds .....	30.36	National Miscellaneous	
Dunning Funds .....	10.00	First Brethren Church, Covington, Va.		Africa Special Fund ...	56.75
Maconaghy Funds .....	50.00	F. Taber Funds .....	1.71	Baja Calif. General Fund	2.00
E. Myers Funds .....	129.09	Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.		Zielasko Funds .....	1.00
	189.09	General Fund .....	405.30		59.75
Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.		Kingsport Brethren Church, Kingsport, Tenn.		National WMC	
Maconaghy Funds .....	25.11	General Fund .....	6.70	Africa Leper Fund ...	90.84
Northwest District		Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.		Africa Special Fund ...	686.58
Argentina General Fund .....	36.14	Africa Special Fund .....	5.00	Argentina Special Fund	682.39
Northwest District WMC		Fairlawn Brethren Church, Radford, Va.		Baja Calif. Special Fund	100.00
Maconaghy Funds .....	15.50	Maconaghy Funds .....	37.35	Brazil Special Fund ...	682.39
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT		Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.		France Special Fund ...	100.00
Buena Vista, Va. ....	30.36	General Fund .....	108.98	Nielsen Funds .....	10.00
Covington, Va. ....	1.71	Maconaghy Funds .....	13.00	Wagner Funds .....	15.00
Hollins, Va. ....	405.30		121.98		2,367.20
Kingsport, Tenn. ....	6.70			Total Gifts .....	18,154.55

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## THE PRICE OF A SLAVE

(A PARABLE FROM AFRICA)

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Bozoum, Africa

Once upon a time in the far-away country of Africa there was a great man. This great man lived in the days when Africa was truly the dark continent. In the days of this great man the light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ had not yet begun to dawn among his people. The very thing which made this man great shows how dark was the African wilderness of his day. His only claim to greatness was that he never needed to work. So numerous were his slaves that it was not necessary for him to take a hoe in his hand to cultivate his garden, yet in his household there was an abundance of food. This food was earned by the sweat of the brows of his enslaved fellow creatures.



Miss Snyder

One wonders how often this hand which had never touched a hoe might have lifted the lash to some poor black back bent over his garden. How often did this hand smite the face of some child whose only offense was to have been born of slave parents? Or perhaps this great man had a genial and paternal attitude toward his extensive household. Whatever he may have been, we cannot know, for he long since has disappeared from the scene of his earthly glory.

One thing we do know about this man is how he obtained the wealth to buy so many slaves. By trade he was an elephant hunter. The tusks of this huge animal were valuable, even in the eyes of the primitives. From the value in exchange, we would probably be safe in saying that the primitives placed a higher price on ivory than do the people of this plastic age. Three ivory bracelets bought a slave. Three ivory bracelets gave the body of one human being to the absolute control of another. Three ivory bracelets bought a man and all his descendants, for the children of slaves are always slaves. Three ivory bracelets were all that was required

to gain control of the destiny of a human being. How cheap!

Look at an elephant some day. Try to figure how many bracelets could be made from the tusks of one elephant. You will readily see that a nimble hunter could acquire so many slaves that he himself would be free from the drudgery of common labor.

Often this great man had to follow the elephants far into the wilderness. Many times he must have suffered from hunger and fatigue. Perhaps many times he was in danger from lions or leopards. The howl of the hyena must often have worried him. But the hope of more slaves ever spurred him on to greater effort.

As the grandson of this great man recounted to us the facts concerning his grandfather, we could not but think of One who came to free the slaves. The Lord Jesus came to earth in order to "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Ah, what slaves we were! The African in his primitive culture, we in our sophistication—all were in bondage through fear of death. There was for us nothing but the destiny reserved for the slaves of sin. But One looked on us with pitying eye. He saw our need. He redeemed us from our horrible bondage only by paying a great price. We were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold (or ivory bracelets), but with the precious blood of Christ. It cost the Lord Jesus His life to save us. Now, you, and I, and this African hunter's grandson are all the Lord's freed-men. No more bondage for us!

What of those whose bonds have not been broken? Would you become the hunter who would search for men? The price of freedom has been paid. Would you go into the wilderness to call its slaves to escape their bonds? The old African risked much for slaves. Let us dare MORE to free sin's bondmen.



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On December 21 the *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church set aside Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scheerer, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Vnasdale to the office of deacon in the local church.

The *Atlantic District* has issued the first number of a small bulletin to inform members of the various churches in the district of its mission work. Bro. J. Edward Cordell, of Waynesboro, Pa., is the editor, and the paper is to be issued quarterly.

*Grace Theological Seminary* reunion will be held at Winona Lake February 24-27. The program will feature 20 members of the alumni association and recent pictures from the Holy Land. Rev. Edward Lewis, secretary of the alumni association, invites all readers to attend this time of fellowship.

Mrs. Lena Wormer, active member of the *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church, celebrated her 84th birthday December 19.

Rev. Clyde Landrum has added a new feature—The Gospel in the News—to the Gospel Truth program over WMBS, Uniontown, Pa., each Sunday morning at 8.

The *South San Gabriel, Calif.*, church acquired a chapel, once used by another church, to use as a place of meeting for the junior and junior high departments. This church conducts an evening school as part of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The pastor, Rev. Earle Rosenberger, teaches a class on the doctrine of the Christian life, and Miss Dorothy Vial teaches a teachers' training class.

Bro. C. L. Eckerman, of the *Long Beach, Calif.*, church, read his Bible through twice during 1952, which was the 18th time he has done it.

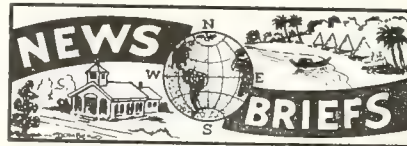
Rev. Ed Wilson, formerly pastor of the *Fillmore, Calif.*, church, is

seriously ill in an *Ontario, Calif.*, hospital.

Bro. Ben Sickel, member of the *La Verne, Calif.*, church and father of the late Dr. Clarence Sickel, former missionary to Argentina, suffered a heart attack recently and would appreciate the prayers of God's people.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, First church has planned a special program for January 11 under the direction of Rev. Jack Green and members of the *Young Russian Christian Association*.

Rev. and Mrs. Rubel Lucero, members of the *Beaumont, Calif.*, church, plan to do evangelistic work in Arizona and New Mexico. They will live in a trailer which they will take from place to place.



Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor of the *Everett, Pa.*, church, is on vacation. His brother, Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of the *Buena Vista, Va.*, church, preached at Everett on December 28, and Bro. Irvin Miller, *Winona Lake, Ind.*, plans to preach there January 4. Rev. Glen Yeckly, *Duncansville, Pa.*, was in charge of the watch-night service December 31.

Jim Roseboro, of the *Ashland, Ohio*, church, was named to the "All-Ohio Football Team" for the season recently closed.

At the request of the *La Verne,*

*Calif.*, church, Rev. Orville Lorenz is continuing as pastor until January 31, before making his resignation effective.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church began a junior church December 14 for children 6-12 years of age. This church plans to begin a teachers' training class January 11, to be taught by Dr. Irving Ahlquist.

The *Trumpet Trio* of King's College presented a special program at the *Clayton, Ohio*, church January 1.

The *Atlantic District* has planned an overnight youth rally for January 9-10 at the *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church.

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, church held a reception for its new pastor, Rev. Stanley Hauser, and his family December 10. They were presented with several gifts.

The mother of Rev. William Gray, pastor of the *Allentown, Pa.*, church, died at her son's home December 7.

Bro. Edgar Brackett, of the *New Troy, Mich.*, church died on December 8.

Members of the *Alexandria, Va.*, church surprised their pastor, Rev. Kenneth Teague, and his family with a monetary gift at a Christmas party December 19.

Rev. Charles Underwood, of *Long Beach, Calif.*, preached at the *Glen-dale, Calif.*, church December 28. The young people of this church are spending the week end of January 2-4 at Tahquitz Pines.

The staff of the *Brethren Missionary Herald Company* desires to thank each customer for the kindness and patience shown during the rush and extra demands made during the Christmas season.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Dates	Church	Pastor	Speaker
Pond Bank, Pa. . . . .	Dec. 26-Jan. 4 . . .	Edward Clark . . .	Robert Ashman.
Sharpville, Ind. . . . .	Dec. 28-Jan. 11 . .	Scott Weaver . . .	Joe Day.
Sidney, Ind. . . . .	Dec. 28-Jan. 11 . .	Richard DeArmey	Ding Teuling.
Middlebranch, O. . . . .	Dec. 31-Jan. 4 . . .	Edward Lewis . . .	Joseph Dombek.
Fort Wayne, Ind. . . . .	Jan. 4-11 . . . . .	James Hammer . .	Herman Centz.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) . . . . .	Jan. 4-7 . . . . .	Robert Miller . . .	J. Cohn-E. Gruen.
Spokane, Wash. . . . .	Jan. 4-7 . . . . .	William Schaffer . .	Russell Humberd.
Chico, Calif. . . . .	Jan. 11-16 . . . . .	Ward Tressler . . .	Russell Humberd.
Modesto, Calif.			
(La Loma) . . . . .	Jan. 12-18 . . . . .	Harold Painter . . .	Vincent Bennett.
San Bernardino,			
Calif. . . . .	Jan. 20-Feb. 1 . . .	Lyle Marvin . . . . .	Russell Humberd.



# BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH THESE PRAYER REQUESTS

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Pray that the annual day of prayer at the seminary January 22 will be a time of heart-searching and blessing at this half-way point in the year.

2. Pray for the financial needs of the seminary, especially for the annual offering being presented this month.

3. Pray that the students will have the necessary strength and wisdom for the final examinations this month.

4. Pray for the new semester beginning January 19 and for the new students just entering school.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Praise God for the fine initial response to the Zielaskos' outfit fund and pray that all churches will respond not only for the Zielaskos but for other new missionaries.

2. Pray for the work at Furo, an outpost from Icoraci, Brazil, where antagonism and some stone throwing have been showing themselves. Pray for protection for the missionaries and salvation of the people.

3. Pray for the midyear meeting of the board of trustees beginning February 9. Many vitally important matters must be decided.

4. Pray that Rev. and Mrs. John (Jack) Teeter will have grace and wisdom as they make final preparations to sail for Brazil on the first passage available after February 15.

5. Pray for health and journeying mercies for Miss Estella Myers, Miss Florence Bickel, and Miss Grace Byron as they plan to sail from New York some time between January 10 and 15 for another term of service in Africa.

6. Pray that Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fogle will have the blessing of God as they move to and begin work in Lyon, France.

7. Praise God for His blessings on the testimony in Tijuana, Mexico, and pray for the virgin field in the Santa Rosalia area, 800 miles south of the border, where Bro. Walter Haag found discouragement because some believers have moved away.

8. Pray for the missionaries as they return from the field council meeting held at Bassai, Africa. Pray for those entering new ventures of faith for Christ and entering into

districts with which they are not familiar.

9. Pray for the missionaries studying in France that they may have ears to hear and tongues to speak the French language. Pray that they may soon be able to go to the field where they are greatly needed.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that God will provide things necessary for starting a church building program next spring in Findlay, Ohio.

2. Pray for the Children's Happy Hour held each Wednesday at the York, Pa., church, and that the parents will be reached for Christ and the church. This children's hour was started by Evangelist Robert Ashman and reached a high of 128 children in one service.



3. Pray for the sale of the former location and for funds to erect a chapel on the new location in Temple City, Calif.

4. Pray for the South Bend, Ind., church and its new pastor, Bro. Russell Ogden, who is completing his seminary work before moving to the field.

5. Pray that the new fields opening to the Brethren Church may be developed rapidly and become strong testimonies.

6. Pray for the new office secretary, Miss Louise Blankenship, as she assumes the duties of the office vacated by Miss Cashel Heckman after 6½ years of faithfulness.

## WMC—

1. Pray that our WMC women will join in a crusade of personal evangelism—"Operation Two by Two."

2. Pray that new churches will be started in homes of Brethren people, beginning with Bible classes or Sunday schools.

3. Pray for the Brethren Christian day schools sponsored by the Long Beach First and Second, the Los Angeles First, and the Temple City churches in California.

4. Pray that some of our young people will train to teach in the Brethren day schools.

## SMM—

1. Pray for Marybeth Munn, our missionary, in her added responsibilities.

2. Pray that this will be the best year ever in "living for Christ" by Sisterhood girls.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that our boys in service may have courage to live and witness effectively for Christ Jesus.

2. Pray that the young people who are entering college or seminary for the second semester may be able to make the necessary adjustments quickly and that they will profit from their studies.

3. Pray for the youth director as he visits among the churches in Ohio.

4. Pray that the financial needs of the youth council will continue to be met.

## MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that all Brethren churches will become 100 percent in subscribing to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

2. Pray that all Brethren churches will use our Brethren literature in the Sunday schools.

3. Pray that the Lord will direct in printing tracts, calendars, bulletins, and other literature for the church.

## MISCELLANEOUS—

1. Pray for the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade as it makes plans for and carries on evangelistic campaigns in 1953.

2. Pray for the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church as it seeks to encourage and aid local Sunday schools.

3. Pray that the Board of Ministerial Relief will be given the wisdom necessary to do its work.

4. Pray that God's people will do God's will in 1953.



# SUGGESTIONS FOR BRETHREN YOUTH IN 1953

## IT'S AN IDEA!

To help get your BYF off to a good start this new year, try one or more of these ideas.

Get your new officers together, with your advisers, and plot your program for the next 3 months. Talk freely about what you need, the strengths and weaknesses of the past, and the best ways to establish your group in the future. Select leaders or teams of leaders, discuss program materials, socials, etc. Really get down to business for your BYF.

If things haven't been going too good, plan a "gripe meeting." Announce it ahead of time, and then let everyone express their "gripes" about BYF, the types of programs, officers, etc., in a Sunday-night meeting. The new officers should preside, and the secretary should take notes. Then try to do something about these "gripes" in future plans. But after receiving the "gripes," open the meeting for discussion of good things about BYF, good programs, good parties, etc. This may give you ideas as to how to plan future events.

If you'd like an installation service for your new officers that's a little different, have each new officer take 3 to 5 minutes to tell what he or she would like to accomplish for Christ through the office to which elected, and how the entire group can help see those goals accomplished.

For your first party of the new year, try an "All New Party," with entirely new games, a new place of meeting, new kind of refreshments, new kind of devotions, new songs to sing, etc. It'll take a little scratching and doing, but would be fun!

## SOUTHEAST YOUTH RALLY

The Southeast District held an overnight youth rally November 21-22 at the Clearbrook church, near Roanoke, Va.

The program consisted of a Christian film and messages by Rev. Carl Miller and Bro. Mason Cooper, both of Roanoke. The women of the local WMC prepared the banquet.

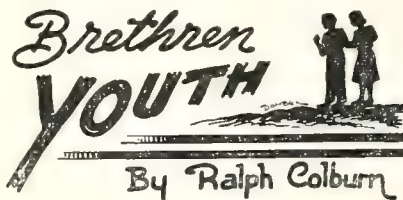
The boys club elected Robert Miller, president; Lynwood Catron, vice president; Bud Hughes, secretary-treasurer; and Sonny Ryman, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The Sisterhood girls elected Doris

## LET'S HAVE A NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTION!

I can remember, when I was a teen-ager, for several years straight among my new year's resolutions was one phrased something like this: "Resolved, that I will do everything I can to lead at least one soul personally to Christ."

For several years straight that



resolution was broken. My intentions were good, and I knew that it was something that I ought to do. But do you know what my trouble was? I never got started. I'd keep putting it off, thinking that I had plenty of time to fulfill that one, and all of a sudden the year would be gone.

Currently, Youth for Christ is

Gilmer, assistant secretary - treasurer; Geraldine Taylor, bandage-rolling secretary; and Genieva Lawson, junior representative.—Margaret Surface, district secretary.

## DON'T FORGET

Your church will be sending its home mission offering in to the office of the Brethren Home Missions Council any day now. Be sure that any gifts from your group marked "BYF Project" are included with it for the missionary project of building another Spanish-American chapel in the Taos Valley. One group, our BYF at Kittanning, Pa., set a goal of \$100 for this project, and were very near reaching it the last I heard! And it's entirely a teenage group of school kids. More power to them!

## PLANS FOR CAMP

Each district of the denomination has a young people's camp. Now is the time for making preparations to attend the camp in your district.

seeking to enlist 10,000 young people who will seek or win not 1, but 100 souls for Christ during this year! Impossible? No, just difficult. It would take more than a resolution to produce results like that; it would take a revolution—a revolution in our lives that would result in really putting Christ first in everything, a revolution that would make us seem to be one-track Christians, with our only great interest in the salvation of souls.

Young Life Campaign emphasizes the need of reaching the leaders on our campuses for Christ, following the valid theory that if you get the leaders you'll get at least some of the followers, too. And it works! On dozens of high-school campuses they have reached the top athletes and officers for Christ, and won many others through them. It could happen on your campus, too, if you, and perhaps some others like you, prayed and worked earnestly that it would happen!

Yes, perhaps what we need more than resolutions is a revolution that will transform our lives for Christ!

## MUSIC FELLOWSHIP ORGANIZED

The National Church Music Fellowship, an organization to promote "spiritual music for a spiritual church," was formed in Chicago recently.

More than 50 delegates from various parts of the United States, representing 15 Christian colleges, agreed that the purpose of this new fellowship "shall be to promote fellowship and cooperation among our schools, churches, and other organizations, in order that the music used in services will bring, through divine direction, the most powerful and permanent spiritual results."

Mr. Donald P. Hustad, director of the department of sacred music at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, was chosen president of the new organization.

The next annual convention of the body will be held in Chicago in October 1953.

"Patience is the ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears."



# Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

## God's Balances Are Wonderful

The laboratories of the Bell Telephone Company have developed a "micro-balance so sensitive that it can determine the weight of a fragment of lint caught floating in the air. It is an intricate device, and can show changes as minute as 250 millionths of a gram." Remember, it requires 453 grams to equal 1 pound. That means the micro-balance is indeed a very sensitive instrument.

God's balances are much more marvelous. He can weigh both the mountains and the dust particles. Isaiah spoke of Him as the One who "meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance. . . . Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance" (Isa. 40:12, 15).

On the other hand, His balances are so delicate they can weigh the worth of people. "Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity" (Psa. 62:9).

Remember Belshazzar to whom Daniel spoke for his God: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Dan. 5:27). Belshazzar was too light morally and spiritually. What is your weight in God's accurate and sensitive balances?

## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### I. THE SEED OF WOMAN.

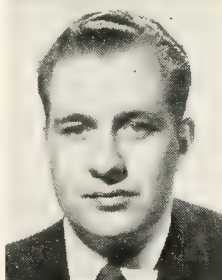
"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth" (Phil. 2:9-10).

The names of the Lord Jesus are high, holy, numerous, and full of meaning. So many are there that T. C. Horton has written a book, "The Wonderful Names of Our Wonderful Lord," in which he chooses a name for meditation for each day of the year, 365 names, and he claims that does not exhaust the list. Each name carries special significance and meaning. In the coming weeks in these articles we will seek to glimpse at the glories of some of these names of the Lord, in no way intending to be exhaustive or systematic.

The 3d chapter of Genesis, verse 15, gives the first recorded name applied to our Lord and this prophetically—"the Seed of Woman." This great chapter actually furnishes us with the vital foundation stones "of the history of the world, the history of sin, and the historic promise of God" concerning the coming Saviour as "the Seed of Woman."

This name prophetically reveals at least 3 things to us. First, that of woman will come a Saviour, virgin born. This can be our only interpretation in the light of the revelation of the New Testament concerning the birth of Christ. Second, that Satan, the Serpent, would wound in some way this promised Redeemer, and that he did with the hands of the Roman soldiers at Calvary. Third, that this promised Seed of Woman would finally stamp out the life and power of the Serpent and sin, and that He has done on the cross of Calvary and will do in His coming judgment. No sooner had sin entered the human race than God, because of His love for man, planned salvation and promised the Saviour, the Seed of Woman.

"The Seed of Woman," it is said of my Christ,  
To be bruised and to crush through His sacrifice.  
"A virgin" shall bear, said Isaiah of old,  
His name shall be "Jesus," the sweetest e'er told.  
He came to seek and to save all the lost,  
Paying their debt at such infinite cost.  
"Born of a woman in the fulness of time,"  
God's gift of His Son, He's yours, He is mine!



Rev. Charles Ashman

## Education Is Not Enough

Larry P. Fudge, a former high school honor student, now only 20 years old, was indicted for attempted extortion by a federal grand jury October 22 at Huntington, W. Va. He admitted he tried to extort \$750 from Carole Mae Kingsley, a high school girl. He was arrested by FBI agents last August near the spot designated in his letter for the pay-off. His learning and honors did not and could not keep him from crime.

Education is not enough for any person. Christ Jesus spoke frankly to one of the best-educated men of the time of His earthly ministry and said to him: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Educated people must be born again, as must all people, and that is the only way they can be brought to the place where the desires for crime and sin will depart.

## Many Communists Are Catholics

Signor Togliatti, leader of the Communist party in Italy, recently stated to the Foreign Press Association: "The overwhelming majority of Italian Communists are [Roman] Catholics. This shows that whatever the church may say, no fundamental incompatibility exists between communism and Catholicism."

Remember, dear reader, this may be and perhaps is true of communism and Roman Catholicism, but it most surely is not true of communism and the church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ. No man can serve 2 masters—Christ and Stalin.



# DR. A. J. McCLAIN LISTED IN "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA"

Two distinct and merited honors were bestowed upon Dr. Alva J. McClain in 1952. First, his name and a list of his accomplishments were recorded in the most recent edition of "Who's Who in America," and second, he was chosen to be one of the featured speakers at the International Congress on Prophecy held in New York City in November.

Alva J. McClain was born at Aurelia, Iowa, April 11, 1888, the second child of Walter Scott McClain and Mary Ellen McClain. His father was a minister in the Brethren Church in its early days, having been ordained by Elder Henry R. Holsinger; his mother was Mary Ellen Gnagey, a sister of Dr. A. D. Gnagey, one-time editor of Brethren literature.



The family moved from Iowa to Arizona in 1898 and in 1900 moved to Sunnyside, Wash., to join in the "Christian Cooperative Colony," a project sponsored by Brethren people for Brethren people. It was there that Alva McClain played on the local high school football team that was undefeated in competition, 1903-07. While playing baseball at the University of Washington in 1909 he hurt his leg and dropped out of school to assist his father as a horticulturist at Sunnyside.

Two very important events occurred in the life of the young man in 1911. On June 7 he married Miss Josephine Gingrich, and in November the young couple were led to accept the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour in an evangelistic campaign at the Sunnyside Brethren Church under the evangelistic ministry of Dr. Louis S. Bauman.

The conversion of the young man was almost synonymous with his call to the ministry of the Gospel. Therefore, in the fall of 1913 the young couple moved to Long Beach, so he could study under the guidance of Dr. Louis Bauman. That same fall

he also enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and studied under the direction of Dr. Reuben A. Torrey. From this school he went to Xenia Theological Seminary, Xenia, Ohio. He graduated from this school in 1917. He also took some courses during his seminary years in Antioch College.

During his seminary days Dr. McClain preached at Bear Creek, Salem, and Miamisburg—3 Brethren churches on a circuit in southwestern Ohio. In 1918 he went to Philadelphia, Pa., to become pastor of the First Brethren Church there. Because of health reasons the McClains returned to southern California and he enrolled in Occidental College in 1923. Two years later he graduated with the highest honors in his class and during the same year he received the master of theology degree from Xenia Seminary. In 1940 he was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa in recognition of his scholarship. The Bible Institute of Los Angeles honored him with a doctor of divinity degree in 1940 and Bob Jones University gave him a doctor of laws degree in 1945.

The one thing for which Dr. McClain is best known is his true-to-the-Word teaching. While pastor in Philadelphia he taught some courses in the Philadelphia School of the Bible. For 2 years (1925-27) he taught Bible, systematic theology, and philosophy in Ashland College and Seminary. The next 2 years he taught at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. It was during these years he did much work in formulating his system and lectures on Christian theology.

In 1929 he became minister of education at the Long Beach, Calif., First church. Because of the slowness of church leaders at that time in starting a regular seminary for the Brethren Church, Brethren Bauman and McClain were planning to begin a seminary at Long Beach. But then the board of trustees of Ashland College and Seminary asked Brother McClain to return to Ashland as assistant to Dr. J. Allen Miller, dean of the seminary division. Dr. McClain was given authority to reorganize this division of the school and put it on a graduate level for seminaries in this country. In 1933 he was appointed dean. During the entire pe-

riod he was at Ashland he headed the department of Christian theology and apologetics.

Because of denominational difficulties he led in the founding of Grace Theological Seminary in 1937. Dr. McClain is president of the school and professor of Christian theology. Because of his understanding of the Word of God the seminary has grown under his leadership until now it is one of the very best in the world. Former students are found in all parts of the world standing true to the whole Word of God.



Dr. McClain

Dr. McClain is the author of many articles, printed not only in his own denominational church papers, but in other magazines, as Bibliotheca Sacra and Biblical Review. He was on the staff of contributors to the last-named magazine for a number of years. Also he has written several tracts and booklets, the best-known being "Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks" and "Romans Outlined and Summarized."

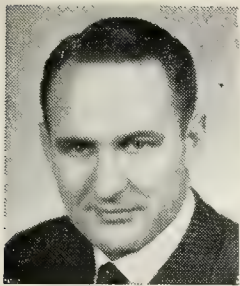
In addition to being listed in "Who's Who in America," his name and biographical sketch are also listed in "Who's Who in Religion," "Who's Who in Education," and in "World Biography."

Brother McClain has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church since 1917. He was honored with the moderatorship of the national conference in 1930 and again in 1934.





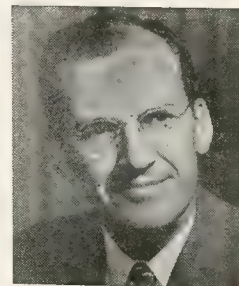
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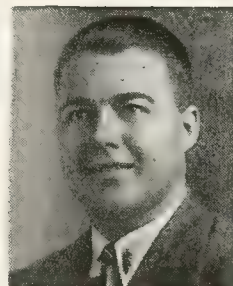
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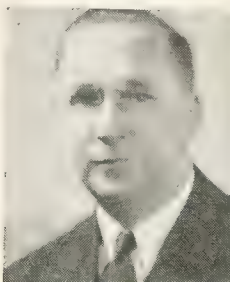
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**THESE MEN WILL APPROACH ALL BRETHREN PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING CAMPAIGNS FOR THE FALL OF '53, AND FOR THE '54 AND '55 SEASONS**

## HERE IS THE SITUATION—

The CRUSADE COMMITTEE needs to have as many campaigns as possible asked for, so as to arrange their work wisely and economically.

The CRUSADE COMMITTEE plans to send a team into one district and keep it working in that section for an entire year if there are churches enough in the district, or enough new fields there to use it. Some districts could use a team continuously for 2 years. This works for an accumulative spirit of evangelism, and keeps down traveling costs.

The CRUSADE COMMITTEE plans enough teams to provide a different team for each district year after year. **THE DRIVE FOR SOULS MUST NOT LET UP AT ANY TIME.**

**OUR GOAL OF TWENTY THOUSAND SOULS FOR CHRIST IN FIVE YEARS CANNOT BE WON IN ONE SPURT. BUT IT CAN BE DONE THROUGH FAITHFUL PRAYING AND WITNESSING, AND GOING OUT AFTER SOULS! AFTER THE FIRST TWENTY THOUSAND ARE WON, THERE WILL BE TWENTY THOUSAND MORE OF US TO WIN FORTY THOUSAND!**

The California Churches are rising to the challenge in a wonderful way, and our first team will begin in that district at the Long Beach First Church March 1. The team will continue in California till the month of November both in churches and with the tent in new sections. These California churches not only want expansion, they want revival!

*As this copy is being prepared, the Central District has also sent in a fine schedule of meetings for next season.*

## PRAY EARNESTLY—

**That God shall supply our urgent needs for equipment during the next 60 days. We have no offering day. We are wholly dependent upon those whose hearts are burdened for revival.**  
**That God will visit us with a great, wide-sweeping revival.**

# The Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade

BOX 28

BERNE, INDIANA



## HISTORICAL MATERIAL NEEDED

There is an urgent need for historical records and books concerning the Brethren Church from its very beginning until now. Students in the seminary very much desire to get copies of the histories of the denomination by Martin Brumbaugh or Henry Holsinger.

Anyone having books, articles, pamphlets, magazines, letters, or clippings from newspapers that are of historical interest concerning our denomination and who would give or sell them to add to the collection the editor of this paper is making please contact him. Do this now, for the material is needed for research work.



### San Bernardino, California

The Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church of San Bernardino was recently organized and officers were elected to assume office January 1. The church was started April 1, 1949, but was not organized until now.

There were 153 people in Sunday school, 95 in the morning service, and 155 at the evening Christmas program December 21. "The Birthday of the King," a new hymn written by Brother Baldwin, a member of the church, was used for the first time in the evening service.—*Lyle Marvin, pastor.*

### Dry Hill, Kentucky

Miss Patty Griffith, president of the national SMM, has returned to her home at Conemaugh, Pa.

Mr. Leroy Hodson, of Dayton, Ohio, recently showed his third dimensional pictures of the Holy Land to 76 people here.

Seven fellows from the Covington, Ohio, church worked on the chapel and gave their testimonies in word and song one week end. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Auman, of Scott, Ohio, helped in putting the sheet rock on the chapel walls.

From the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church have come a number of people who have been of great help in the erection of the chapel building. Among these are Mr. Fred

Simpson, Mr. Paul Kuhlman, Mr. Leroy Hodson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Norman Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hautt, Mr. Charles Arthur, and Mr. Orville Beetley.

We appreciate the help given to us by every one of these people.—*Evelyn Fuqua, missionary.*

### Blessed Hope Conferences

We held 2 blessed hope conferences: 1 at the Wooster, Ohio, church November 23-28, the other at the Akron, Ohio, church November 30-December 7.

Weather and holiday conditions were not conducive to large attendances, but it was a joy to devote the time to the presentation of God's plan of the ages in a series of "Seven Sevens of Prophecy." There was a keen interest and a deep appreciation on the part of those who attended.

The Akron church was in the process of installing a new heating system for the present building and the addition being built for the Sunday school, yet the people gave attention to their spiritual interests as well.—*Dr. Charles Ashman, teacher.*

### PLAN YFC WORLD CONGRESS

The 6th annual World Congress on Evangelism, sponsored by the Youth for Christ International, is being planned for Tokyo August 9-16. Plans are also being made for 50 evangelistic teams to follow the congress by extensive preaching of the Gospel throughout Japan.

Executive Director of YFC, Ted W. Engstrom, has already gone to Japan to prepare for the congress and the evangelistic work. David Morken, vice president for the Far East, is working with Engstrom on the program.

## American Freedom and Catholic Power

By Paul Blanchard

\$3.50



Here is a book which every thoughtful American citizen should read. There was a day when any discussion of the Roman Catholic Church would have been regarded as purely a religious debate. However, that day is past, for the Roman Catholic Church has entered the field of politics, medicine, and education, and indifferent silence now may be fatal to our American way of life. The author is aware that one cannot enter the arena on this subject without "risking his future," but in a careful and analytical style he proceeds to expose the powerful tentacles of the Romanists which are slowly snuffing out our freedom. Scholarly and documented, the work comes highly recommended by the American Library Association. Order a copy today from—

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The *Glendale, Calif.*, church has scheduled Dr. Charles Woodbridge as preacher for January 18 and 25. Rev. Archie Lynn's resignation is effective January 15.

Rev. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C., will be the speaker at a Sunday school rally sponsored by the Brethren churches in the Roanoke, Va., area. The rally will be held at the Ghent church in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hanson, of Long Beach, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Edisene, to Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., of Winona Lake, Ind.

Miss Ruth Snyder, Brethren missionary to Africa, arrived home in Conemaugh, Pa., December 23 for a furlough term.

Mrs. Rose Foster, deputation missionary, is at present in California and available for services in that State. She may be contacted in care of the First Brethren Church, 1925 E. 5th St., Long Beach 12, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lingenfelter, members of the Leamersville, Pa., church, observed their 55th wedding anniversary December 24. They are the parents of 7 sons and 7 daughters. Two of their sons are Brethren pastors—Homer at Everett, Pa., and Galen at Buena Vista, Va.

The speaker at the Christmas prayer meeting December 24 at the *Leamersville, Pa.*, church was Rev. William Burns. The pastor of this church is Rev. Robert Crees.

Rev. Russell Humbert is scheduled to speak at the Albany, Oreg., church, of which Rev. Glen Welborn is pastor, January 9, and at the Manteca Brethren Church, Manteca, Calif., of which Rev. Wesley Platt is pastor, January 18. These are in addition to the extended meetings listed in the Special Meetings chart.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, pastored by Dr. Charles Mayes, will again be host to one section of the Torrey Memorial Bible conference January 18-25.

Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle and family now live at 86 Chemin de Vassieux, Caluire (Rhône), France. (Add to Annual, p. 74.) The Fogles are beginning a Brethren testimony in Lyon, France (see last week's Herald).

Rev. Foster Tresise was a speaker at a Christian Endeavor winter conference at Frazier Mountain, Calif., January 1-3. He has moved to 1116 Sentous St., Los Angeles 15, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 72.)

The *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church, pastored by Rev. Richard Burch, has secured an architect to draw plans for a complete remodeling of its present church building. The total cost of the work is not to exceed \$25,000.



At the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church approximately 1,100 persons attended a special missionary program December 9. Rev. Norman Uphouse, a former member of the church, spoke there December 21; Rev. Russell Ogden, son of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Ogden, spoke December 24; and Dr. Herman Hoyt spoke December 28.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, church, pastored by Rev. Gordon Bracker, is giving certificates to those members who read through the Bible in 1952. The church is presenting a special gift toward the purchase of a brick-making machine for the Brethren mission field in Africa. Recent speakers at this church were Prof. John Dougherty, of Dayton, Tenn., and Ivan Ritzert and Glenn Schwenk, students in Grace Seminary.

Dr. Charles Feinberg preached at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second church, pastored by Rev. George Peek, December 21.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church will be host to an extension course of the Akron Bible Institute beginning January 12. Rev. Miles Taber, pas-

tor of the church, is a trustee of the institute.

The *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church, pastored by Rev. James Hammer, held a combined communion and watch-night service December 31, with Dr. Herman Hoyt as speaker.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, First church, of which Rev. William Steffler is pastor, was host to the midwinter conference of the Lebonah League, December 28-31, with Mr. Leon Sullivan as the special speaker.

Harry R. Hoover, a chiropractor at Waynesboro, Pa., died December 23 at the age of 71 years. He had been a member of the Waynesboro church since 1915 and Sunday school superintendent for 20 years. Rev. Dennis Holliday, his pastor, was in charge of funeral services December 26.

Rev. Roland Cagle was the speaker at the Christmas Eve service at the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church, of which Rev. Dennis Holliday is pastor.

The December number of the King's Business, official paper of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has a picture section featuring its writers and artists. Among them are 2 Brethren—Dr. Homer Kent, of Winona Lake, Ind., who has written "Pointers on the Lesson" for more than 10 years, and Miss Gladys Bowman, of the Whittier, Calif., church, who has made the drawing for the "Object Lessons" for 8 years.

Policy concerning *News Briefs* page. The purpose of this page is to present to the denomination, impartially, news of general and historical interest. Rumors have no place here. The items must be brief; longer reports appear on other pages, usually under the heading "News From the Churches." The use of films in a church ordinarily is not mentioned here. There is no effort made to give the travel schedules of the missionaries and other servants of the Lord and the church as they travel among the churches, unless there may be a special reason for doing so. The staff at the Brethren Missionary Herald office cannot print news until it has been sent in from the churches. In giving news be sure to tell who, what, when, where, and how or why. Also, be sure the news is sent in from your church.

Many of the churches gave surprise Christmas gifts to their pastors, but there were so many they cannot be reported here.



# IS CHRISTIANITY SCIENTIFIC?

By Rev. Arthur F. Collins, Berrien Springs, Mich.

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17).

In the field of science we are often faced with the individual who does not believe the Bible. He claims that the Word of God is not scientific. Therefore, such a one usually scoffs at the Genesis story of man's origin in the Garden of Eden. He prefers to believe some ridiculous theory (which can never go back to the first cause) which is far more difficult to understand than the planned program of the Scriptures. The mind of the scientist, so-called, is usually so consumed with laws, theories, and experiments that it is just a bit fantastic to concede the supernatural. He is unwilling to let the case simply rest on the explanation of faith. For faith to him cannot be processed through a test tube and the results recorded in some equation or formula.

## *Principles Comprehended*

But even though the Bible is not a scientific textbook of theories and equations, the very principles recited for Christian behavior are certainly comprehended on the basis of an understanding of what science is. For science, they tell us, is knowledge classified. It is properly classified by the process of a threefold program involving (1) a basic presupposition or *hypothesis*, (2) the *experiment* to prove a further hypothesis, and (3) the *result* which always reflects a positive or negative reaction. On the basis of the reaction, we conclude that the findings are either fact or fancy. If it is fact, we usually classify the information by designing a definition or law. Should the result be fanciful, we simply charge off the experiment as useless and relegate the hypothesis to the "shelf" of theory until occasion arises to start all over again through a different type of experiment.

With the text in view, let us ask ourselves if we do not think in exactly this scientific manner about Christianity. We start with a presupposition, expand into experiment, then classify as to fact or fancy.

## *Hypothesis or Presupposition*

The hypothesis in this case is the word "if" actually—"if any man will

do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." Whose will? we might logically ask first of all. The answer is plain—God's will, of course. Then what is His will that it must be done? And we find across the pages of sacred Scriptures written that His will is that none should perish, and that all should come to repent-



Rev. Arthur F. Collins

ance. The doing, in this case, was done by Christ, who has done everything that needed to be done. All we have to do is to believe it. So the only thing left to be done is to take God at His word and take the step of faith in belief until our minds and appetites are gravitating toward God. And that brings us to the second phase of our scientific Christian principle, namely the experiment or experience.

## *Experience and Experiment*

Believe! So easy, and yet so hard. Nicodemus stumbled at the thought of being born anew of Spirit, for he could not believe, at first, at least. The Philippian jailer cried out for explanation as to what he must do to be saved. Paul simply replied, "Believe . . ." Belief is not simply an experiment, it is an experience. And when the Holy Ghost of God steps into the human recess of a man's innermost being, it is a supernatural experience. But at the same time it is a logical experiment, for one can ask, "What do I have to lose?" Everything is to be gained by believing. So faith operates. The shades of sin are lifted, allowing the glorious light of the Gospel to shine in the heart. The redeeming grace of Christ is acknowledged and enter-

tained in the heart so that old things do really pass away and all things actually become new.

Hence the hypothesis, "If any man will do his will," is channeled through the supernatural experimentation, even though it is a natural being who is the conductor for the process. That brings us to the final principle of our scientific thinking, for this experiment surely does produce results. And the results are always positive, for no one can truly say he is "born again" except by the supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit on his heart and life.

## *Human Test Tubes*

The life of Abraham is an excellent illustration of the principles we are endeavoring to declare. He was promised that his people would be great in number—as many as the stars of heaven or the sand of the sea. Abraham believed God and moved in the sphere of faith experimentally, which proved he believed the promise that was made to him. In due time we have evidence of the fulfillment of the promise through Abraham's faith. Consider the Apostle Paul in Acts 9 when the Damascus journey was interrupted by the marvelous work of the Holy Spirit. Saul heard Christ speak to his heart. He believed. He acted upon that belief, with the result that he turned the world upside down for the glory of Christ.

## *Positive Results*

Finally, the latter portion of our text must be considered—"he shall know of the doctrine." This is the proof result of our experiment and experience. To know something is to have a reasonable knowledge concerning a particular thing. Theoretically we know nothing about anything unless we know all there is to be known about one particular thing. But that is in the realm of philosophy, and we are interested in applied Christianity at the present. To know is to apprehend by the 5 senses, then comprehend by the mind. To know the most is to have the most experience about a particular thing. Let us illustrate. I know something about the Navy and so does my wife. However, I know the most about it because I went through the experience of being in the Navy.

My mother knows how to cook and I know something about cooking. Mother knows the most about it, however, because she has had the greater experience.

Therefore, to know something of a Christian character we must act upon the principles prescribed in God's Word. The more we act, the more we know. This is what Peter speaks about when he writes, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). Furthermore, Peter writes, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15). Telling others of your heart experience is an indication you've had one. Telling others of Jesus is a fairly good sign that you know Him. No one can gainsay a personal testimony on behalf of the Son of God, for it is the positive proof that something has happened in the life of the one so testifying. And this is the proof of our text, "If any man will do his will, he shall know . . ."

#### *Knowledge Classified*

Consequently, we have concluded that Christianity is very scientific, for we have taken the promises of God from His Word. We have applied them to our lives, beginning at salvation and reaching beyond into growth in grace and development. Our experience has been that every promise is true. So we classify the knowledge obtained as truth and say to all who would heed, before it is everlastingly too late, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

#### **DR. WILLIAM ORR RESIGNS**

Dr. William W. Orr, for the past 8 years associated with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has resigned. During these 8 years he has served as vice president and director of extension of the institute, director of radio, and associate editor of the *King's Business*.

He came to the institute from a pastorate and is at the present time pastor of the Hope Union Church, Rosemead, Calif.

#### **PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS**

<i>Church</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Sharpville, Ind..	Dec. 28-Jan. 11..	Scott Weaver....	Joe Day.
Sidney, Ind.....	Dec. 28-Jan. 11..	Richard DeArney	Ding Teuling.
Fort Wayne, Ind..	Jan. 4-11.....	James Hammer...	Herman Centz.
Chico, Calif.....	Jan. 11-16.....	Ward Tressler....	Russell Humberd.
Modesto, Calif.			
(La Loma).....	Jan. 12-18.....	Harold Painter...	Vincent Bennett.
San Bernardino,			
Calif.....	Jan. 20-Feb. 1...	Lyle Marvin.....	Russell Humberd.



#### **Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)**

God gave us a great blessing in the 13 days—December 9-21—of special revival services at the Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, under the gospel preaching of Evangelist Ray Cutchin.

During the campaign there were 45 public decisions—19 were to receive the Saviour, 23 were rededications, and 3 answered the call for full-time service for Christ. This was the best revival campaign yet held in the history of this church.—*Doris Hapner, secretary.*

#### **Sterling, Ohio**

We have had 9 decisions for Christ and of these 8 have already been received into membership. Our people are justifiably proud of their achievements for the past year relative to the physical improvements within the church.

The church voted to set the first Sunday in January as an endeavor to pay the balance of about \$150 on church improvement, so that we may start 1953 off with a clean slate. This Sunday also was "Assistant Sunday" all over our Sunday school.

Rev. Albert Flory, of Whittier, Calif., a former pastor here, preached the Sunday morning sermon recently.—*Joseph L. Gingrich, pastor.*

#### **TORREY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

The 18th annual Torrey Memorial Bible Conference is to be held, the Lord willing, at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and 9 other places January 18-25. This conference was founded to honor Dr. Reuben A. Torrey, Bible teacher and early leader in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Among the speakers are Dr. Curtis Akenson, pastor, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Charles Ball, pastor, of River Forest, Ill.; Dr. Sam Bradford, pastor, of Denver, Colo.; Dr. Jose Fernandez, Bible teacher, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Leonard Lewis, Bible teacher, of Boston, Mass; Rev. John Linton, evangelist, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Dr. Walter Wilson, Bible teacher, of Kansas City, Mo.

In addition to the conference at Biola, simultaneous conferences, using the same speakers in a circuit arrangement, will be held in Burbank, Fullerton, Glendale, Long Beach, Monrovia, Ontario, Pasadena, San Bernardino, and Van Nuys.

#### *Additions to Membership*

Phoenix, Ariz. ....	4
Waterloo, Iowa .....	9
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	2
Yakima, Wash. ....	1

<i>Baptisms Not Included in Additions</i>	
Ashland, Ohio .....	2

#### *Public Confessions*

Canton, Ohio .....	1
Fillmore, Calif. ....	9
Leamersville, Pa. ....	1
New Troy, Mich. ....	2
Sterling, Ohio .....	9
Winchester, Va. ....	2

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# Answers to Readers' Questions

## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### WHO IS INJURED BY SIN?

*Is it possible for a person to sin against himself and against others, or is it theologically correct to say that sin can be committed against oneself, others, and then ultimately all sin is against God?*

*There are some who teach that it is impossible to sin against oneself, and against others, and that sin is only against God.—C. H. L., Iowa.*

In the Bible, sin is described as something committed against at least 3 different parties. First, the sinner may sin against himself—"wrongeth his own soul" (Prov. 8:36). Second, the sinner may sin against other people—"ye sin so against the brethren" (I Cor. 8:12). Third, the sinner may sin against God—"we have sinned against the Lord" (Jer. 3:25). And so men have sometimes divided sins into 3 classes—personal, social, and religious.

But it is a great mistake to suppose that these sins are absolutely separable from one another. For there is probably no kind of sin which does not somehow affect all 3 parties, so that we cannot isolate any sin and say it affects only myself, or only others, or only God. Let us consider an extreme example: Suppose I entertain a sinful thought. It is locked up within my own mind. No other person even suspects it is there. But such an evil thought is certain to make me as a person more evil than I was before. And since no man can live wholly unto himself, my evil thought becomes a sin against other men with whom I must live. Thus a personal sin becomes inevitably a social sin sooner or later.

But let us carry the matter still further: Whenever I do evil against myself and others, my sin becomes ultimately a sin against God for the simple reason that all men are His by creation. He is the God of all men, and therefore any injury done to men is to injure God Himself. This is undoubtedly what David had in mind when, after the terrible injury he had done to Bathsheba and her husband Uriah, he made his confession, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Psa. 51:4).

All sin, therefore, is ultimately religious or theological in character.

### II. THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Probably the greatest cry of the world today is for peace! People want peace, yet they refuse to worship the peacemaker. There are at least 4 titles applied to Christ which speak of Him as the giver of peace.

In Genesis 49:10 the word "Shiloh" appears. Many have taken this as a name of the Lord, and it means "peace" or "peacemaker." The "peace offering" of Leviticus 3:1-5 is often considered as a picture of part of the salvatory work of the Lord, who made Himself our very peace offering, making it possible through His sacrifice for us to have peace with God. Paul in Ephesians 2:14 says that Christ is "our peace." Isaiah 9:6 prophesies that when He comes He will come as "The Prince of Peace."

The Lord according to His own words came to bring peace. He declared when He left, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). What gift from God could be of greater value? What more could man ask for—peace of heart, mind, soul? The gift of God in His Son, the Prince of Peace, is that satisfying, trouble-vanishing, sorrow-quelling, comforting peace which comes with salvation and simple trust. And what a joy to know that this Prince of Peace is as well "our peace."

Again, what more glorious hope is there than that found in the promise that He will come again as the One who will establish world peace, so that men will study war no more.

Friend, if you need peace today, one sure way to find it is to trust completely in the Prince of Peace.

Peace—the desire of each human heart,  
For sorrow, for pain, and when teardrops start,  
Peace—for the world, war-torn and sore,  
For leader and subject, rich and the poor.  
But peace in the heart is only known  
When the Prince of Peace is placed on His throne.  
To Him we must yield and surrender our all,  
If we expect peace and His blessings to fall.

There is no such thing as a sin which is wholly "personal" or "social" and nothing more. It is this realization that all sin, whatever its nature, is against God, that makes the smallest sin infinite in its awful demerit.—*Alva J. McClain.*

### GRAHAM REPORTS FROM KOREA

Dr. Billy Graham visited Korea during the last part of 1952. He preached to the Koreans and to the United Nations troops. In a Christmas letter home he wrote:

"The temperature has been below zero for the last several days here in Korea, but I have never met such warm-hearted and radiant Christians anywhere in the world. Few people of modern times have suffered and sacrificed like these people. I have met a pastor who was 1 of 8 who survived entombment in a cave where 300 Christians were executed. . . . I have met 77 women who

are widows of martyred Christian pastors. . . . I have seen a seminary where young men sat huddled on the icy floor studying the Bible in order to take the place of 500 pastors who were martyred for Christ in the last 2 years. There is much suffering and yet so much triumph. . . . The Christian Church is strong—spiritual—in the midst of continual revival. Their devotion to Christ puts us to shame. . . . I am becoming convinced that the church is only at its best when it suffers and sacrifices the most."

### YFC RALLIES IN TORONTO

Fifty Youth for Christ leaders plan to converge on Toronto, Canada, and many of the surrounding cities and towns January 17-26 for a series of combined World Vision rallies and council sessions.

The main speaker for the 10 evening rallies is to be Dr. Robert Cook, president of YFC.

# MARTINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, CHURCH IS GROWING

By Mrs. Ida Baker, Member of the Church

*This is the first of a series of historical sketches of some of our older churches that will be printed in the Herald from time to time. We urge our older churches to appoint someone in each congregation to write a historical sketch of the local church and send it to us as soon as possible. Also, we are very anxious to collect all available historical material. If you have any items of interest and value, contact the editor concerning them. Historical material is needed by our students.—Editor.*

It has been a long road from the time when Bro. W. L. Spanogle was disowned from the Old Order of Tunkers for his progressive ideas. In order to tell you of our church's beginning we must go back to December 30, 1882, when Brother Spanogle invaded the sacred precincts of the old stronghold of Pennsylvania Tunkerism and preached his first Progressive sermon in Blair County. This took place in the Fairview German Baptist Church on Clovercreek, 3 miles from Williamsburg.

Immediately following this first introduction of Progressive Brethrenism, he conducted a series of meetings at Snider's Cross Road Church (in the vicinity of what is now Feather's Cross Road Service Station) and there gained quite a few converts.

Because of the friction between the Old and New Order, permission for the use of a stream to baptize his new converts was refused by a good deacon of the Old Order, but Bro. Joseph Bassler, a River Brethren minister near Woodbury, tendered the courtesies of his house and nearby stream where the first baptism was ministered under Brethren regime January 14, 1883.

Thus did this Cross Road Church organize with 45 members, with Brother Spanogle as pastor. A few months later Rev. Spanogle moved to Martinsburg, but continued to serve as pastor both there and at Fredricksburg.

The Fredricksburg congregation proposed building in Martinsburg, but this was dropped because of insufficient funds, whereupon they purchased their place of worship, a former union house, in Fredricks-

burg, and it was dedicated in 1886 with between 30 and 40 members.

In June of 1886 the following record of expenses was recorded in this Fredricksburg charge: 1 qt. of wine (for communion), \$.80; 20 lbs. beef, \$1.80; corn for horse feed, \$.85; coal during the winter, \$1.50; and janitor's fees, \$2.25—this brought the expenses to total \$8.35; with \$8.45 in the treasury they had a balance of \$.10.

It is interesting to note that even at this early date there was record of controversy over what the pastor should have.

Then in 1892 the church, now called the Martinsburg organization, was fully organized with 30 members, of whom Mrs. Eva Klepser Dilling is the only charter member still living.

The building at Fredricksburg was then raised in 1901 and moved to its present location here in Martinsburg. Of the exact membership which came to Martinsburg there is no record.

Two years later the congregation decided to build a parsonage, the cost not to exceed \$600. Within several months the parsonage was completed, making the present parsonage 49 years old.

In its early years our church here was 1 of 2 and for some years 3 on a circuit served by the same pastor. In 1927, under the leadership of Rev. J. S. Cook, continued growth prompted the building of an annex on the east side of the building. The balcony and nursery were added above and space for classrooms underneath.

In 1946 another splendid addition and testimony to our church was the "Jesus Saves" lighted cross on top of the church, a gift from Brother and Sister Lloyd Minnick in memory of their only daughter.

Because of rapid growth in the congregation the church basement was recently remodeled, whereby more classrooms were provided and a new heating system installed. At

this time the auditorium was newly decorated and a new carpet placed on the floor. This was completed during the ministry of Rev. Warren Tamkin.

The following pastors have served the church since its beginning: W. L. Spanogle, S. B. Fury, J. W. Smouce, J. F. Koonts, Eugene Smith, J. R. Keller, J. E. Ray, Earl Deitrick, P. J. Jennings, H. E. Eppley, J. I. Hall, James S. Cook, R. I. Humbert, Stanley Hauser, Robert E. A. Miller, Warren F. Tamkin. For the last 16 months the church has gone ahead under the ministry of our present capable pastor and wife—Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teeter.

Our church conducted its first daily vacation Bible school this past year, with an enrollment of 113 pupils, and with Rev. Teeter as dean of the school.

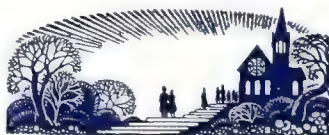
Our total church membership is 199 members. The number of names on the Sunday school roll is 203 at present; this represents an increase of 49 in the last year. On October 5, 1952—Rally Day—a new record for Sunday school attendance was made, 251.

We have an active junior and senior Women's Missionary Council and also a junior and senior Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. Then, too, we have the Brethren Youth Fellowship and the Brethren Boys Club.

Along with all this we would recognize that we have a mission-minded membership. In the past 5 years over \$12,000 has been given through this church for home and foreign missionary endeavors. A praying church is a growing and going church. We have had a decided increase in attendance in prayer meetings under our present pastor, for which we praise the Lord.

The adopted missionaries of the church are Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey, in Africa. We partially support a missionary to the Jews, Miss Madeline Smith, working with the Chicago Hebrew Mission. Miss Smith is a native of Martinsburg and a member of this church.

We gratefully acknowledge that God has prospered and added to the material and spiritual growth of our church through capable and dedicated leadership and the help and prayers of its members.





# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## "WHADDA YA KNOW?"—A MEDITATION ON WITNESSING

I have just recently completed, in connection with my duties at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, the typesetting for the Brethren Sunday school literature for this quarter. The study for the period is based on the Book of Job, and I have been reminded again of a passage in the book that I have used often in witnessing and in giving forth the Word.

That passage of Scripture is found in the 19th chapter, verses 25 to 27. I want to share with you a few thoughts concerning the phrase, "I know that my redeemer liveth," found at the very beginning of this Scripture portion.

Very often, in fact every day, someone asks you, "How are you?" "How do you do?" "Howdy?" and various forms of inquiry regarding your health. And, if you are like most people I know, you are immediately tempted to tell them how you *really* feel.

However, most of us feel that in a casual greeting like one of those mentioned above, there is only implied a word of recognition, rather than an honest inquiry as to the status of one's health. Be that as it may, there is one greeting that we hear often and one that I think is a wonderful one to be grasped by the soul-winner as an opportunity to tell of Jesus and what He means to him.

Most people who know me and who have greeted me with a casual, "Whadda ya know?" have been answered in Job's words: "I know that my redeemer liveth," and I have taken the opportunity to go on from there to an explanation of the Redeemer—who He is, why He is what He is, the reason for his lowly birth, His earthly life, and His cruel death.

In the words of the old hymn—

"I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know eternal life He giveth,  
That grace and pow'r are in His hand.

I know my mansion He prepareth,  
That where He is there I may be;  
O wondrous tho't, for me He careth,  
And He at last will come for me."

We are not told to give a theological lecture on the attributes of God nor the personality of Jesus Christ, nor the merits of the various versions of the Bible, important as these

### Questions on Personal Evangelism

*The person I am dealing with says: "I have tried it and failed." How shall I proceed in trying to win him?*

No doubt this person has tried a thing, or principle, or a system, or a set of rules. His attention must be fixed upon the person of Christ. Christianity is a life, and that life is Christ (Col. 3:4; I John 5:12). Christ never fails anywhere, and when He comes into the heart to abide, He will not fail there. Christ is not to be had on trial. The sinner must "take Christ," not "try Christ." Man is always a failure, and the only thing he can do is to give up trying and struggling, and trust and rest in the finished work of Jesus Christ. (Jer. 10:23; 29:13; Rom. 4:4-5; 7:18; Phil. 3:3.)

Take this person back over the plan of salvation and find out if there has been a right start.

(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)

things are, but we are called to witness to the world of lost men that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in Him warrants eternal life for the one exercising that faith.

So, when someone comes up to you and in a casual manner asks you, "Whadda ya know?" be honest and tell him what you *do* know.

"I know that my redeemer liveth."

At Whittier, Calif., the men of the First Brethren Church held their Brotherhood meeting on December 9. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Jauncey, teacher at the California Baptist Theological Seminary. Testimonies and music were also part of the program which followed a ham dinner.

## SOUTHEAST FELLOWSHIP AND

### ROANOKE, VA., MEN ARE BUSY

Bro. W. V. Findley, of the Roanoke Ghent church, writes in part: "The local fellowship at Ghent and the S. E. Fellowship of Laymen do not want to take all the space, but you ask us for reports, so will send in something. . . . Locally, at our annual election W. C. Fisher was elected president; W. K. Jefferson, vice president; and I was elected secretary-treasurer. . . . Our local men continue to hold regular services at the City Rescue Mission, City Alms House, and other places as opportunity presents. We sent \$5 of our offering to the United Evangelistic Crusade. . . .

"The Southeast Fellowship has quite a bit of activity, holding regular services in reopened churches, prison camps, jails, sanitoriums, in homes of aged or indifferent members of our churches, and the Boones Chapel Brethren are holding regular prayer meetings in the Garden City section of Roanoke, looking forward hopefully to the establishment of a Brethren church there. . . .

"The men of our district reported 53 decisions for Christ as a result of our taking the Gospel to those who would not go to a church to hear it. An offering of \$50 was voted to go to the United Evangelistic Crusade. Bro. J. S. Taylor, of Buena Vista, is our district president.

Rev. William E. Howard, pastor of the Clearbrook church, Roanoke, Va., was the speaker at the Men's Gospel Fellowship meeting of the Roanoke Ghent church on December 12. The group met at the home of Bro. Mason Cooper.

The Men's Fellowship of the Los Angeles First church held a dinner on December 11 at which Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary, spoke and showed pictures taken on his travels.

Merv Rosell and the American Crusade Chorus brought the entire program at the Brotherhood Banquet December 19 at the First church, Long Beach, Calif.



## LOVE'S DEBT

By Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Dayton, Ohio

The greatest Lover in all the universe is God. The Scriptures are abundant in their testimony as to this. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). Combined with this testimony of the Scriptures is that personal testimony of all the saints throughout all the ages of the love of God that has been bestowed upon them.

God is most unusual in that He has not left us a dictionary of cold abstract terms with which to define Himself, His attributes, His characteristics, but He has left us a Book of living illustrations to give this information to us. But how can we summarize all these illustrations of His precious love? Dr. J. E. Conant has set it forth very simply: "Love is that deliberate and fixed attitude of the whole being which puts the best interests of the one we love above our own, no matter at what cost to ourselves." Now reread all that has been said before in light of this definition, and you will see the overflowing love of God bestowed upon us poor hell-deserving sinners, the objects of His love, at the tremendous cost, the life of His only begotten Son. Reflect upon the horrible pit from which you have been digged!

In normal life we think it a most atrocious thing if one upon whom the most tender love has been bestowed shows no appreciation or gratitude, or does not in some measure return the love received. Is it not true then that we, upon whom a loving God has bestowed such love, ought also to show such love unto Him? There is a very vivid illustration of such an attitude of heart in II Samuel 7, where God, through the prophet, makes known unto David how He intends to make his house a perpetual one in that the great Messiah and King of Israel is to come from David's house. When this was known and understood by David, the first thing we find him doing is going up to the house of God and seating himself there before God, pouring out his heart's love and joy for the bestowal of such a gift. Here David's heart was occupied fully with the object of his heart.

### DEVOTIONAL STUDIES FOR FEBRUARY

Bible Study—"The Persistent Question."  
Mission Study—"Jewish Religion and Customs."

His soul welled up within him, reaching out to God in holy praise and adoration. This is gratitude. This is worship. This is love returned.

Now the test of our love to God is a very simple, yet profound one. Jesus said to His disciples, and through them to us, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). The same God who will not suffer us to be tempted above that which we are able, will not lay upon us anything that we are not able to perform. His requirements are simple, but must be completely met.

Love's obedience will reflect itself in several ways. Remember, our love is an attitude of our whole being which will put the interests of the God we love above our own, regardless of the cost to ourselves. Let us look at the course our love to Him will take.

First, our love will recognize the tremendous debt we are under. This is expressed by the Apostle Paul, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). Paul is telling us that because he is the object of God's love he should be the channel through which this love can flow to the whole world, and that it is his obligation so to be.

Secondly, our love will be governed by the constraining power of God. "For the love of God constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14). This is expressed in another fashion by the Psalmist, "Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me" (Psa. 139:5). This is explained thusly, that God is putting pressure upon us from all sides in order to move us in a given direction. Of course this direction is according to His will and good pleasure. Our response? Just yielding ourselves to the pressure of love and be moved in the paths of righteousness for His sake and our blessing.

Thirdly, we are to tarry. This is one of the stops of our Lord when His loving pressure is equalized on all sides. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Here we, in grateful love, will receive the Power by whom we will be able to keep the commandments of God, and to tender whatever service is laid upon us to do. To love God properly demands power. We have none of our own, but God is willing to provide this Power so that we can love Him as we ought. What infinite grace this is! What an all-out bestowal of love! With the bestowal of such Power, what manner of love, what measure of love, how abandoned our love unto Him should be!

Fourthly, recognizing our debt to the world of lost men, yielding to the restraining love of Christ, and waiting and receiving the Power from on high, we should go



forth in loving service. God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:18-19). Here, then, as ambassadors for Christ, is the service our love for God will compel us to render. We shall be overpowered by His love. Our love for Him will be ever increasing. Our desire for others to share His matchless love will send us out into the highways and the hedges, seeking the lost, telling of His love for them. Our deliberate and fixed attitude will be to put God's interests, will, desires, above our own, counting the cost as nothing compared with the eternal rewards and blessings that shall be ours at His coming.

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By Althea S. Miller

### FAITH IN THE FUTURE?

When men stand at the threshold of the unknown they tremble either for fear or in anticipation. And though the past may project its shadow into the unknown one can be sure that the pattern will never be cut over the same lines. Your days thus far in 1953 have not been an exact duplication of the same period of time in 1952. And yet the general pattern is familiar. In not too many days you will be turning the first page of this year's record. Have you stopped to take stock of your record?

A well-known insurance company advises: "The future belongs to those who prepare for it." How right this motto is the company will never know. The tragedy of such advice is that it is meant for this life only. "Have faith in the future; invest for life with us." Yet the very best they can offer is just a little security in the sunset years for heavy investment now. And when that future in which we've had so much faith comes to an abrupt end for us and we are called beyond this vale, we leave everything behind. No bauble from this life nor profound philosophy of men will ever find a place in eternity. Have you ever said you have faith in the future? What do you mean by those words? If you don't belong to Christ you have no future worthy of faith. You can't have faith in an intangible uncertainty like the future. In what, in whom do you have faith? Apart from Christ there is no future toward which to look or for which to long and set your sights.

Eternity "future belongs to those who prepare for it," however. It is not a preparation such as the world knows. The world tries to brace itself against shock and cover its head from mortal blows. Faith in the future starts with faith in the Saviour of all men who will accept His grace. "Faith (in Christ) brings the fulness of the future into the poverty of the present." Faith in God's Son as one's personal Saviour brings relaxation

## MAKING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE WORK

Have you ever wondered if other Christian wives and husbands have any of the problems which confront you in the experience of living together? Wonder no more, because they DO definitely have experiences similar to yours. The writer is convinced that for too long Christians have glossed over the fact that Christian marriages have just as rocky a road to travel as the non-Christian. The hopeful difference in the two, however, is the professing Christian has the answer to his and her problem in Christ. Being Christians and marrying in the Lord does not eliminate the personality and mental clashes and differences which are inevitable where two people have any "thinking apparatus" of their own.

Marriage counselors are found a "dime a dozen," but what they advise and concoct out of the thinking of natural man evidently does not work, as is witnessed by the ever-increasing divorce rate. This individual does not profess to know all the answers, but she is sure God knows the answers and will give them to His inquiring and trusting children. So many questions have arisen in the process of dealing with people down through the years we feel impelled to share the experiences with others in like need.

Are there answers to these questions? Is Christian marriage a rivalry or partnership? Will love between a Christian husband and wife last? How does one go about making time a servant in the home rather than having the family its slave? What part shall Christian parents play in the selection of their children's marriage partners? What should I teach my children to look for in the boy or girl they marry? God has the answers to these and other questions, which an open, honest discussion will prove. So many requests have come to the editor for just such helps that she has agreed after much prayer to lead out in this discussion. Pray for her and let her hear from you. Look for the first discussion in February's WMC Herald.

and freedom from anxiety as far as eternity future is concerned. Even time's future holds no horrible tense anxiety to the child of God. Our future for time and eternity is in His hands.

We are well over the threshold of the year 1953. The unknown does not terrify us who belong to God through Jesus Christ. We tremble with happy anticipation, holding our heads high as we listen for that trumpet sound. Tomorrow may not resemble today at all because there may be no tomorrow for the saints. Perhaps we'll hear that trumpet call tonight.

O Hope of all the ages,  
Desire of hearts Thine own,  
We long to hear that trumpet call  
And gather 'round Thy throne.

Faith in the future? Ah no, beloved. Your faith is in the God, your God, who holds the future in His hands.

Then do not fear nor be dismayed,  
God will not fail or rest  
'Til in His presence safe, secure,  
His child is ever blest.

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# Some Important Facts About the New Version of the Bible

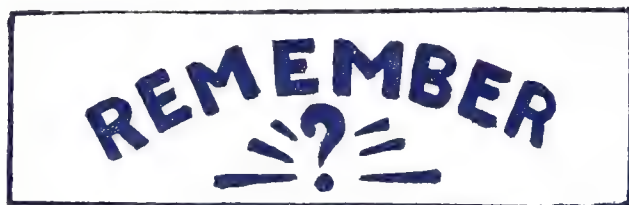
By Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, Pastor, Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

The newest version of the Holy Bible, called "Revised Standard Version," is a product of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. (formerly known as the Federal Council). To many thousands of true evangelical Christians this alone is fact enough to discredit the version and to mark it as untrustworthy.

Furthermore, it is a version which bears the unqualified endorsement and recommendation of outstanding liberal preachers (modernists) such as Fosdick, Peale, Buttrick, and practically all the known-to-be apostate professors in the equally apostate seminaries throughout the U. S. A. For many thousands of Bible-believing Christians this is fact sufficient to prevent acceptance of the widely hailed new Bible.

To further show this version to be of doubtful backing, let me quote from Ernest Gordon (Sunday School Times, October 11, 1952) concerning the advertising program: "In Advertising and Marketing News of the New York Times, we are told that the *initial* investment for advertising it will be \$500,000. To lead the advertising campaign, Thomas Nelson and Sons (the official publishers appointed by the National Council) have hired Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn, *big brewery advertisers*, whose kingpin is Mr. Bruce Barton, author of 'The Book Nobody Knows.' He's going to make it 'known' now in a dubious translation. The plan is 'to reach . . . into almost every community in the country; to use bulletin boards, ministers' sermons and social gatherings. . . . It looks as though the initial printing of 925,000 will be sold before the end of the year.' It recalls the promotion of the earlier ill-fated Inter-Church World Movement, and one wonders if the same financial good angel (Rockefeller) is not backing it also."

Here are some reasons in brief statement to prove that this version should not be accepted by Christians to



The BIRTHDAY offering each council is taking to be used for the support of a WMC missionary? If YOUR council has not done anything about this yet, will you remind your local officers at their next meeting? If you have missed any of the members' birthdays before this, get after them and from now on remind your members of this all-important offering. By next August at conference we are praying we'll be ready as a national organization of women to support our own foreign missionary. After all, we are a MISSIONARY organization!

How are you coming on your Missionary Hope Chest? Watch next month's WMC Herald for a suggested list of what to place in this chest.

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replace the time-tested, true-to-the-original-manuscripts King James Version.

1. The teaching of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is definitely attacked in the translation of Isaiah 7:14, where "a young woman" has now replaced "a virgin." The version catches up on itself but is grossly confusing when we still read the word "virgin" in the New Testament quotation of Isaiah 7:14 found in Matthew 1:23. It is a commonly known fact that practically all the men on the revision boards are men who belong to the modernist school of liberal theologians who deny the veracity of the virgin birth of Christ.

2. There is no distinction made in the new version between the actual translation of the Hebrew and Greek words and the words added by the translators to make for smoother reading in the English. In the King James Version this is faithfully carried out by the use of italics for the added words, thus preserving the actual text of the Bible clearly.

3. The new version is not the *whole* Bible. Two large portions in the New Testament are deleted from the body of the text and placed in small-print footnotes along with other notations. The most tragic of these is John 8:1-11. Dr. Ernest Gordon (Sunday School Times, Sept. 27, 1952) says in an article entitled, "Making a Footnote of Inspired Scripture": "This is a serious affront to the doctrine of the inspiration of Scripture, and other passages might be treated in the same arbitrary way, as the last twelve verses in the Gospel of Mark. . . . Its removal (of John 8:1-11) by the Revised Standard Version is in itself enough to deny that version the right of circulation by the American Bible Society."

As noted above by Dr. Gordon, Mark 16:9-20 is the other portion deleted from the text of the New Testament. The abundance of scholarship has kept this portion in the text for over 1,600 years. No new evidence has been found to show these portions should be left out.

4. Important words have been left out. John 3:16 is close to the heart of every believer. You will no longer find in the verse the vital word "begotten." The omission of this word has tremendous implications. The word "begotten" in the King James Version signifies that there is in the original word the idea of "uniqueness—no other of its kind." This means that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God in the sense that He is God and God's Son differing from all other sons of men. Again we see that the theological prejudice against the deity of Christ among the liberal men on the revision board is in strong evidence. This doctrinal prejudice is in evidence, too, when one notes that the use of the pronoun "you" is employed when Christ is referred to, but when God in heaven is referred to the text uses "Thou" and "Thee."

These are just a few of the many facts to show that the new version is not to take the place of the time-proved accuracy of the King James Version regardless of claims.

(Would a few copies of this article be of any help to you? Write to the WMC editor and request the number you need. Be sure to give your address.)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## DEAR MISSIONARIES

### Africa—

Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver.....March 2  
Verna Marie Dunning.....March 10, 1945  
Barbara Jean Miller.....March 18, 1951  
Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon.....March 21

### Argentina—

Kenneth Paul Churchill.....March 5, 1947

### France—

Beckie Maurita Fogle.....March 17, 1948  
Miss Gail Jones.....March 31

### Baja California—

John Leroy Howard.....March 20, 1946

### On Furlough—

Mr. Albert Balzer.....March 1  
(c/o Henry C. Kersting, 8415 Fenwick St., Sunland, Calif.)  
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy.....March 21  
(2121 Chew Ave., Philadelphia 38, Pa.)  
Paul Marvin Goodman.....March 25  
(1811 Baseline Rd., La Verne, Calif.)



La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., sends the following interesting report: "WMC Birthday Dinner Counted Sweeping Success. Over 50 women and girls enjoyed the WMC annual birthday dinner last Friday night (December 5). Mrs. Rose Foster was the guest speaker. Tables were decorated in a very striking and beautiful manner, the motif being the seasons of the year. Each lady was seated according to the time of her birthday. The SMM girls, with pretty green-and-white aprons, served the dinner of chicken, etc., topped off with pumpkin pie."

BRAVO, La Loma! May some other councils go and do likewise and then report the good news to your news-hungry editor!—Ed.

Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, WMC's new and most capable president, sent a few suggestions to your editor regarding the daily Bible reading of each WMC member. She suggests reading the Psalms from 1 to 30 in the month of January. In February read Psalms 30 to 60. This is extra reading, if you have not already read the suggested reading given in September's WMC Herald: Gospel of John; I, II, and III John; I and II Peter; I and II Corinthians.

## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

We bring greetings from the Northern Ohio District WMC, and with the Psalmist of old we say, "Oh sing unto the Lord a new song for He hath done marvelous things."

Truly we have had a blessed year as a district and this, we feel, is largely the result of the hour of prayer spent at the opening of each rally before the noon fellowship. Interest was high and increasingly so throughout the year. This was evidenced in part by the attendance, the average being 149—the highest being 177 women present. Each council of the district participated in the program of one of the rallies during the year. Both the district and national offerings from our councils were very commendable. We gained one new council at Findlay, Ohio, making a total of 22 councils in our district. Rallies for the year were as follows:

Fall—At Canton, Ohio; project: home mission, Navaho school beds; offering, \$115.09.

Winter—At Ashland, Ohio; project: Jewish work, Los Angeles; offering, \$155.38.

Spring—At Wooster, Ohio; project: foreign mission, record player, Baja California; offering, \$117.41.

Summer—At Ellet, Ohio; project: equip African baby dispensary; offering, \$142.21; special love offering for Schrocks for record player, \$75; personal love gifts, \$125.

Grand total of offerings, \$730.09.

We do feel grateful unto the Lord for manifesting Himself in the work by the wonderful cooperation from the ladies in being gracious hostesses, responding with reports, willingness to work, the many fine projects being carried on by the local councils; also the efficient work of the various committees and officers. It was sweet indeed to join efforts for the Lord with such a splendid group of women.

Our projects for 1952-53 are as follows: Home mission—mimeograph machine for Findlay, Ohio, church; Jewish—printing of Mediator for work in Los Angeles; foreign mission—offering to Fogles for work in France; July rally—gift to foreign missionary residence for miscellaneous furnishings.

We offer praise unto our Lord for His goodness to us, but pray for more interest in prayer, personal work, and study of His Word that He may know we are daily striving to "occupy until He comes," and that He may also know we "love Him."—Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, president.

## WITH GOD

By Althea S. Miller

I talked with God in the cool of the day  
Ere stress of the hours had begun,  
He whispered of love though there be storm,  
And I knew then that vict'ry was won.

I walked with God the whole day through,  
Feeling His presence in each hour;  
Strengthened by Christ His work to do,  
Rejoicing in triumph by His power.

I heard His voice when day was done,  
Speaking in cadence sweet and clear;  
"Each day you come I'll always give  
Strength for thy need, unmeasured, dear."

## GREETINGS FROM UNDER THE PARSONAGE ROOF CHRISTMAS 1952

(Belated Greetings From Your WMC Editor)

Baby Ardyth says: "My first Christmas . . . to smile and Ah-h-h."

"I love you people and here is my greeting, I hope you have a swell Christmas. I know we'll have a good time with all our kids. Love, Paul Kent (5 yrs.)."

"You've been very good to us the years that we've been here,

So have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love, David Scott (6th gr.)."

"Merry, merry Christmas folks . . . You know I'm kind of quiet, so here's just a line from me. Dorotheann (4th gr.)."

Our little 3-yr.-old Althea chirps: "Merry Christmas, to you and you and you and . . . to the preacher. This is my piece I said on the plat."

"You are very nice to us. We hope you have a nice Christmas. I'm in first grade. Love, Sharon."

"The many years we have been here, Have all been filled with love and cheer, So I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Bill Miller (Jr. Hi.)."

"Greetings at this Christmas time to all our dear friends. May the Lord bless and keep you during the new year. Love in our Saviour's name, Bob, Jr."

"After the deluge of greetings from eight young Millers perhaps you haven't much eyesight left to notice Mother's message. But here goes . . . After daily living with the joys and problems incident to these eight cherubs, Mother doesn't have too much energy left! Yet I am not bereft, because 'love never faileth.' Knowing you dear friends has enriched my own life and I can say with the Apostle: 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.' As our hearts and attention are turned to the Babe of Bethlehem at this wonderful time of the year, it is a pleasure to wish all our loved ones and friends a blessed Christmas. The warmth and blessings of the Christmas season will accompany you through the year because 'This Holy Child' has become your Saviour, the Christ of Calvary. Accept then my love and warmest greetings to each one, dearly beloved in the Lord.

Yours because His,

Althea Miller."

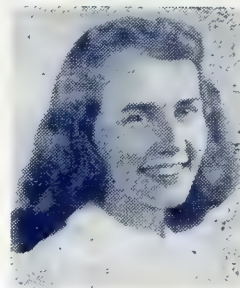
"As your pastor-friend we greet you in the blessed name of Jesus . . . that name which became a human fact in the grand miracle of the incarnation of the Second Person of the Triune God, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord from heaven brought us the peace that lasts . . . the peace of sins forgiven and the peace of answered prayer. Do you know this peace? God grant that the Prince of Peace shall be the Person most important in your Christmas celebration this year when, as yet, the guns have not ceased their firing and the blood of our boys has not stopped flowing around the world. Someday, sooner than you think, "we shall see his face; and his name shall be in our foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:4-5). Yours for a great future in Gloryland.

Robert E. A. Miller."

## INTRODUCING YOUR SMM OFFICERS



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Helen Small



Treasurer  
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## 1951-52 STATISTICAL REPORT

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

	Atlantic	California	Central	East	Iowa	Midwest	North. Ohio	Northwest	Southeast	Totals
No. of councils in district...	13	30	24	32	6	7	22	6	14	154
No. of councils reporting...	11	30	23	32	6	7	22	6	14	151
New councils in 1951-52.....	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	9
No. of members 1951.....	257	645	574	664	180	90	479	114	248	3251
No. of members 1952.....	275	792	549	659	132	102	558	133	252	3452
Ave. attend. at meetings...	160	444	384	460	85	72	355	80	170	2219
No. having monthly meet.	8	25	23	30	5	6	19	3	12	131
No. using Bible read. sug..	10	21	20	22	4	3	19	3	11	113
No. emphasizing fam. worsh.	9	23	19	26	5	4	17	3	13	119
No. enlisting prayer war's	8	23	23	21	5	6	17	5	12	120
No. observ. 15th. pray. day	6	16	13	21	1	6	13	2	10	88
No. sending birthday rem. to missionaries .....	9	20	19	20	4	4	13	6	10	105
No. emphasizing visitation and tract distribution....	9	21	16	20	5	2	13	4	12	102
No. promoting child evang.	8	14	19	16	5	2	12	3	6	85
No. using program packets	10	29	24	32	6	6	22	6	13	148
No. using read. circle books	6	17	16	19	4	2	13	3	9	86
No. sending clothing to Ky.	7	3	20	25	2	0	20	0	9	86
No. sending clothing to Taos	2	25	10	10	3	5	15	3	2	75
No. sending clothing to Counselor Post .....	2	18	9	10	1	5	8	5	1	59
No. having part in district project .....	10	26	23	29	6	7	20	6	13	140
No. sending offering for Jewish missions .....	9	17	22	22	4	3	16	2	9	104
No. sending in national offerings .....	9	28	24	31	6	7	22	6	14	147

There are many things of interest about the work that this report does not show. If each one of you could read the blanks as they come in you would really see the wonderful things that are being done by the different councils and districts. Because some groups are small in number does not mean that they do not get things accomplished. It is amazing what they have done and they should be a challenge to some of the larger groups to do greater things than they have in the past. We do praise the Lord for everything He has permitted our women to accomplish and I am sure we are all of the same mind in that He should get all the glory to Himself.—Mrs. Robert Ashman, secretary.

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# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR. 5:20

DOM BEK



## JOHN G. PATON—Missionary to Cannibals

By Mary L. Emmert

When John G. Paton, of Scotland, asked the Lord to send him to a difficult field, he certainly had his prayer answered.

In 1858 he and his wife were sent to the New Hebrides Islands where several missionaries had been killed and others driven away. They were landed on Tanna, the worst island of the group. Several native Christians from the one island where the Gospel had taken hold went to help them and were faithful through all the trials that followed.

The first of these was the death of his wife and tiny baby at the end of the first few months, due to the bad climate. He was often very sick himself until he built his house on higher ground.

The heathen blamed every calamity on the missionary and his new teaching. It might be lack of rain, or too much rain, or sickness, or death—it was all his fault! They tried again and again to kill him. As many as 50 different attempts were made to take his life, but his trust was truly in God, who had promised never to leave or forsake him. Often the savages raised their weapons to kill him but were restrained by God's hand and were powerless to strike.

At one time the people had stolen nearly everything he had, but brought it all back in a hurry when they saw a British ship coming into port.

There were some very bad white traders who sold guns and strong drink to the islanders. They stirred the people up against the missionaries. Once they even gave measles to the people purposely in order to kill them off and get their land for themselves. There were many, many deaths, and the natives were determined to kill Mr. Paton, claiming it was all his fault.

Finally, in 1862, John Paton had to leave everything and run for his life. He crossed the island, pursued by his enemies. They tried to burn down the house where

he slept that night, but the Lord sent a mighty rainstorm just at the right time.

The next day he and his companions were again saved, in answer to prayer, by a ship which had come to rescue them from the savages who had again surrounded them.

After several years of furlough, Mr. Paton returned with his second wife to the islands. This time they settled on Aniwa, a smaller and much friendlier island. The people made them build on a sacred hill, however, in the hopes that their gods would strike the strangers dead, as the bones from their cannibal feasts were buried there.

When Mr. Paton was building his house, the native chief was so astonished to see him write a note to his wife on a piece of wood and in turn receive the tools he wanted, that he asked to learn how the wood talked. He was taught how to read and was a great help in translating the New Testament into his own language. This old chief was the first convert on Aniwa. Others soon followed.

Due to the scarcity of water, Mr. Paton dug a well. The people thought he was crazy to say he was going to find water in the ground. When, after much prayer, he finally found good water, the people were convinced that Jehovah was really God.

The old chief preached a great sermon about the well and the God who could make rain come out of the ground. The back of heathenism was broken; the people brought their idols to be burned; and all of them accepted the Lord. The island became truly Christian.

This great man of God lived to see the wicked people of Tanna converted, too. Also 25 of the 30 islands were occupied by missionaries, and there were over 17,000 Christians. He died at the age of 83, happy to see the great work the Lord had accomplished.

### SMM AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

February — Valentine Day — Love; these 3 just go together. Regarding love the Word of God says: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). It is because of her great love for Christ and the lepers that Marybeth has given her life for service in Africa that the lepers may know of Christ's greater love and that she might help them physically. PRAY FOR HER!



Marybeth Munn

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Prayer circle, using prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:81-96.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Jehovah's Witnesses."

Middlers—"Conference Time."

Juniors—"Cora's Curiosity."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Conference Time."

Middlers, Juniors—"John G. Paton."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The cult before us in this present study is one of the most aggressive isms of the day. On countless street corners in towns and cities across our nation witnesses of this movement may be seen seeking to dispose of their Watch Tower and Consolation magazines. Their Kingdom Halls are widely scattered over this land and other lands.

I. *Its Names.* Some confusion exists because of the different names by which the cult has been known. It has variously been called Russellism, after its founder, Charles Taze Russell; Millennial Dawnism, in view of its millennial views; the Watch Tower and Tract Society, because of its publication interests; the International Bible Students' Association, because of its work in other countries besides the United States; and Jehovah's Witnesses, the name which they adopted in 1931 and by which they prefer to be known. They make much of Scriptural substantiation in the use of this latter name.

II. *Origin.* The cult had its origin with the prophetic teachings of "Pastor" Russell beginning in 1874. The world seems to have been lying in total ignorance of very important truth until this self-styled man who was never ordained came upon the scene! Russell was born in 1851 and died in 1916. When Russell passed off the scene, Ex-Judge J. F. Rutherford carried on as the leader of the movement. Russell did the Elijah work of the cult while Rutherford did the Elisha work.

III. *History of the Movement.* The cult is based upon the teachings of Russell's "Studies in the Scriptures" (7 volumes) and the writings of Judge Rutherford. The latter's writings have appeared in numerous volumes easily recognized by their brilliant colors. Among these writings are the following titles: "Light," "The Harp of God," "Deliverance," "Government," "Creation," etc.

The system has appealed to the ignorant and unschooled who know little about the Scriptures and who are attracted by the sensational. Russell said that Christ's second coming took place in 1874 and that all true Christians then in their graves were raised in 1878. He said that Christ and these Christians are here now, but unseen, carrying on a special work, and that in October 1914 Christ was to set up His millennial reign and all present governments were to be overthrown. Thus the theocracy which was overthrown by Nebuchadnezzar is restored. This explains why the Jehovah's Witnesses have so little to do with present-day governments.

The cult is seeking now to cover the world with their witness, the Gospel of the kingdom. Missionaries in various parts of the world testify to the aggressive nature of their work. They hold that Armageddon may take place at any time. The Devil will be tossed into outer darkness and perfect peace will reign forever, except for a brief period at the end of the first 1,000 years. The Devil will be finally obliterated. One of their watchwords is, "Millions now living will never die." If all professed Christians were as active as are the Jehovah's Witnesses, the church would really get somewhere.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* First, what elements of truth are to be found in the system? It claims to believe (1) the Bible as the Word of God, (2) dispensational distinctions, (3) salvation through the death of Christ, (4)

the election and calling of the church, (5) the second coming of Christ, (6) the resurrection of the dead with the exception of Jesus, (7) the restoration of Israel, (8) a millennium, and (9) a final judgment. Thus with these beliefs it is easy to see how they can deceive those who are not instructed in the Word. It will be noted that the Witness writings are full of Scripture references, but they are often misinterpreted.

Now, secondly, what of error is to be found in the cult? (1) Its most serious error is its *denial of the deity of Christ*. He is a creation of God like the angels; in fact, He is called the Archangel Michael by Russell ("Studies in the Scriptures, vol. 5, p. 84). Thus He is not equal with God. (2) It *denies the Trinity*. Russell said, "The trinitarian doctrine suited well the dark ages which it helped to produce" (ibid., p. 166). (3) It is another *date-setting system*. This was indicated above. (4) It believes that *death means extinction, annihilation*. This even applies to Christ on the cross. "Our Lord's being or soul was nonexistent during the period of death" (ibid., p. 362). The One whom the disciples saw after the resurrection was not the Christ who died but another Christ newly created. (5) It *does not believe in a bodily resurrection*. (6) It believes that *unbelievers will be given a second chance*. (7) It holds that the work of Christ on the cross *was the work of a mere man*. "As a human being he gave himself a ransom for men." Thus there was no divinity on Calvary. (8) It *denies the resurrection of Christ's body*. No one knows what became of it. Maybe it was dissolved into gases (ibid., vol. 2, p. 129). (9) This cult *denies any humanity in the exalted Saviour* (ibid., vol. 2, p. 107).

V. *Refutation of Errors.* This cult may be refuted in the following ways: (1) By showing that there is no word in Scripture that makes Christ identical with Michael, the archangel. The idea is only a fabrication of their own minds. Instead the Scriptures show Christ not as a created being but as the agent of creation and equal with the Father (see John 1:1; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2). Christ is called God in Scripture (John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28; Tit. 2:13). Divine worship is also ascribed to Him (John 4:10; 20:28; Matt. 14:33; Luke 24:52). (2) By showing passages giving evidence of the Trinity (John 1:1; Acts 5:4; Matt. 3:16-17; II Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19). (3) By showing passages that frown upon date-setting (Matt. 25:13; 24:36; Mark 13:32). (4) By showing passages that repudiate extinction at death (Phil. 1:21-23; Luke 23:43; 16:22ff.; II Cor. 5:6-8). (5) By showing passages that plainly teach a bodily resurrection (I Cor. 15:4, 35, 44; Matt. 28:9; John 20:15ff.; Acts 1:3; John 2:19, 22). (6) By showing passages that give no hope for a second chance (II Cor. 6:2; John 5:28-29, etc.). Space forbids the consideration of further material on refutation. What the people need who are ensnared by this cult is the pure Gospel of the grace of God presented in the power of the Spirit of God.

## NOTICE

ADDRESS of national president, PATTY GRIFFITH, is now R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.



"My, my, daughter," said Mrs. Burns as Cora paused between questions to get her breath. "Why are you so curious? You've done nothing but ask questions constantly since you came home from Sunday school. I hope you don't come forth with any that I can't answer."

"I'm sorry, Mother. But Miss Sarah only had a little time this morning to tell us about the main work of Christ, His death on the cross. She explained about the place and the people who were there. She told about His burden in carrying the heavy cross and who helped Him. But she didn't have time to answer all the questions we all had. She never *did* get around to mine."

"Well, dear, I am happy to know that my little girl does know that the death of Christ was so very important. If it had not taken place, we would not have a complete atonement (forgiveness of our sins) in our Christian religion. Other religions have some good points, but all their leaders are dead and have stayed dead. They are only hoping that their leaders will be able to do something for them some day. However, it is written of Jesus that 'the cross is the magnet which sends the electrical current through the telegraph between earth and heaven, and makes both Testaments thrill, through the ages of the past and future, with living, harmonious, and saving truth.' Christ's death (or His most important work) has great prominence in the Scriptures, too. It is the fundamental theme of the Gospel. The Apostle Paul says that he first instructed those to whom he preached about the death of Christ—that 'Christ died for our sins' (I Cor. 15:1-3). But you know, Cora, one of the things which thrills me is the fact that not only in earth do we have a group of people who know that Christ died, and appreciate it, but in heaven also they have a song about it. Let's turn to Revelation 5:8-12 and read the song together."

Cora opened her Bible and found the place almost immediately. She had learned the books of the Bible and this job was not hard for her. She and Mother read: "And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours [incense], which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

"Oh, Mother," said Cora, "I can almost see us in that great choir. We'll be telling Jesus someday how much we appreciate His greatest work, won't we?"

"Yes, Cora. We won't forget, I hope, to thank Him for becoming a substitute and dying in our place. We'll praise Him for making things all right between our souls

and God, taking away our sin so we can have fellowship with God and be in the place He has prepared for us."

"But, Mother, Gladys says that Christ didn't really die. Someone told her He just fainted and when they laid Him in the tomb the coolness brought Him to."

"I have heard these ideas, too, dear. But remember that the Bible gives the correct answer. People may say anything, but that doesn't make it so. We must take what the Bible says as truth. *It says He died!* Furthermore, He died to show the love of God to all mankind. I John 4:10 tells us: 'Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.' And, of course, we know John 3:16. Jesus was a gift from God; a gift unto the end—death and resurrection."

"I am so glad Jesus died for everybody, too. That includes each one of us. It includes the unjust, the unfair, the ungodly—those who even hated Him. He died for the church and He died for the whole world. His death and resurrection made it possible to come to God in prayer, and to claim the promise to dwell with Him forever and forever. I just can hardly believe all this, Mother. But, as you say, it is in the Bible, so it is really truth. Thanks, Mother, for explaining some more to me about the death of Christ. More and more I can see that even though He did wonderful things on this earth like healing the sick, making the blind to see, giving the crazy people their minds back, loving the children, and feeding the thousands, His greatest work was to give His life on the cross and come from the grave."

"Cora, there is just one thing more I want you to realize about the importance of the death and resurrection of Christ. It surely put a "crimp" in Satan's activities. It was the pronouncement of Satan's doom. It was the loss of his power over men. We should be thankful, too, that Christ's new life in us can give us victory over sin and the Devil, but we could not have that life if Christ had not died."

## QUIZ

1. Why did Christ die?
2. What was the most important work Christ did?
3. How did the death of Christ affect heaven?
4. What did we gain by His death and resurrection?
5. What effect did His death have on Satan?

## SMM NEWS

In order to plan out the work of the SMM year, the Senior SMM of BUENA VISTA, VA., has organized their girls into 2 teams—Marys and Marthas. This SMM also added 5 new members to their group.

A new SMM has been started in the new church at EVERETT, PA., with 11 girls. Their local project is to clean the church each week, thus saving the expense of hiring someone to do it.

Special notice of the bandage rolling of the SMM of TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.: the 12 girls of this group have rolled 1,000 bandages.

The Senior SMM at KITTANNING, PA., makes use of their parties to accomplish bandage rolling. They hold 2 meetings a month.

## CONFERENCE TIME

(ACTS 15)

By Ada M. Etling

Perhaps you are like my girls. We scarcely get our baggage unpacked from our conference trip until they are planning for Winona next year. They always enjoy the business, inspiration, and fellowship of conference and Bethany days.

As we think of conference, we think of delegates from each church in the brotherhood meeting to discuss subjects that later become the policy of the church. Even so, the first conference of the church met at Jerusalem to receive a group from the church at Antioch to discuss a problem of great importance.

*What was the problem?*

Spoken very simply (15:1) the question in dispute was, "Did the gentiles have to be circumcised and follow the laws of Moses?" The Jews had conformed to the laws and rites of their fathers in the past and felt they always should do so. Christianity to the Jew was not a religion that destroyed the religion of their fathers, but rather fulfilled it.

However, there was no Jewish background in Antioch. They found Christ, knew the joy of their new relationship, and had real fellowship in the church.

But certain of the Jewish teachers came to Antioch saying, in effect: "You must be circumcised before you receive the gift of God." Perhaps you have heard some folks in our day say, "You must be baptized before you receive salvation." This presents the same problem to some as did circumcision in the early days.

*Was it a serious problem?*

The Greek was rejoicing in the fact that "by grace are ye saved through faith . . . not of works, lest any man should boast." The Jew did not realize this truth but thought of salvation as having come as a result of Jewish ritual. If the Jew had been victorious through the years the church would have been divided.

*How was the problem handled?*

That a decision be made was seen necessary. The church at Antioch sent a delegation to consult with the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.

After much discussion, first with the elders and then before the church, 3 statements were made. Peter suggested that in the case of Cornelius God had blessed and

honored without ritualism. "Why," he contended, "tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we are able to bear?" (15:10).

Immediately after this speech Paul and Barnabas took the witness stand and rehearsed before the church how the same grace that operated for Cornelius had been evident in Cyprus, Antioch, Pisidia, and Galatia; how God had worked without offering of sacrifice or works of law.

The final speaker was James, who perhaps was pre-siding. The expression he used is conclusive. "To this agree the words of the prophets." The decision was not based upon the word of man but the words of Scripture. There was no seeking for self glory. How do we know? Notice James can say in verse 25, "It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord," and also, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit" (15:25, 28). The Holy Spirit does not guide selfish hearts.

*What does this decision mean to me?*

My daddy used to say, "Why read about those fellows way back there?" We would answer, "So that we can profit from their mistakes, blessings, and decisions."

Here is a place you and I can rejoice. Nothing, absolutely nothing—other than faith—is essential to our salvation. Christ has redeemed *us*! Mother used to whistle, then sing; sing, and then whistle: "Free from the law, oh happy condition!" What a blessing! But remember, every blessing brings a responsibility. We *are* our sister's keeper! Let us "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

Be sure to have a map for next month's study. Either have a large map for the whole group or let each girl make a map so she can trace the journeys of Paul.

### OFFICIAL REPORT

*Attention Seniors!* Have you been having missionary reports in your meetings each month? Your literature secretary is responsible for compiling and giving a missionary activity report. This report should be made from the home and foreign mission numbers of the Herald. This is local organization goal #8, so let's not forget it.

*SMM Pins.* Are you proud of your SMM? Then show it by wearing an SMM pin wherever you go. You can get these for 65c each from your literature secretary, Myra Joy Conner.

*Spring Cabinet Meeting.* It's time once again to get together for your spring cabinet meeting to make future plans. This is a fine time to check up on your goals to see whether or not the girls and the organization as a whole are meeting them. Let this meeting be a midyear boost so that you don't lag behind and fall down on your goals.

*Valentine Party?* If you are planning a Valentine party for your SMM, here is a suggestion. Why don't you get together and make some candy and cookies. Then fix a valentine box for the boys in service or for the boys and girls away at school from your church. It will be appreciated, and you will have fun doing it!

The junior girls of WATERLOO, IOWA, are already counting up completed goals and projects. One interesting project completed was the making of flannelgraph materials for our missionaries in Argentina.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the needs of your SMM group.
2. Pray for the SMM officers that the Lord will guide them in all plans for SMM work.
3. Remember those who are in schools preparing for the Lord's service.
4. Continually pray for our missionaries that the Lord will keep them in health, supply strength and encouragement, and give peace of heart and mind as they faithfully give forth the Gospel of light.



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The photograph below includes some local Brethren along with some Brethren students of Wheaton College who are vitally interested in seeing a new Brethren church in Wheaton, Ill. At the present time the Sunday school is held in the home shown in the foreground, which is a model home made available to us through the courtesy of the Best Built Co.





# *As the Editor Sees It — —*

By L. L. Grubb

## **OKLAHOMA CITY, AMERICAN PARADOX OF SIN AND RELIGION**

This great southwest city is indeed a paradox—revivals on one corner and burlesque shows on the other; prayer meetings running full blast right next door to call-houses; a bone-dry prohibition law and about the nation's highest per-capita consumption of hard liquor.

Though supposedly "dry," Oklahoma City is one of the wettest towns in the United States. Even the word "bootlegger" originated here from the old Oklahoma custom of carrying a flagon of wine in the jackboot. A simple telephone call will bring you any kind of alcoholic beverage you may desire. Recently an Oklahoma Baptist preacher complained that he was being confused with a prominent local bootlegger with a similar name and that his phone was "ringing day and night." According to the revenue commissioner of Arkansas, records prove that more than 700,000 cases of liquor are shipped into "dry" Oklahoma annually, one-third of a case for each man, woman, and child in the State.

As a result, even though this city is often called the capital of the Bible Belt, sin of all sorts runs rampant. In spite of the presence of a number of fundamental churches, Oklahoma City is one of the "most wide-open" cities of the nation, and has been described in those words in several national publications. When the American Social Hygiene Association reported that this city was one of the plague-spots of the nation as far as vice and venereal disease were concerned, leading citizens rushed to their indignant pastors and denied it, but at the same time hinted broadly to prospective conventioners that it was so and that Oklahoma City is a town where everything goes. The city rates high in church attendance, but supports at the same time more strip-teasers, gamblers, and bootleggers than any other comparable town in the whole Southwest.

"Hell's Half-Acre" is the traditional tenderloin of Oklahoma City and dates back to the days of the gold rush. It is a 4- or 5-square-block area south of the Santa Fe railroad station. Here, along California and Reno streets, almost any variety of sin may be found.

The visitor to Oklahoma City will see tall, beautiful buildings, immaculate streets, modern stores, and shops of all sorts. Exquisite church buildings rear their spires heavenward and one feels that he has come to earth's Utopia. But the balance of the story is a sordid tale of wickedness.

In this series of verbal pictures of American cities running currently in our home mission issues of the Herald we are endeavoring to emphasize the fact that American cities desperately need the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are asleep and generally unresponsive to the terrible conditions of vice and lust which exist in our populated centers.

The casual observer who has little interest in home missions may easily say after a visit to Oklahoma City, "Why the place is full of churches, and the city is spotlessly clean; what need do these people have for further spiritual help?" But this is not the whole story.

Why the paradox—so many churches, yet so much sin?

If all the churches were rebuking sin and preaching Christ as they should, the gambling houses and red-light districts would be hard-pressed for an existence. But Oklahoma City has its large share of modernistic, social-minded churches also. Very few really preach the Word.

Like all modern strategically located American cities, this southwest city has enjoyed great growth. In recent flights over the city vast new housing projects were in evidence. With the increase in population the gospel testimony becomes smaller in proportion and the houses of sin flourish.

Oklahoma City needs a half-dozen Brethren churches with their emphasis on the full Word of the living God. We need to meet this modern Pompeii of sin head-on with the spiritual dynamite of God.

## **MORE AMERICAN PROSPECTS FOR THE GOSPEL IN '53**

The population of our nation is growing! There were probably 4 million babies born this past year and the expectation is for a similar or larger number in 1953. Our population total now is 158.5 million, but will probably be above 161 million a year hence. We are a fast-growing nation.

Unless the church prepares for this tremendous challenge from American young life we will miss our greatest national opportunity for Christ. If we fail, our jails and penitentiaries will fill to capacity.

## **JEWRY CONFUSED**

Shlomo Z. Shragai, mayor of Jerusalem, says that Jewry is not ready for the reconstruction of the traditional holy temple.

However, recently he revealed plans for a handsome modern-day substitute, a 10,000-capacity "central world synagogue" in Jerusalem. Every Jewish congregation in the world—Orthodox, Conservative, Reform—will be invited to share in the construction of this mammoth edifice in return for which their names will be inscribed in plaques to be placed on the seats of the synagogue. He indicated that Beth Knesset, as the synagogue will be called, "will be representative of the religious ideals and motivations of all Jewry." Already \$500,000 has been offered by one Jewish family to begin the work.

Unfortunately the mayor of Jerusalem does not realize that one day he or his successors will be deposed from the place of authority by One who will rule the world from this 3,000-year-old city. The information is

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available if he will but read the Old Testament Scriptures in Isaiah 11. But many Jews today do not accept even the Old Testament as the Word of God. They are "Reformed." This means largely that they do not believe anything. Agnosticism rules in their thinking processes, which is the natural result of turning away from the one source of truth—the Bible!

According to those who are informed, it seems that Orthodox Jews, that is those who believe the Old Testament Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God, are becoming fewer. So Jewry moves farther from the truth.

The world synagogue will serve only one purpose, the concentrating of Jewish thinking, energy, purpose, planning, and development in earth's area which has already been deeded to the seed of Israel through Abraham.

"Confusion" is the word which can be written wide over all Jewry!

#### **HELP THE JEWS THROUGH BRETHREN CHANNELS**

*Did you know that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has a mission to the Jews?*

We have actually met people who seem to know little if anything about our Jewish work in spite of the fact that it is represented each month in our Herald.

At this time of the year many of our churches receive an offering for Jewish missions, even though we prefer

#### **IT'S NEW - IT'S NEWS!**

The beginning of a new year will mark the beginning of a new Bible class in the Quad City area of Iowa and Illinois, which includes Davenport, Rock Island, Moline, and East Moline. The class will be held at 1949 West First St., Davenport, Iowa, beginning January 6, 1953, at 7:30, and will continue each Tuesday evening thereafter. Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum will be teaching the class, and he would appreciate the names of anyone you think would be interested who lives in this area. Write Brother Kriegbaum at 1570 43d St. NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or write to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind.

seeing our Jewish mission support coming to us each month the year round.

The Brethren Jewish Mission in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles where there are perhaps 100,000 Jews, and our fine missionaries, Brother and Sister Bruce Button, and Miss Isobel Fraser, deserve your prayerful and generous support the year round. Whatever your plans for giving for the evangelization of Israel, please don't fail to pray and give systematically that God may bless in the salvation of many confused Jews.

For further information write us at Winona Lake, Ind.

## **LOOKING AT HOME MISSIONS FOR 1953**

*It is with the full realization that only God knows the future that we look at 1953 with our human eyes and can see the greatest year yet in Brethren home missions. We believe this prediction will be true only to the extent of your prayers for this work. That you might put forth a greater prayer effort, we list a few of our reasons for our observation and trust you will do your best to help make it the best year for the glory of God.*

#### **ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA—**

The sacrificial gifts and donated labor of the Alexandria Brethren are making possible the completion of the upper auditorium and thereby completing their first unit of the building program. These Brethren, under the leadership of their pastor, Kenneth Teague, will be looking forward to dedication of this completed church in 1953.

#### **ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA—**

Plans are in the making for relocating or building, and a possibility it will include both, at Artesia in the year 1953.

#### **BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA—**

Dedication of the new Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont is scheduled for early in 1953. This is to be one of the most unusual dedications in Brethren home missions history and you will be hearing about it soon.

#### **DAYTON, OHIO—**

The new Patterson Park Brethren Church in Dayton is nearing completion. This home mission church is being built under a new plan that is expected to save thousands of dollars for the church and make home

mission dollars go farther. 1953 will reveal the success of this plan and see this new church dedicated.

#### **DENVER, COLORADO—**

The first Brethren church of our fellowship in the State of Colorado is now under construction in Denver. Work is progressing very rapidly and you should read about its dedication in 1953.

#### **FINDLAY, OHIO—**

A fine location for the new home mission church in Findlay has been obtained and building plans are in the making at this time. The building program will be started in 1953 and the goal will be to see it completed.

#### **HELL FOR CERTAIN, KENTUCKY—**

The complete story of the new chapel at Hell for Certain appears in this issue under the title of "New Brethren Chapel at Hell for Certain," by Miss Evelyn Fuqua. Another dedication of a Brethren testimony for 1953.

#### **LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA—**

The people of the Paramount Brethren Church, now meeting in the Christian day school building, are talking of a new church and, the Lord willing, want to get it started in 1953.

#### **ROANOKE, VIRGINIA—**

Plans for the Washington Heights home mission church are ready and early 1953 should see ground broken here and a much-needed building completed before 1954.

#### **PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA—**

The Parkersburg Brethren have a building fund, a

pastor, Lester Smitley, working in secular work, and have their eyes on some lots for location of a church. 1953 could see these Brethren entering a much-needed building program.

#### SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—

The first pastor for the Seattle work, Thomas Hammers, arrived on the field the first of January. The pastor, giving his full time, should reveal some rapid developments during 1953 in this northwestern city.

#### SIDNEY, OHIO—

One of the newest prospects for a new Brethren church is at Sidney. Although this would be considered in the early stages of development, it is expected to show some rapid gains in 1953.

#### TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA—

Plans are completed for a new California-style home mission church building in Temple City. Financing is the immediate problem, but we are expecting the Lord to solve this soon. The weather is no problem in California, therefore 1953 should see the first unit of their building program completed.

#### WHEATON, ILLINOIS—

A new and promising field in a strategic location. Our first entrance into Illinois and a beachhead for the city of Chicago. It would provide a Brethren church for our Brethren students at Wheaton College.

#### YORK, PENNSYLVANIA—

The Grace Brethren Church, York, was just recently organized and is now ready to go places in 1953. A search is going on right now for the proper permanent location in York, where a home mission church can be constructed.

## New Year's Eve in South Bend, Ind.

By Russell Ogden

*Editor's Note: Rev. Russell Ogden, a student at Grace Theological Seminary, served as interim pastor at the Sunnymede Brethren Church for a short time and then was called to become the full-time pastor. Brother Ogden will be moving on the field after graduation this spring and until that time will be commuting from Winona Lake.*



Russell Ogden

We enjoyed a full program for our New Year's Eve watch-night service, beginning at 7:30 with a baptismal service in which 5 persons were baptized and added to the church. A sixth member was also added who had been baptized at a previous time.

We then observed the threefold communion service, with approximately 35 persons participating. This is always a blessed service for all concerned. This was followed by the showing of the home mission film, "The Forgotten Navaho," which received many favorable comments.

The program was concluded with a praise and prayer service, which took us through the midnight hour as we invoked God's fullest blessing to prosper the work in the new year.

## CEDAR RAPIDS CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

By Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum

According to Evangelist Merv Rosell, someone has printed on the wall of a large theater in New York City the words, "If you think your act is so good, try Cedar Rapids!" It was just such an introduction that was given when a new work was contemplated in this city. One man said: "Cedar Rapids will be hard to crack, and unless you know someone who knows the ropes you will never be able to do a thing."

Praise the Lord, we knew Someone! If there were any deals to make, or anything to be gotten, we knew that One could get it. That Someone was the Lord Jesus Himself. Therefore, if anything has been done in Cedar Rapids, we must stand and acclaim, "See what the Lord hath done."

The Cedar Rapids church is just 3 years old, with the dedication of the church being conducted on November 20, 1949. Since that date the Lord has blessed and the average attendance now is 10 times what it was then, and the membership is increased 7 times.

The Lord be praised that our morning and evening services average about the same. Last quarter we averaged just 4 less in the evening than in the morning.

To the praise of the Lord we can report that we have never had a communion service in the history of the church that we have not had more communicants than we have members.

Our midweek service averages nearly two-thirds of our membership. Our prayer is that the average will continue, for only as a church advances upon its knees can God bless.

The Evangelical Teacher Training class has 100 percent of the teachers enrolled who teach in the beginners' department through the adult department. All these teachers are working for the teacher's certificate granted by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church. One-half of the class will have completed one-half of the required studies this spring.

An anonymous donor gave to the church a new Webster electric public-address system, with 3-speed phonograph. The speakers are to be mounted in the tower of the church and will be played each evening at 6 o'clock and on Sundays prior to the regular services. The donor is not a member of the local congregation. Pray with us that the Lord will use this as a means of touching lives and hearts for Jesus Christ.

Three weeks during the Christmas season "The Nativity Scene" was displayed with a rustic setting and special lighting effects. This picturesque reminder of "God's Gift" was seen by many who drove by the church between 4:30 and 10:30 each evening.

We thank you for rejoicing with us as we see what the Lord is doing in your home mission church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



# CEDAR RAPIDS THIRD ANNIVERSARY IN PICTURES



Top—Those who joined in the fellowship around the table for the anniversary dinner. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Russell Pavy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Left center—The anniversary cake made as a replica of the Holy Bible and containing 3 candles for the 3 years' existence of the church. Right center—Surprise! Pastor Kriegbaum removes a model of the Cedar Rapids church and reveals the cake. Bottom—The model church made by Mrs. Ray Koop has 4 streamers leading to the 4 displays representing Grace Seminary, home missions, foreign missions, and publications. These represent the missionary program of this church and our Brethren denomination.





## NEW BRETHREN CHAPEL AT HELL FOR CERTAIN, KY.

By Miss Evelyn Fuqua, Dryhill, Ky.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.** (Leo Polman, pastor)—

The past month we have had 15 decisions—some for first-time confessions and some for dedication of lives. We are having a real spiritual fellowship here and the Lord is certainly blessing in the work. A chapel is an urgent need for Temple City and, needless to say, funds to build the same.

**FINDLAY, OHIO** (Forest Lance, pastor)—

Souls are being saved, new families are being reached, and our attendance growth is encouraging. Summarizing it all together, the Lord is proving His faithfulness in blessing our humble efforts for His glory.

**CORDILLERA, N. MEX.** (Tony T. Luna, pastor)—

We have had 9 first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour in the past 3 months. The entire congregation has indicated a desire to want to serve the Lord and we praise Him for this victory. Pray that this spirit will always be true. We have been having wonderful services at Arroyo Seco every Sunday with an average attendance of 15, mostly young people.

**JUNIATA, ALTOONA, PA.** (Phillip Simmons, pastor)—

We have been having some very fine results in Juniata. This past quarter has been our best in attendance. In Sunday school we have had an average of 162.4 since November 1. Our building fund offering has averaged \$90.98 per week the past year. On the last 2 Sundays 2 couples have been received into the church.

**CHICO, CALIF.** (J. Ward Tressler, pastor)—

Our hearts are praising the Lord for the wonderful way He answered our prayers in the meetings with Bro. Vincent Bennett. There were decisions each night, of which 3 were first-time. Three other first-time decisions were made at a Youth for Christ service conducted by Brother Bennett. A fine couple decided to join us in our work as a result of their contact with Brother Bennett during the meetings. Do pray with us that the Lord may make this church attractive to these new people and use them in the ministry of the Chico church.

**WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, ROANOKE, VA.** (W. Carl Miller, pastor)—

Last Sunday Bro. R. A. Greig presented the Washington Heights congregation with an attractively framed color sketch of the complete plot plans for our new church. The Lord was good in giving us this plan at such a strategic time, for many visitors and parents were present at our children's Christmas program to observe it. Our present meeting place (a small home) was packed with over 70 people and you could see a look of

Down the Middlefork River of Kentucky, 10 miles from Hyden, at the mouth of Hell for Certain Creek, you will now see a beautiful little white chapel setting up on the hillside. How we do pray that this little chapel will prove to be a real lighthouse to the people of this community who are lost and know not Christ! We wish you could see the people as they come up and down the road as the big silver bell calls them to come and worship. Far up in some of the little "hollers" folk have said they can hear the bell. Certainly they can never say, "I never had a chance."

The little chapel is white with a green roof—Sisterhood of Mary and Martha colors. There is a nice steeple with green shingles, and inside hangs the big silver bell which Mr. Yoder, of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, sent to us. The chapel is 24 by 52 feet and has 11 windows in it. The beautiful stained-glass window of "Mary and Martha With Jesus" has arrived, and it will soon be up to help make the chapel even more beautiful.

It is hard to put into words our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Orville Beetley for his time, efforts, and gifts he has given that this little chapel might be built. Also there are many others, all of whom we cannot name, who deserve a real vote of thanks for their faithfulness in helping us. May our wonderful Lord reward each and every one for their labor of love for Him.

The painting and decorating inside are not completed yet, and there are still many odd jobs to be done. It probably will be springtime before we can have our dedication service, as the weather will not permit at this time. When you see the notice in the Herald, plan to come to the dedication.

May we all join hand in hand in prayer, and place a fence of prayer around this little vineyard in the hills of Kentucky. When the fence of prayer is broken down the little foxes get in and spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes. "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes" (S. of S. 2:15). Do you remember the definition I gave you of a husbandman—the one who takes care of the vineyard? "A husbandman is the spiritual guide of the people under whose care and culture the fruits of righteousness are expected to spring up." What a responsibility the husbandman has! How I need you to pray for me!

In closing, all I can say is: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).



Miss Fuqua

surprise and feel a new spirit of enthusiasm as something definite was displayed for our future program. As never before we all felt the great need for a new and larger building to accommodate more people.



# ROMANIST PERSECUTION ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

By Enrique Ibanez

*Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from United Evangelical Action for December 1, 1952, by special permission of the editor, Dr. James DeForest Murch. It is worthy of the careful consideration of each reader. In a well-documented and vivid fashion it portrays conditions of religious intolerance and persecution which need to be corrected immediately.*

One of the most amazing incidents of Roman Catholic persecution of Protestants within the borders of the United States has been revealed to evangelicals by Pueblo Indians. After undergoing treatment almost beyond human endurance some 15 to 20 Christian Indians appealed to the National Association of Evangelicals for help (*Action* November 1).

These good people asserted that Protestant converts among the Jemez Pueblo have been threatened with confiscation of property, eviction from their reservations, refusal to bury their dead in the only available cemetery, and in some cases beating and scourging.

The southwest regional director of the NAE made an extensive investigation of the charges which were originally made by Jose Ray Toledo, spokesman for the Protestant minority among the Jemez Indians.

Of the tribe, which numbers about 850 persons, about 100 are Protestants; the others are Roman Catholic or non-Christian.

It appears that the current complaint is a renewal of a protest made several years ago which prompted former Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes to write directives to governors of the tribes involved. Mr. Ickes demanded the return of lands to the religious minority expropriated during unbelievable religious proscription by Roman Catholics.

The Protestants of Jemez were originally converted by a Presbyterian missionary. At one time the Presbyterians owned a good property in the pueblo including a church building and missionary's home. Because of persecutions the work was finally abandoned. The Presbyterian church building is now being used by a Roman Catholic merchant for a warehouse. Until recently the abandoned Protestants had to meet from house to house for prayer and Bible study—always under threat of persecution.

On July 21 of this year the governing assembly of Jemez Pueblo called some 15 Protestant Christians before it and demanded that they renounce their faith and return to the Indian-Catholic religion. On the refusal of the non-Catholic Indians to deny their faith, the governor of the pueblo announced that their property was forfeited, including homes and furniture; that they no longer could share in the use of community property such as trucks, threshing machines, etc.; that they had lost their water rights, and that they must leave the pueblo. He had previously forbidden them to have any prayer meeting or religious meeting in their homes and of course would not permit the building of a Protestant church in the pueblo, and he stated that *his decisions could not be interfered with even by the Federal Government.*

The victim reported the affair to the Roman Catholic attorney appointed by the Federal Government to act for all Pueblo Indians but received no help aside from the advice that they should obey the governor concerning not holding religious meetings in their private homes and that the governor had no right to deprive them of their homes and furniture. It was this incident which caused the appeal to the National Association of Evangelicals.

Our interviews with the Protestant Indians of Jemez brought out a series of unbelievable testimonies, all of which we have preserved on tape recordings. Excerpts from one or two may be of interest to readers of *Action* magazine.

One fine Christian woman told how the Roman Catholic priest and nuns threatened her family with hell-fire and forbade her to accept Protestant literature and gifts. They showed her pictures of the Devil pushing people into the flames of hell with a long fork and told her that her whole family would be excommunicated.

"On Saturday morning, September 4, 1948," she continued, "the children and I were up early. I had considerable household chores and Christino, their father, had to make preparations for participation in the ceremonial dances at the Santa Fe Fiesta. The children were to relieve their father of the care of the animals by carrying feed and water. As the corrals were quite a distance south of the village, they went by the highway. About half way down the road a Dodge pickup truck loaded with wood, and driven by Mr. Salvatore Fragua, struck our daughter. She was taken to the Albuquerque Indian Hospital, where Dr. Sturgis treated her for internal injuries, broken arms, and bruises. She died in the hospital at 12 o'clock that night. We left the hospital with her body at 8:30 Sunday morning, returning to Jemez. It is customary for the village sacristan and the fiscal to be notified in case, so as to prepare the grave for burial (incidentally the sacristan and fiscal are undertakers), and the priest must be consulted for administration of final rites. Her father notified Mr. Ramon Fragua, the fiscal assistant, and was told to go to the sacristan, Mr. Jose Torrez, who in turn referred him to Father Lambert Dendenfelder, the priest. Father Dendenfelder then told us that burial privileges were to be denied on the authority of the fiscal, Mr. Jose Gabriel Chinana. Mr. Chinana contended that the child was possessed of evil spirits due to its exposure to Protestants and therefore had no place in the community burial ground. If the child were buried without his consent he would have the body removed from the cemetery, he said. We appealed to the church officials but they refused to prepare a grave until the priest and the governor obtained satisfactory statements in writing from the child's parents. In the meantime Father Dendenfelder and the governor, accompanied by the fiscal and his assistants came to my house and demanded that we swear in writing to renounce the Protestant faith and prohibit our children's attendance at Protestant gatherings. We did not want to do this, but the priest and the governor warned us that there would be no burial otherwise. This



occurred at noon on Monday the 6th—36 hours after the child died and the body had begun to decompose. At last we were compelled to sign away the right to our chosen religion and our daughter was buried that evening."

A leading Protestant citizen told of similar persecutions attending the observance of the Easter ceremonials at the pueblo this year: "The governors went from house to house asking non-Catholics to stay away from the ceremonies. They not only ordered us to keep our children away from the plaza where the dances were held, but insisted that we vacate our homes. When we promised to remain inside our property they were not satisfied. The governors said our children were Indians and should go to see the sacred dance and worship at the sacred shrine. When we insisted that we had learned the true way to worship and that we did not want any longer to be pagans, they threatened to chase us out of the pueblo. When we insisted that we had rights under the United States Constitution the governors said, "I boss you. You are Indians, not Americans."

Apparently the governors of the Jemez Pueblo have made it very clear to the non-Catholics of the community that the Constitution of the United States does not exist for the Pueblo Indians and that they have no rights under its provisions. They say that the governors are the only ones who have a right to rule the people and they can do as they please. Furthermore, they say that the Roman Catholic priest has power over all 19 pueblos of the Pueblo Indians and that the governors must abide by his orders and that they are not good Indians (i.e., they will not be prayed out of purgatory). All the upper chiefs of the tribe and the council of the Casikis who hold the authority in civil government are dominated by the Roman Catholic priest and are under obligation to keep the Pueblos on a 100-percent Roman Catholic basis.

In an effort to be of service to these consecrated Protestants the National Association of Evangelicals encouraged them to state their grievances, which they did in 6 points:

1. That the road block must be removed in front of the residence of Mrs. Refugia Toledo de Chinana.

2. That no Protestant member of the Pueblo shall be required to contribute any portion of his crop, corn, wheat, or other crops, or money to the Catholic Church, nor shall they be required or expected to participate in the plastering or repairing of the church at any time.

3. That each member of the Pueblo and his family and children shall have the right to be buried in the graveyard of the Pueblo without interference, or that the Pueblo will provide 2 acres of land where a separate cemetery may be established for Protestant members of the Pueblo.

4. That the Protestant members of the Pueblo shall have the right to build a church if, as, and when they so desire on the property of the Pueblo at a spot to be mutually agreed upon.

5. That the Protestant members of the Pueblo be permitted to participate in the government and have representation in the tribal government.

6. That Protestant members of the Pueblo be permitted to engage in all community work, such as repair ditches, roads, etc. That they be further entitled to receive all community benefits such as water rights, the use of all community equipment, property, etc.

A former governor of New Mexico has been secured as legal counsel. The NAE Washington office has volunteered its assistance. Appeals are being made to the properly constituted authorities. If, however, no relief can be secured through the usual channels of government, drastic legal action will be taken.

As we stated earlier in this article, the present situation in the Pueblos of New Mexico is nothing new. The late Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, after thorough investigation, once issued a directive which read as follows:

"It is intolerable that for a purely religious alleged offense, and under a charge of witchcraft supported by no evidence of witnesses, Indians should be confined by fellow Indians in an unsanitary and practically an airless and lightless dungeon for long periods.

"It is intolerable that for such alleged offenses Indians should be deprived by other Indians of much of their land, in some cases, and all of their land in others, and that the officials of a tribe should personally appropriate this confiscated land for their own enrichment.

"It is intolerable that the most fundamental of all human rights, and one of the most precious of all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution—liberty of conscience—should be denied and abolished within a tribe of Indians through the action of officers themselves proceeding under the domination of an armed and uniformed employee of the Indian Service, whose action, in its turn, was not authorized by law or directed or to be tolerated by his superiors in the government.

"Under Section 17 of the Act of June 7, 1924, the approval of the Secretary of the Interior is required for conveyance or transfer of land between the Indians of the Pueblos of New Mexico. The taking of lands of the religious minority is hereby disapproved, and the appropriation of these lands by the officers of the Pueblo for their personal use is hereby disapproved. The status of the land remains what it was before the religious proscription was set in action, and the members of the Native American Church are authorized to repossess themselves of all of the land thus taken from them. The officers of Toas Pueblo are hereby directed to return the land to its owners and to make good any damage or losses caused by their seizures of the land.

"Should the religious persecution be recommenced, the resources of the Department of Interior will be used to protect the religious liberties of the minority.

"I earnestly hope and trust that hereafter these irregularities and those demoralizing actions will not be renewed. The injury from such actions extends far beyond Toas Pueblo. It discredits every pueblo. It jeopardized the religious liberties and the self-government of all the other pueblos and, indeed, of every Indian tribe. It jeopardized the success of the whole broad program, now far advanced, which looks toward the establishment of Indian rights, including the privileges of self-determination by the Indian tribes, and which seeks to establish the Indian in the public opinion of the country as a dignified, permanent and important unit in the life and culture of the United States."

Certainly the time has come for an aroused citizenry to demand religious freedom for everyone under the Stars and Stripes. Our Constitution provides it. Shall a combination of Roman Catholicism and Indian paganism deny it in 1952?



# ISRAEL CALLS!

511 NORTH CURSON AVENUE

By Bruce L. Button

I start calling on another street this morning. The response for the last few days has been anything but encouraging. Folks refuse to answer the door, or politely say they are not interested, or slam the door. I pray the Lord will provide a good contact this morning. A session such as the last few days is far from encouraging.

There is no answer at the first 2 homes. The next house produces a man who "has no time." The next 3 houses do not produce results. I ring the next doorbell and a man answers. As I speak to him of the Lord, he responds, "I don't believe in anything but the dollar. My wife wants me to help her, so I'll have to close the door." I try to hold him with statements from the Old Testament, pointing out that this is the Word of God. And with this he bursts into a fury of words, ending with: "And it's your kind and your belief that causes all the trouble in the world. I hate you and your kind!" And the door closes with a BANG!

I note the contact on the card for that home and then glance at the card for the following house. This looks promising. There has been a good testimony given at a previous contact. The only protest offered to the reading of Old Testament Scripture was, "That is your interpretation." Perhaps the Lord will bless with a good contact at this home. I pray to that end and ring the bell. The door opens. "Yes, what is it?" asks the man of the house.

"I stopped by to give you the new issue of the Mediator and to find out what you thought of the article, 'I. E. S.,' in the last issue. And I would like to talk with you regarding the Tenach, if I may," I respond.

"Young man," he replied, "I cannot take time to talk today. And I didn't read the other Mediator. And I. E. S. was not a believer in Jesus as Messiah."

"But I thought you didn't read the other Mediator. How did you know I. E. S. was a believer?" I ask. There was an uncomfortable pause, a clearing of the throat, and a few stammered words. I catch up the conversation: "Isaac E. Salkinson was a believer. Why do you suppose he came to believe in Jesus as Messiah? Was he an ignorant man?"

"No," answers my Jewish friend, "he was one of the great Jewish minds. But on this one matter he was in error. How could he be right when so many Jews fail to agree with him?"

"Perhaps the reason lies in the fact that he was not above reading *everything* that came to his hand and, after carefully studying and weighing the evidence, making his decision agree with his findings. He did not refuse to read material related to Jesus, the Messiah, as many Jews do today, which same Jews claim to be 'broadminded.' He was not bound by tradition but was open to proved fact. When he first found that copy of the New Testament he was willing to accept facts. When he read of the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14—"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"—he did not listen to what present-day

Jewish thought had to say concerning the word for 'virgin.' Rather he listened to the Jew, Matthew, and to the Jewish scholars who before the days of Jesus translated the Tenach into Greek. These men said the Hebrew word 'almah' meant 'virgin' and he accepted their word as final, for to him they set forth the real meaning of this word for Jews of their time and previous to their time. When he read Isaiah 9:6-7 he realized that a child was to be born who would be a *given son* in a particular sense, and that this One would be God, the Mighty, Father of Eternities, the Prince of Peace. According to Daniel, the prophet, this One, the Messiah, would come among men *before* Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed. Thus Salkinson knew Messiah must have come sometime in the past or He could never come."

"But," my Jewish friend asks, "How could he believe Jesus was our Messiah?"

"How could he do this?" I answer. "He looked for Messiah's proof marks in the Tenach and compared them with the account in the New Testament. He read this (I read Isaiah 53:1-10) and then was convinced that Messiah had to die for the sin of the people, for his sin. He read Zechariah 12:10 and 13:6; then he read in the New Testament and found where Jesus used these marks to convince Thomas, a righteous Jew, that He was Messiah. And when he read this, Isaac Salkinson reacted the same as Thomas, for he knew the pierced side and the wounded hands were the proof that he needed to enable him to accept Jesus as his own Messiah and Saviour and God. Then he was able to consecrate his ability to translate other languages into Hebrew. He translated the New Testament into Hebrew and said that his ability was his 'alabaster box of precious ointment which I pour out in honor of my Saviour, that the fragrance of His name may fill the whole house of Israel.'"

"My friend," I continue, "you should read as this man did. Read with a free mind. You need atonement for your sins, for God's Word says, 'It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul' and the blood of Jesus the Messiah, His Son, cleanseth from all sin."

"There is the phone," says my Jewish friend. "I must ask to be excused. Come back again. Good-by." And the door closes. Guess that is about all I can remember to note on the card. It's 11:30. Just time to finish the block before dinner. It's been a good morning. The Lord has blessed. I'll call here next week in the evening. Perhaps here is a lost sheep that is ready to come home.

## REPORT FROM PASTOR GERALD POLMAN, YORK, PA.

We praise the Lord for the fine group of boys and girls that meet after school each Wednesday for the Happy Hour. Last week there were 60 present for it. It is a real opportunity to reach the boys and girls, also for contacts in their homes. Pray for the work of the Happy Hour with these boys and girls.

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Rev. Lee Crist is now pastor of the Grafton, W. Va., church and has moved to 45 W. St. Charles St., Grafton, W. Va. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

Rev. Thomas Hammers, first resident pastor at Seattle, has moved to 6522 35th Ave. NE., Seattle, Wash. (Change Annual, p. 69.)

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Lynch, members of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 6.

Rev. Alan Metcalf, director of the Cleveland (Ohio) Hebrew Society, spoke at the Canton, Ohio, church January 4.

Bro. Kenneth Kaster, of Columbia City, Ind., formerly of Fort Wayne, died November 14.

Rev. Leslie Hutchinson is pastoring a church at Gypsum, Colo., which is on U. S. Highway 6 about 144 miles west of Denver. Missionaries or preachers passing that way are asked to stop for services, by making arrangements ahead of time. Address is Box 161, Gypsum, Colo. (Change Annual, p. 75.)

The Hagerstown, Md., church was host to the Washington County youth rally December 29. Evangelist William Smith, of Washington, D. C., was the speaker and Rev. Charles Bergerson, of the host church, was in charge of the music.

At Dryhill, Ky., 43 children attended the Christmas party and appreciated the toys and dolls sent to them from Brethren people. More than 100 people attended the Christmas program and enjoyed the candy given to them by Marion and Mary Catherine Hoffman, of Dayton, Ohio. Miss Evelyn Fuqua is the missionary at this station.

Rev. Donald W. Rossman, son of Dr. Randall Rossman, has accepted

the pastorate of the Kittanning, Pa., North Buffalo church. His address is R. R. 4, Kittanning, Pa. (Add to Annual, p. 71.)

At the Philadelphia, Pa., First church Rev. John Neely was in charge of the musical portion of the New Year's Eve program. This was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. The last part of the program was the showing of "The Forgotten Navaho" and a message by Rev. Hill Maconaghy.

Bro. J. C. Willingham, of the Osceola, Ind., church, died January 1. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ward Miller.

The Osceola, Ind., church conducted a conference on prophecy and the Jew January 4-7. Rev. Sanford C. Mills, of Columbus, Ohio, was the speaker.

Bro. William Nichols and Bro. John Goss, members of the Washington, D. C., church, both died the week following Christmas.



The Phoenix, Ariz., church, pastored by Rev. J. C. McKillen, set a new record the last Sunday of the old year with 81 people in the Sunday school. In a Bible award night for recitation of Bible verses 13 awards were given, 6 of them went to the Lester Wilhide family.

Many of the churches are giving Bible readers' certificates to those people who read through the Bible in 1952. It is noted from the bulletins that many people will receive these certificates this year; it is hoped that many more will be eligible next year for certificates. Now is the time to get started with the Book of God.

When 28 people of the Aleppo, Pa., church went out to sing Christmas carols they had to travel 15 miles to sing at 10 homes.

Bro. Francis Brill, student at Grace Seminary, preached at his home church, Winchester, Va., December 28.

The Clayton, Ohio, church called its pastor, Rev. Clair Brickel, to continue another year and gave him an increase in salary. The church

elected a committee to begin plans for the erection of a Sunday school annex.

Bro. Maurice Banzhaf died December 19. He was 75 years of age, had been a member of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church for more than 55 years, and he and Mrs. Banzhaf had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary several months before his death. His pastor, Rev. John Aeby, was in charge of the funeral services.

At the Harrisburg, Pa., church 122 people attended the morning service and 147 the evening service December 28 to hear Rev. Nathan Meyer, former member of the church, now pastor of the Leesburg, Ind., church.

The Brethren Schools of Long Beach, Calif., now employ 18 teachers and have 400 pupils enrolled. Plans are being made to erect the 6th building for the schools.

The junior church of the Long Beach, Calif., First church was attended by 114 children on December 14 and by 106 on December 21. Bro. James Crawford is in charge.

Bro. Richard McNeely, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, is director of the choir of the Dallas (Tex.) Bible Institute.

At Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a Grace Bible Class meets each Tuesday evening in the armory. Rev. Wesley Haller, of the Ankenytown church, is the leader.

Mrs. Sadie Miller, member of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, observed her 90th birthday on December 25.

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, of Los Angeles, preached the Christmas sermon at a meeting of the Southwest Chiropractic Association.

Miss Ruth Reddick returned to her duties in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church January 6 after a vacation and visit in California.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack B. Churchill, of Rio Tercero, Argentina, became the parents of a daughter, Margaret Loree, December 20. Margaret Loree was named in honor of her grandmothers.

Plan to attend the Grace Theological Seminary alumni reunion February 24-27. It will be a time for Bible study and fellowship.

Brethren historical material is wanted and needed by the editor. See Herald for January 3.



# THEN LOOK UP AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

Many years ago, to an inquiring and anxious little group of men, Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21: 28). Those words have never been recalled. It is this fact that has encouraged the saints homesick for the coming of the Lord to see in the many momentous events through the centuries the token of the near return of the Lord. Our times witness to more of these events than any comparable period of time in all the centuries since Christ went back to glory.

Since the Scriptures cannot be broken, how much in order it is to examine more closely some of the rays of light that stream from the face of our blessed Lord as revealed in the prophetic Word. These great Messianic prophecies will most surely be fulfilled, and perhaps in our day. It is then in order for us to know these prophecies and enjoy the comfort and consolation they provide.

The first-choice book for February is "Rays of Messiah's Glory: Christ in the Old Testament," by David Baron. This will be sent to club members unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company otherwise before February 1. In case the second choice is desired, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, just write the company of this change.

The second-choice book is "The Heir of Redclyffe," by Charlotte Young. Reviews of both books follow.

As a premium for joining the club, we offer you your selection of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," Dr. Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," and Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving." By ordering one of the two books offered for the month of February you become a member and are entitled to one of the above premium books.

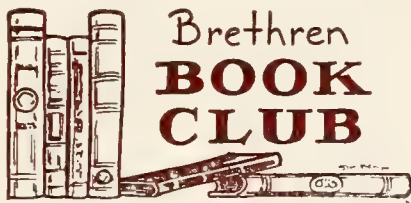
To members of the club who will be purchasing books December through March, a dividend book will be sent—"The Potter and the Shepherd," by J. C. Brumfield.

## "RAYS OF MESSIAH'S GLORY: CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"

By David Baron

The Bible is one book, though it is divided into two testaments. In order to understand either testament the student of God's revelation must have some knowledge also of the other testament, for they are vitally joined together.

The one theme that binds the Old and New Testaments together is the



person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour. One of the most interesting things a child of God can do is to trace the promises and prophecies concerning the Messiah in the Old Testament Scriptures and then to see how they were fulfilled in the Christ of the New Testament.

Dr. David Baron was such a student. He knew the Christ as his own Saviour and he knew the Old Testament Scriptures in their original language. From that combined knowledge he set down in print for others the results of many years of study and preaching of God's Word in this book—"Rays of Messiah's Glory: Christ in the Old Testament."

Though this book is scholarly in its content, it is simple and plain in its presentation of great truths. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith said in this connection: "He [Baron] not only had a great grasp of the Hebrew Scriptures and entered with finest sympathy into the mind of the prophets of the Old Testament, but he had a correspondingly beautiful style. I know of no writer today on either side of the Atlantic who could write on these prophetic themes with quite the quality, elegance, and penetration that David Baron possesses."

There are 7 chapters in the book. The third chapter—"The Branch, or Four Aspects of Messiah's Charac-

ter"—is worth the price of the whole book. This chapter will help the reader understand why there must be 4 New Testament Gospels to fully tell the story of Christ. Price of book is \$2.95.—*Conard Sandy.*

## "THE HEIR OF REDCLYFFE"

By Charlotte Young

Here is a novel which is more than just a story. It is a drama depicting life as it really is and as it ought to be for the Christian. It is a book which should certainly cause the reader to walk the path of self-examination.

In the book you will meet a number of most interesting characters. First of all comes Sir Guy himself, a young man of great courage and strength of character. It seems to have been his chief end in life to live for others, even to the extent of laying down his life for them, which, according to the teaching of Jesus, is the greatest evidence of love in the heart.

In complete contrast, we meet Philip, a cousin of Sir Guy, whose chief end in life seems to be to cast reflection on the deeds and motives of Sir Guy. If circumstances as they came did not work for his end he would make his own circumstances in order that people might be made to doubt the integrity of his cousin. His heart filled with hatred was at last exposed and we find a mental wreck instead of the strong man that Philip could have been.

Annabel, who became the patient and gracious bride of Sir Guy, is another great character in our story. You will have difficulty holding back the tears as you watch her by the side of her dying lover.

This is not a new novel, but has recently been condensed for the American reader. Its history has been most interesting. The great Abraham Kuyper called it the means of his conversion. About it he wrote that it was "the means which broke my self-reliant, rebellious heart." When a book will do this for a man like Kuyper there is no question as to the potency of its message. We most heartily recommend the book to our readers. The book sells for \$3 a copy.—*Blaine Snyder.*

# TRUE HOPE FOR THE WORLD

By Rev. Russell H. Weber, Harrisburg, Pa.

(This message first appeared in the *Evening News*, Harrisburg, Pa.)

This present age is destitute of an enduring hope. There are many solutions and cures offered for the ills of humanity, but there is little that can be seen in our time that forms the basis of hope for the future. . . .

Education, science, invention, politics, and such like, have done little for man by way of offering real hope. It is true that these things have improved the living conditions of the peoples of the earth, but hope has fled. A pessimist, you say? Let me ask you, who does not have any concern about our huge national debt? Who does not wonder how long it will be before we are plunged into another global conflict? Who does not have any concern about the rising trend of socialism and communism and wonder how long it will be before our heritage as a free nation will fade into oblivion? Is there any hope in these things?

Upon facing such a dark picture many will ask: What's the use of living, then, if hope has fled? I reply there is no use of living except for the fact that there is hope, though most folks have lost sight of it. True hope emanates from God. He offers hope to all who will accept His proffered grace.

In this materialistic age we need to revalue spiritual truths. Our life on earth, of whatever duration this may be, is but the entrance upon either eternal life or eternal death.

Money, houses, and lands do not determine our future state in God's eternal ages; faith in the finished work of Christ on Calvary's cross is the only basis for a real and an abiding hope for time and eternity.

In John 3:36 we see described 2 classes of people—those who believe on the Son and those who do not believe on the Son. One group possesses eternal life, the other group is under the condemnation of God; one group has hope, the other is void of hope. Those who believe on the Son have hope that reaches into the unending ages of God's eternity, and is expressed in I John 3:2 in these words: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Our hope, then, culminates in the second coming of Christ, at which time we shall be changed into His likeness. The Word of God teaches that Jesus Christ will return again to catch away His own, and that He will return also to judge the wicked; but God has graciously provided that you need not experience the latter event—He offers you the hope of eternal peace and happiness if you will acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

This alone is hope for a troubled world.

## FLYING SEMINAR PLANNED

The Winona Lake School of Theology is planning its second flying seminar to Palestine and other lands mentioned in the Bible. The trip will be 5 weeks in length, July 25-August 29.

The seminar provides opportunity for guided tours and study of both Biblical sites and mission fields. Credit can also be gained toward a degree offered by the Winona Lake School of Theology.

## PHILPOTT GOES TO TORONTO

Dr. P. W. Philpott left the Philpott Tabernacle, Hamilton, Ont., to join the staff of Dr. Oswald Smith at the People's Church in Toronto. Dr. and Mrs. Philpott recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

## RALLY TO PROTEST R. S. V.

Pastors from various churches in northern Indiana and southern Michigan met with members of the seminary faculty at the Grace Theological Seminary building January 5 and set up plans to hold a rally to register a united protest concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Several denominations were represented.

The rally will be held, the Lord willing, at the seminary building Friday, February 6, at 7:30 p. m. The speaker is to be Dr. David Otis Fuller, pastor of the Wealthy Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Mich. His theme will be: "The Bible—Tested! Tried! Tampered With! Triumphant!" Also there will be a panel discussion, leaders of which will be announced later.

A steering committee of 5 pastors were elected to arrange and carry through the rally. Rev. John Balyo, of the Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind., is chairman; Rev. James Hammer, of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, is secretary-treasurer. The members-at-large are Rev. Howard Kreider, of the Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren, North Manchester; Rev. Carl Brown, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Wayne; and Rev. Milton Dowden, of the First Baptist Church of Mentone.

## PLAN EVANGELISM CONGRESS

Fifty missionary leaders, pastors, and laymen met in Chicago December 18 to make plans for the 6th Congress on Evangelism, to be held at Tokyo, Japan, next August 9-17.

The sponsors of this congress are the leaders of the Youth for Christ International, under the leadership of the president, Dr. Robert A. Cook.

Several missionary societies already working in Japan are loaning missionaries to YFC for this congress and for the evangelization of Japan that is to follow.

The World Gospel Crusade has promised to provide 1,000,000 gospel portions to be used in the crusade. The Pocket Testament League has promised full cooperation.

Working with Dr. Cook in leading in the arrangements are Rev. Hubert Mitchell, foreign secretary of YFC, and Mr. Ted Engstrom, executive secretary of YFC.

## CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION

There is still some misunderstanding concerning how to send express and freight to the Brethren Navaho Mission. The office of the Brethren Home Missions Council received this information this week. Use this address—

Brethren Navaho Mission,  
Counselor Post, N. Mex.  
c/o San Juan Basin Lines,  
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

This address should be used for any and all shipments by express or freight—that is, for anything not sent by U. S. mail.





### Everett, Pennsylvania

On November 16 we held our first communion service in our church building, around new tables, with 70 people in attendance, most of whom participated.

On December 21 there were 97 people in Sunday school, 85 in the morning worship, and 113 in the evening service. At the close of the morning message, Pastor Homer Lingenfelter gave the invitation and 9 people presented themselves for the Lord's service.

Bro. Galen Lingenfelter, brother of our pastor, preached for us December 28. The building fund offering was \$688.71 for the day, which is more than we need for our semi-annual payment of principal and interest.

The speaker on January 4 was Bro. Irvin Miller, Winona Lake, Ind. There were 98 people present in the morning service and 120 in the evening.—*Fred Bucher, secretary.*

### Listie, Pennsylvania

At the Listie Brethren Church the average attendance in the Sunday school for the past year was 168 people, with 37 of these not missing a Sunday during the year. In addition the officers and teachers were faithful to their duties.

Several of our people have perfect attendance records for a number of years: Jack Shaffer for 16 years, George Shaffer for 13 years, Mrs. A. G. Beech for 12 years, and Ray and Eunice Hottle each for 10 years.—*Russell Beech, Sunday school superintendent.*

### Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (Pond Bank)

The Grace Brethren Church is growing physically, numerically, and spiritually, for which we praise the Lord.

On September 7, 1952, we moved from the small garage belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cordell, of our church, to our partly completed building. Since the move our aver-

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma).....	Jan. 12-18.....	Harold Painter...	Vincent Bennett.
San Bernardino, Calif.....	Jan. 20-Feb. 1...	Lyle Marvin.....	Russell Humbert.
Beaumont, Calif..	Feb. 1-15.....	Gene Farrell.....	Bob Munro.
Waynesboro, Pa..	Feb. 1-15.....	Dennis Holliday..	William Smith.
Johnstown, Pa. (1)	Feb. 2-15.....	W. A. Ogden.....	Michael Walsh.
Los Angeles, Calif. (1st) .....	Feb. 4-5.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	Harold Garner.
Rittman, Ohio....	Feb. 4-15.....	Charles Ashman..	Ding Teuling.
San Diego, Calif..	Feb. 5-6.....	Gilbert Engelman.	Russell Humbert.

age attendance has increased from 30 to 70 people. Our record attendance in November was 78, in December it was 74, and on January 4 it was 71. Already our basement quarters are being filled and we are looking forward to the completion of the church auditorium.

In addition to prayer we also need a piano, chairs, hymnbooks, and other things to aid in our work.

We had a 10-day evangelistic campaign beginning December 26 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake, Ind. The Lord blessed and 16 people made first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour. During the Happy Hour period which Evangelist Ashman conducted for the children 11 more souls were brought to the Lord for salvation. In addition to these one woman confessed Christ in the home, making a total of 28 decisions for Christ

during the campaign, besides some who came indicating a desire to unite with our church.

The meeting started slow, with 30 people present, but the number gradually increased until we had 117 people at the closing service.—*Edward Clark, pastor.*

### Rittman, Ohio

An impressive watch-night service was held at the First Brethren Church with 75 people present. There were games, refreshments, and a film—"Bible on the Table." These were followed by a candle-lighting service and then prayer as the old year closed and the new year began.

Our preachers on January 4 were Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director, and Rev. John (Jack) Tee-ter, missionary under appointment for Brazil.

In connection with the morning service 5 babies were dedicated to the Lord. The pastor was in charge for the dedication of 4 of these children, and Brother Colburn was in charge for the 5th dedication, which was for the daughter of the pastor and Mrs. Ashman. Brother Colburn was at one time Mrs. Ashman's pastor, and he assisted in our wedding.—*Charles Ashman, pastor.*

### Aleppo, Pennsylvania (Sugar Grove)

We have experienced rich blessings at the Sugar Grove Union Church under the 10-day evangelistic ministry of Rev. Paul L. Mohler. Each evening he brought a surprise message to the children and followed it with a message from the Word that stirred the hearts of the people of the community.

There were some first-time deci-

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### Dedication of Babies

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# Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

## III. THE STAR OUT OF JACOB.

It was a bright, beautiful, miraculous star which led the eastern wise men to see the Christ Child. In fact, the heavenly star led to Him whose name was "Star." Without a doubt Numbers 24:17—"There shall come a Star out of Jacob"—refers prophetically to our Lord. Peter calls Him "the day star" who arises in men's hearts (II Pet. 1:19). John says Christ is "the morning star" and "the bright and morning star" (Rev. 2:28; 22:16). The "Star out of Jacob," the "day star," the morning star," and the "bright and morning star"—to what do all these similar names point?

Astrologers tell us that stars are symbols of power. But more than that they are givers of light. Christ claimed of Himself: "I am the light of the world." In Him is life and that life is the light of men. Men today are searching the heavens for answers to personal and public problems—but they fail to find the answers. Oh, that they might look

unto the "Star out of Jacob," for He alone can lead out of sin and dispel its darkness.

Christian in distress or trouble, going through "the valley of the shadow of death," look up! There shines the Day Star to cheer you on your way. Does the future look black and drear? Look up, for the Morning Star shines to lead you on your way. Yes, He—the Bright and Morning Star—will soon appear in power and in great glory. We must ever keep our hearts and our hopes fixed on this truth and on this Star—our Lord, our Light, and our Salvation.

The Star of Jacob's seed appears

To save men from their sin.

Our Day Star wipes away all tears

And draws us close to Him.

He is the promised Morning Star,

Who daily lights our way;

He's coming soon—Bright Morning Star—

To take us home for aye.

sions for Christ. The spirit of co-operation is still present since the meetings.

We preach there only 1 Sunday a month, though some of the people attend Sunday evening services at our Aleppo church. We are planning a Bible study class and a choir for the church.

This church surprised the pastor and his wife with Christmas gifts—a suit of clothes for the pastor and several gifts for his wife.—*Fred Wm. Walter, pastor.*

Spending 10 days, December 1-10, with Rev. and Mrs. Fred Walter at Aleppo, was very profitable to me. The Walters are hard workers, making many sacrifices to serve in this small community in 2 small churches. They have been here more than 6 years presenting the Gospel to the people.

Sugar Grove is about 6 miles from Aleppo. Brother Walter drove his car many miles to get the people to come under the sound of the Gospel.

God answered prayer in this cam-

paign. One man 79 years old and another 67 years old accepted Christ as Saviour. Several high-school-age young people also accepted the Lord.

The number of people in attendance gradually increased from 40 on the first night to an average of 135 for the last few nights.—*Paul L. Mohler, evangelist.*

## STAFF CHANGES AT MOODY

Mr. Philip R. Newell was recently appointed dean of student affairs at Moody Bible Institute. Prior to the appointment he had been director of the correspondence school, a part of the institute's teaching ministry.

Mr. Harold Shaw was appointed to succeed Newell in the correspondence school. Shaw had been an announcer on radio station WMBI, the Moody station. The correspondence school now offers 20 courses and has more than 10,000 students enrolled in all parts of the world.

## ENGLAND NEEDS THE GOSPEL

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Nickel, of the Sunnyside, Wash., church and now superintendents of the Child Evangelism Fellowship in the British Isles, wrote of their appreciation of the Brethren Missionary Herald and then added some things of interest and concern about conditions in England. Among other things they wrote:

"In the month of October . . . we visited a church in that city [Manchester] seating 1,700 people and at the present time there are only about 40 people present for the worship service. This is only one of the many which need help and trained workers for their Sunday school.

"We have just finished a 4-day children's campaign in the heart of London. The attendance has been at an average of 160 each evening, with 52 children having accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. . . .

"Only 8 percent of the people in Britain have any connection with the church. This makes the spiritual outlook very dark. Two of the leading missionary societies have gone bankrupt in the last few months: one with a \$12,000 debt, and the other with a \$30,000 debt. Few people are shaken by real heart-stirring messages. Giving to a faith work is almost nil. We covet your earnest prayers on behalf of the children that they may be led to Christ, and prepared for greater things for the Lord than the present generation."

Brethren, this is further evidence that the responsibility of taking the Gospel to all parts of the world is the work of Christians in the United States of America. Believers in other lands in the main are either too poor or too few to longer support missionary works beyond the confines of their own homelands.

This information ought to urge every member of the Brethren Church to more faithful praying and giving for the missionary program being sponsored by the denomination under the direction of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. The condition that prevails in England is all too prevalent in many other countries. (See statement of similar situation in France in the Herald for January 3.)

"Nevertheless," asked the Lord Jesus, "when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8).



## IT'S AN IDEA!

Now that your new year is begun, why not set aside a time one Sunday each month for an officers' meeting for your BYF. This could be held an hour before BYF, and all officers and advisers should be present. Plans can be discussed, and ideas worked out, to keep your BYF on the beam. A buffet lunch might enhance the program, and help the officers to appreciate their privileges and responsibilities!

As a youth group, subscribe to magazines such as Young Life, Youth for Christ, and Youth News-ette and keep them around your BYF meeting room, with the name of your group on them. Early arrivals might enjoy reading them. Or you might get some good ideas and information from them for your meetings. Or you might have a good, live-wire reporter glean them for outstanding, interesting items to be used in a regular Christian news-cast. Old copies might be filed in your library. Keep only current copies in your meeting room.

Appoint a "servicemen's secretary" to keep in touch with all the boys from your church who are in the armed forces, and provide him, or her, postage to send to your boys each week a church calendar, a copy of your Sunday school paper, and notes from or about your young people. Occasionally try to get all the kids to write a short note, on a special paper, to your service fellows. No fooling, they need and deserve this consideration. Be sure to check with your pastor to see that you are not duplicating activities here.

## NEWS NOTES

Young people of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church in Ashland, Ohio, are really "going to town" in a new activity program. Every other Saturday night they enjoy "club night" with games, devotions, and refreshments; and every other Sunday night they have a sing time after church at someone's home. These are in addition to their regular BYF

Miss Bertha

Kuhn poses

beside "helps"

she uses in a

television

program.



Miss Bertha Kuhn is an Ohio girl who is now serving the Lord in North Carolina, where at the present time the Brethren denomination does not have a single church.

She became acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as her personal Saviour at the Sterling, Ohio, church under the ministry of Dr. Paul R. Bauman, who was pastor of this church during his seminary days. Miss Kuhn later united with this church and is still a member there.

When Bertha Kuhn came to the Lord she came not only for salvation but also for service. For the past 8 years that service has been in inter-denominational work.

At the present time she is director of Guilford County (N. C.) Child Evangelism Fellowship. She helps in the training program for the 40 active Bible teachers who are reaching 12,000 children weekly with the Gospel.

Since May 1952 Bertha has been



telling the Bible stories on the Television Chapel (WFMY-TV each Sunday at 1 p. m., channel 2) at Greensboro, N. C. This program has been on this station for more than 2 years and is one of the most viewed programs on the channel.

The fellowship also has a weekly radio broadcast in which Miss Kuhn has a very active part (WGBG each Saturday at 9:30 a. m.). On this program, as on the television program, children from the various churches and classes of the county are often used as active participants.

Miss Kuhn says: "I thank the Lord for the Brethren Church and its testimony, message, and zeal in missionary work."

meetings preceding the Sunday night service, which have jumped in attendance to 30 and more.

Much of the New Year's Eve service at our church in Wooster, Ohio, was led by the young people, with 2 of the fellows, Richard Holmes and George Johnson, bringing short messages. A Christian film, a baptismal service, and an informal fellowship hour helped complete the program.

Ninety young people and adults crowded into the Etlings' home at Akron, Ohio, following Christmas caroling the Sunday before Christmas. Refreshments and fellowship

were enjoyed by this more-than-capacity crowd. The young people, with the choir, had presented a beautiful Christmas cantata at the evening service that same night.

Beginning this month, a complete party plan will be included with each month's BYF program materials. A Valentine party will be the first one, and it's in the mail now, with a number of program aids, to all pastors and BYF advisers whose names have been reported. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Etling have been very helpful in the providing of this new social feature.



## IS THERE ANY PRICE ON IT?

"Where did the first man come from, Mama? How did he get born?" Kent was in his pajamas, standing on his head, as he asked this question, which gave Mother a little breathing time in which she could collect her thoughts. Dorotheann and Mother had prepared the babies for bed, then turned their attention to cleaning the upstairs while the little ones played in the girls' bedroom.

"God made the first man and all people after him. Do you remember the first man's name?"

"No ma'am. You tell me."

"His name was Adam, Kent. You'd think a 5-year-old boy would know that by this time," a disgusted older sister interjected.

"Well, I'm not as old as you, Smarty. Anyway, I asked Mama."

"Now children," Mother soothed, "let's talk as Christians should. Adam was the name of the first man, dear. God made Adam perfect and put him in the Garden of Eden with Eve, the first woman. They were very happy there until Satan tempted them to sin. Then when they disobeyed God He had to put them out of the beautiful garden. Be sure to get those baseboards dusted well, Dorotheann. Get behind that high-boy, too. You can reach it better than Mother. I'm getting all the high spots. Where all the dust comes from I'll never know."

"When we die our bodies will turn to dust, won't they?" The little voice came from underneath the bed this time. Kent was hunting for his ball. "How many matters can he have on his mind at one time?" Mother asked herself. A ball, and our bodies turning to dust when we die!

"Come out from under the bed if you really want an answer."

"I can hear you, Mama. It's fun under here. I just love to scare Althea."

"You can't scare me. I know you're there. Jesus is going to give us a new body someday. Will I be a boy then?" The 3 year-old package of "dynamite" was draped over her

bed trying to catch hold of her brother's foot.

"No, Althea, you'll not be a boy when the Lord Jesus Christ changes our bodies. But your body will be perfect, with no sickness ever, and best of all, no sin." With a sigh of longing for this knowledge and hope to become a fact, Mother polished the floor a bit harder as she hummed, "O Lord Jesus, how long, how long ere we shout the glad song, Christ returneth! Hallelujah! hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen."

Seated now on the bed with a most beguiling expression on his little face, Kent propounded his final



question of the evening. "Mama," his eyes were thoughtful and trusting, "is there any price on it? I mean how much will it cost for us to get a new body?"

"Nothing," came the too-quick answer. "Our new bodies will cost us nothing. Money could never buy what only God could do for mankind. Jesus paid it all."

Suddenly the awful cost of her salvation swept over Mother. Work stopped as she gathered 4 of her jewels around her on the bed. "Kent, there is a price on our new bodies. But the price is not money. The price was the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus. In Old Testament times people shed the blood of bulls and goats which just covered their sins until God, in 'the fullness of the time . . . sent forth his Son' (Gal. 4:4), the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for your sin. You can't understand all about that price yet, little fellow. You are a little young yet to comprehend the enormity of the price. Mommie doesn't understand the fullness of that price

either," came the added thought. "All I can tell you is what you've already heard—Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. He paid the price of our salvation. Now you tell me what we must do in order to be saved."

"I know," Sharon almost shouted. "'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.' Ha, I beat you that time, Paul Kent."

"I know that verse, too. I don't care that you beat me. I'm tired. And I'm saved, too. I believe that Jesus died for me and I love Him."

Sweeping a very precious little boy up in her arms, Mother carried him to his bed in the "boys' dormitory" under this roof. She gave the little lad an extra kiss and hug. Kent didn't understand his mother's heart as she held him close. So many lessons I've learned from these precious children, she thought. A new appreciation of the words of the Lord Jesus was hers. He said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). What Kent knows and has already experienced of salvation at the tender age of 5 is greater wisdom than all the philosophical cogitations of men. Natural man cannot think in terms of God's ways because "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14).

The price of salvation for you was enormous. Will you become as a little child and accept that salvation which is so freely offered, yet which cost the Son of God His very life's blood? "Behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

### BUDGET FOR 1953 INCREASED

The American Bible Society has released its budget for 1953. It totals \$3,166,000, the largest in the history of the society. This budget was presented and explained to the advisory council in its annual meeting in New York recently. The council voted to adopt it.

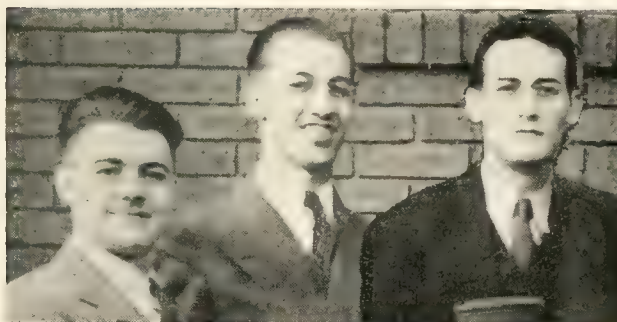
In explaining the reason for the greatly increased budget at this time it was pointed out that the principal reason was "the increased distribution of Scriptures among the armed forces" of the United Nations, especially those now engaged in the war in Korea.



# The Brethren Missionary Herald



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*The Graduates of the Seminary and Collegiate Division—1952*

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# EDITORIALS

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

## *Do You "Send Forth Labourers"?*

By the time this issue of the Herald reaches you, some will have given their annual offering for the work of Grace Seminary; others will be giving theirs in a few days. What have YOU done? Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). Yet the Bible recognizes the necessity for a proper balance between prayer and work, for we also read, "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15). It is evident that the man who fulfills the Lord's commands will not only pray, but he will also pay. He will pay for the separation and training of preachers, and he will pay to send them forth "into his [the Lord's] harvest." Christian, are you doing both?

## *Do You Need Monthly Plan Envelopes?*

Pastors, now is a good time to check up and see if your supply of the little yellow packets of envelopes for the monthly finance plan is exhausted. If so, a post card addressed to the seminary will bring as many as you request. Write us now if you need them. And here's a suggestion to those of you who have an ample supply. Keep the packets up to date by rearranging them so that each packet begins with the current month.

## *The Second Annual Alumni Conference*

Whether you are a former student of Grace Theological Seminary or not, you are cordially invited to attend the alumni conference which is to be conducted at the seminary February 24-27 inclusive. See the alumni page for a more detailed announcement of the program. Pastors, for your own spiritual needs and for the benefit to your ministry, you need this conference. Plan to attend.

## *Important Notice to All Pastors and Laymen*

The seminary's February issue of the Herald will be devoted almost exclusively to an evaluation and analysis of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This revision has been the subject of much controversial discussion and editorial comment throughout the country since it was introduced by its publishers. Every Christian should be informed concerning this Bible and its dangers. In the issue for February 28 each member of the seminary faculty will contribute an article dealing with some special phase of the problem. To care for the added number of articles the seminary section of the

magazine will be increased in size, and extra copies will be printed. Because of the importance of the subject the magazine should be circulated far and wide. Churches or individuals desiring extra copies may obtain them by writing to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind. Orders must reach their office not later than February 14. The price for extra copies is 5c a copy for single copies and 3c a copy when 10 or more copies are included in one order to be sent to one address.

## *Our Cover Pictures*

Fifteen years of God's blessing and provision for Grace Theological Seminary are depicted briefly but eloquently on the front of the magazine this week. From the first quarters in the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, to the lovely new building and campus valued at a half million dollars, and from the first graduating class of 3 to the most recent combined graduating classes of 33, there has been a steady growth. The pictures are emblematic of what God hath wrought through your prayers and gifts. And, by the way, lest you failed to recognize them, the 1938 graduating class was composed of Robert Miller, now pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, of Roanoke, Va.; Kenneth Ashman, now pastor of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio; and Russell Williams, now pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Yakima, Wash.

## *Lovers of Pleasure*

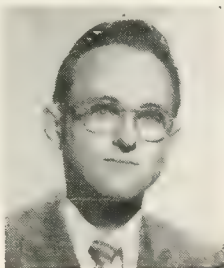
Among the signs that are to characterize the last days, just before the return of Jesus Christ to this world, is that described in II Timothy 3:2-4: "Men shall be . . . lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." This lust for pleasure is to be world-wide. Little comment is necessary about it in the United States, with its multiplied thousands of theaters, roadhouses, amateur and professional sports of all kinds, radio and television programs, etc., etc. The significant fact is the presence of reports that constantly come to us from other countries, some of which were poverty-stricken as a result of World War II. In Italy, for example, educators are disturbed by the report that Italians spent \$120 million on amusements in 1950—just twice what they spent before the war. Entertainment spending in 1950, plus \$64 million spent on gambling, added up to more than all Italy spent during the same year on rent. Christian people ought to watch the extent to which they permit themselves to be carried away by the spirit of a pleasure-mad age. Are any of these pleasures robbing you of the time you ought to be using in the service of your Lord?

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## CHAPEL MESSAGES

*December 20.* Classes were shifted to allow the special Christmas chapel service to occupy the final hour before noon—the final hour of school at Grace Seminary for 1952. In presenting the speaker for the hour our president expressed his appreciation for each of the members of the faculty and his pleasure in the realization that each has a pure message to deliver when asked to speak. We agreed and then partook of an excellent meal from the Word delivered by our beloved Prof. Herbert Bess. It was a Christmas message, of course, and, as would be expected from the Hebrew professor, was from the prophetic pages of the Old Testament.



Bill Burk

*January 6.* The first chapel service of the new year was one of wide blessing both in relation to time and theology. It included all of time (past, present, and future) and centered around the "Threefold Ministry of Christ" (prophetic, priestly, and kingly). Rev. H. B. Centz, friend of the seminary and president of Grace Institute for Biblical Education in Oklahoma City, was the speaker. His final exclamation, after speaking of the symbols on the Grace Theological Seminary seal, was a tribute to our Lord, "the King of kings and Lord of lords."

*January 7.* In the praise and prayer chapel service the items of praise were varied and Christ-honoring. Four of the graduating seniors expressed appreciation for their years at Grace. "One doesn't know how little one knows until he's a senior," says Sib Edmiston, of Long Beach. There was praise for the varied opportunities for witnessing which occurred during Christmas vacation, such as witnessing in local jails, to a former business partner, home-town churches, etc. All in all, it was the feeling of most students that though there weren't many presents, it was the best Christmas yet.

## CHICKENPOX

To have chickenpox is bad enough, but to have it on Christmas is terrible. Nevertheless such was the fate of members of at least 4 local families this year. Those stricken included children of students, professors, alumni and church members. But the Lord blessed in spite of the "spots" and no serious after-effects followed.

## SEMINARY SIDELIGHTS

Dennis Price, of Long Beach, watched disgustedly as the indicator on the heat gauge of his big Cadillac moved into the boiling range one morning when the temperature outside hit zero! How can these things be? Oh the ignorance of a Californian!

Leonard Meznar, of Cleveland, Ohio, stumbled into the building one cold Indiana morning with crimson cheeks and ears but with a warm cap—his close-cut black hair. Doesn't he know it's cold here when one year gives way to another?

We were amazed to learn that Russ Irwin was living at Winona Lake 4 days a week and spending the other 3 with his medical-student wife a couple hundred miles away in Indianapolis. However, this seems mild alongside of the handsome professor who gave a ring at Christmas to a young lady who is spending the winter 2,000 miles away in California. Congratulations, Professor Whitcomb.

## NEWS FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

I'm sure all will agree that the families receiving the most precious Christmas gifts were the Russell Sarvers and the Wallace Geigers. Sandra Dawn Sarver, weighing 7 pounds, arrived December 11, and Nancy Joy Geiger, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, arrived December 18.

## WOMEN IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Florent Toirac, returned missionary from Haiti, presently engaged in child evangelism in the public schools, and student here at Grace, was the Seminary Women's Fellowship speaker for December. Before giving her suggestions to pastors' wives on their work with children of the church, Mrs. Toirac stressed first being personally right with God and second, proper training of those in your own household before attempting to work with the children of others. Children will know if you're not practicing what you teach and why should you expect other children to believe and obey what your own children give no evidence of believing.

As a children's worker, whether in a denominational or interdenominational work, Mrs. Toirac warned that we're certain to be faced with the statement that children are too young to understand. A child as young as 2 is taught to believe in Santa Claus but a child of 3 or 4 times that age is regarded as too young to understand anything of the Bible. Mrs. Toirac pointed out a verse of Scripture that not only answers this argument but could well make seminary parents stop and think—Isaiah 28:9, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts."

## WHITE CHRISTMAS

Although some of the students from the west coast were disappointed because there was no snow for Christmas, those students living close enough to go to homes of friends and relatives were most grateful at not having to slip and slide the miles from Grace to their destinations. The weather during the 2 weeks of vacation, though cold, was mostly free from snow and ice. Incidentally, as school reconvened, the swans were still out on the lake—in fact, they were walking on it!







*Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hamilton examine rare volumes in the library at Grace Theological Seminary.*

Grace Seminary library is a storehouse of surprises in the field of unusual books. This was brought home to me when, while seeking research materials on Isaiah, I noticed an old book bound with a colorful old illuminated manuscript. The Latin letters were in Gothic characters, similar to modern Old English. Inspection of the book's contents made it plain that here was an unusually interesting antique book. It was

## *Sebastian Munster's "Commentary on Isaiah"*

Munster (1498-1552) entered the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church and became a follower of Luther in 1529, teaching in the University of Basle (Switzerland) from 1536 to 1552. He was the first German to edit the Hebrew Bible. Between 1534 and 1540 Munster's various commentaries on Old Testament books appeared from the press of Henrichum Petrum in Basle. The fact that the seminary library copy bears Henrichum Petrum's imprint suggests that this is a 16th-century printing. The book has Massoretic Hebrew and Septuagint Greek texts of Isaiah in parallel columns on the right-hand pages and Sebastian Munster's commentary, accompanied by another one, in 2 columns on the left-hand page.

## *John Buxtorf's "Tiberias"*

Though of slight interest today, this book, when published in 1620, set off a very hot theological and scholastic argument among Hebrew scholars. John Buxtorf the elder (born 1564) was the first Protestant to study rabbinical writings. Buxtorf had such a "profound and extensive knowledge of rabbinical books, that he was frequently consulted by Jews themselves on matters relating to their ceremonial law. Probably no Protestant scholar ever possessed so complete a knowledge of . . . the rabbinical writings as Buxtorf. . . ."

Buxtorf's "Tiberias" was so named because it dealt with the grammatical work of an early school of Jewish scholars located at Tiberias. In the book Buxtorf maintained that the Hebrew vowel points (added in the 5th century and later by Jewish scholars called the Massoretes) were divinely inspired and of an early age. Cappellus, a famed 16th century theologian, said the vowel points were of late origin and not divinely inspired. Buxtorf tried to get Cappellus not to publish such statements but Cappellus did. Buxtorf the elder never re-

plied, but John Buxtorf, Jr., later replied in sharp language and argued that if the Hebrew vowel points did not date to the time of Moses they dated to Ezra's time and had the authority of divine inspiration. To this day most Hebrew students agree with Cappellus rather than with the Buxtorfs.

The seminary library copy has the date MDCXXX (1620), suggesting that the copy might be a first edition.

## *Bibles and Portions*

These include a 1635 printing of the Hebrew Bible edited by the great 17th-century rabbi and Jewish scholar, Manasseh ben Israel. The Bible has vowel points, but there are no chapter and verse divisions. There is also a 1683 printing of the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) from an Amsterdam press. The library also has a 1615 edition of the King James Bible, with "Booke of Common Prayer" and Bible concordance printed in 1619.

Recently in sorting some books to be cataloged I found a vest pocket John printed in English and a strange language. Investigation showed that it was a John printed in English and Mohawk Indian. The seminary copy is the 1804, or first printing, of the first translation ever printed and issued by the British Foreign and Missionary Society. The translating was done by an Indian.

## *1658 Vulgate*

This is the Latin Bible made by Jerome in the 4th and 5th centuries. This is the officially approved edition of the Bible endorsed by the Catholic Church. The seminary library's 1658 Vulgate is interesting for it is the disputed amended edition which Pope Clement VIII issued but which was a spurious version of Pope Sixtus V's edition.

Impure texts of the Vulgate freely circulated in the 16th century. So in 1587 Pope Sixtus V commissioned some scholars to purify the Vulgate text. Their result was published in 1590, the year Sixtus V died. Other scholars influenced succeeding popes to decree the 1590 (true Sixtus V's) edition unofficial until textual errors were corrected. "Finally Clement VIII in 1592 published this amended work of Sixtus V, affirming in the preface, contrary to the facts of history, that it was the edition of Sixtus V." In those days copyrights could not be had to assure purity of Bible version texts (as done



with the Revised Standard Version of 1952) but by means of strict censorship by the Roman hierarchy the text of Clement VIII's edition of Sixtus V's version of Jerome's translation of the Bible has been kept uncorrupted (?).

#### *Dr. Paul Bauman's Luther Commentary and Sower Bible*

It is hoped that eventually the seminary library will have a glass case to display its antique books. When the case is obtained, Dr. Paul Bauman plans to loan Grace Seminary library 2 unique books.

The first is the 1559 printing of the 12th volume of Martin Luther's 20-volume work published in Wittenberg during 1539-1559, by order of John Frederick, elector of Saxony. The 12th volume, which Dr. Bauman owns, has Luther's commentary on Galatians and Ecclesiastes plus many of Luther's anti-papal and anti-Catholic polemic writings.

The title page of this thick book, printed on large pages in big type, is printed in red and black ink. There

is a cut which shows Luther and a colleague worshipping a crucified Christ. This 1559 printing may be a first edition of the work. The cover is tooled vellum and the volume is held shut by means of metal clasps.

The other item is a Christopher Sower Bible, first printed in Germantown, Pa., in 1743. It was printed in German by means of type cast in a matrix forged at Sower's machine shop by one of Sower's employees. The Sower Bible was printed 40 years "before Robert Aitken published the first English Bible in America." The Sower Bible is of particular interest due to Christopher Sower's prominence in the early Germantown Dunkard congregation.

Thus it can be seen that the seminary library is not as big as the Library of Congress (what, then, would Mrs. Hamilton and I do?), yet the library can supply users of it with much of historical value in Biblical fields. More than one seminary student, gathering material for a critical monograph, has been surprised to find very useful research books on the shelves.



## WHY I AM INTERESTED IN GRACE SEMINARY

By Rev. Walter A. Lepp

*Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.*

Quite frequently this pastor has been asked: "Why the interest in Grace Seminary? Are there not other good Christian seminaries and colleges? Furthermore you are not even a graduate of Grace, are you?"

What a joy and pride it is in a time like that to answer something like this: "No, it has not been my privilege to attend Grace Seminary. I wish, though, it would have been. And let me tell you just why I encourage not only my own young people to attend Grace but young people of other denominations as well.

"First of all, Grace Seminary from its very beginning has been missionary-conscious. It has therefore specialized in this field and it is no wonder that consecrated young people thoroughly prepared for the particular task of taking the Gospel to the unconverted everywhere graduate from Grace. And believe you me, this is not just hearsay. The first 2 young people to go as missionaries from the Hagerstown church were also the first 2 young people from the same church to attend Grace. You see, it really works, for now these 2 young people, Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler, are missionaries in Argentina. Isn't it just thrilling that the prayers and gifts made to Grace Theological Seminary are contributions to the wishes of the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'

"But this is not all, by any means. Grace Theological Seminary is distinctly a Brethren institution. All the great doctrines of the Christian faith, which include the practices of the Brethren Church, have been written into its charter and can never be 'changed or diminished.' If I didn't believe as pastor what Grace Seminary stands

for and teaches, I would most certainly resign as a Brethren pastor immediately. But since I do believe what Grace stands for, and since I do believe that its message is the message America particularly needs in these apostate days, I rejoice in directing young people to Grace Seminary. I know that they will graduate with a holy zeal for the lost souls of men. They will either go as missionaries abroad, or they will be missionaries here at home. And the need for well-prepared missionaries and pastors and evangelists here at home is right now the greatest in the history of our great nation. We must have men and women with a real conviction and a thorough knowledge of the Word of God. Grace Seminary produces men and women just like that. The Hagerstown church has 2 other young people now in training at Grace, and they are thrilled with the training they are receiving. They are anxiously awaiting graduation day, when they can join the ranks of others who have become flaming evangelists for Christ.

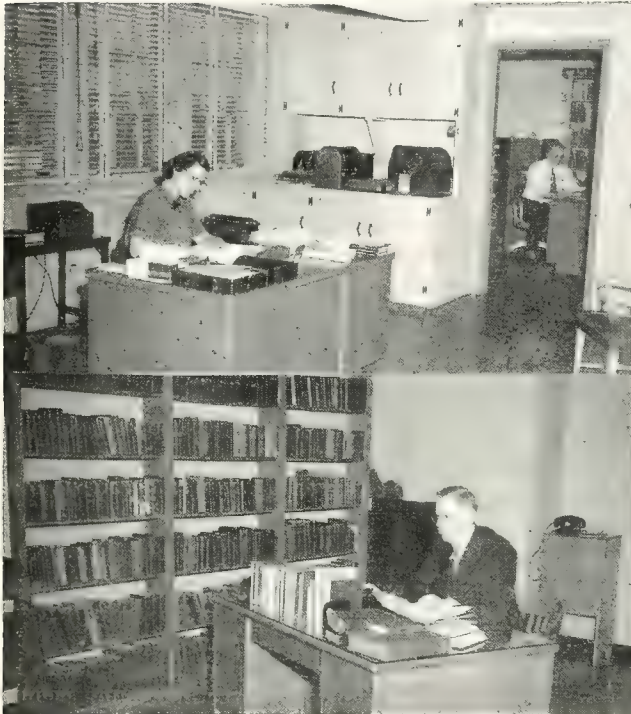
"As pastor, I can clearly see what Grace Seminary means to the church in which I am privileged to minister. I can see what it means to the future welfare of the Brethren Church. It is its very life and guarantee that there will be a strong church tomorrow and until Christ returns.

"You are right! I have not attended Grace Seminary. But I certainly wish I might have that privilege. However, since that seems to be quite impossible at such a late stage in my life, the very least I can do is to pray, to give, and to urge all who can attend to take advantage of one of the greatest opportunities that can possibly come to a Christian young person."



# WE ALSO HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR GIFTS

*Note: Some may not have realized the extent to which their gifts for the seminary have helped some other aspects of our Brethren work. This page presents for the first time pictures of some of the offices which are in the seminary building, but which care for the needs of other boards. In addition to these offices the building is home to the Winona Lake Brethren Church. While there is no charge to any of the boards or to the local church for their quarters, each of them makes some contribution to the school every year. Office space has been provided without any cost to the Brethren Youth Council because of its vital relation to the educational program of the denomination. That all are happy over the relationship is evident from the following items, and do not forget that your gifts help make this possible.—P. R. B.*



*Above—Central office of the Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Marcia Lowe at desk. Dr. Barnard sits at the desk in his private office. Miss Reddick's office is not in the picture. She was on vacation when the picture was taken.*

*Below—Rev. Koontz at his desk in pastor's study.*

## WE TOO HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR GIFTS

By Herman W. Koontz  
Pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church

The Winona Lake Brethren Church greatly appreciates the fine new building that your gifts have made possible. For a number of years the church was without adequate room for expansion. The Sunday school could not divide its classes properly, and the room where church services were held was far too small for the weekly attendance. For worship services the new building has a beautiful chapel which is large enough to accommodate the present attendance. Then there is the much larger auditorium that can be used when the attendance becomes too large for the chapel. Most of the rooms of the building are available for the Sunday school, thus making it possible to departmentalize and to divide classes according to ages. A well-equipped kitchen is handy when needed by the various organiza-

tions for their social functions. Next to the chapel is the church office which gives the pastor a day-by-day contact with all the students.

The church is grateful for the opportunity of ministering spiritually to the young people whom you send to the seminary, who are away from home and out of personal contact with their own churches. These students are a help and blessing to the church, and it is the desire of the church to be a blessing to them in return.

## WE'RE GLAD FOR YOUR GIFTS TO THE SEMINARY

By Russell D. Barnard  
Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church appreciates very much the privilege of having its offices in the Grace Seminary Building. We have a suite of 3 pleasant rooms, as well as an abundance of storage space. The contributions which we make to seminary maintenance expense are in no way comparable to what our costs would be in owning our own building.

We feel we are at headquarters, in that most missionaries spend a part of their furlough at Winona Lake; most future missionaries receive training here, and pastors and laymen from the various churches frequently visit us. Such visitors are always cordially welcome.

We have such pleasant Christian fellowship here in the seminary building. Daily we are in contact with those who will be our leaders in future years. This is a distinct advantage.

Benefit from your gifts? Yes, in a very real way we do benefit from your gifts to Grace Theological Sem-



*Congregation of Winona Lake Brethren Church.*



inary, and we thank you for them. We can only give the finest words of commendation for the work the school is doing. The seminary merits your continued support.

## PRAISE GOD FOR OUR NEW OFFICES!

By L. L. Grubb

*Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council*

Did you ever try to transact a \$100,000 business in \$500 worth of office space? Did you ever stumble over a box of envelopes and fall against the file cabinet and in the process of recovering bump your elbow on the bookcase? Did you ever look in vain for a spot to store important materials? Did you ever desire privacy for important conferences?

Until a short time ago the business of the Brethren Home Missions Council had been transacted under severe physical handicaps. Often it was impossible to efficiently handle the growing weight of detail work because of lack of office space. Strict privacy was unknown.

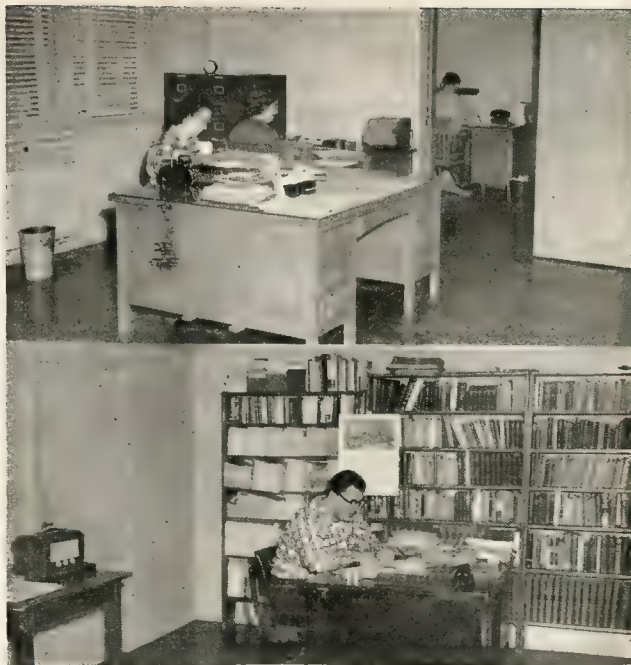
Now, for the first time, we have adequate quarters in our spacious and beautiful offices in the Grace Seminary building at Winona Lake, Ind. Much needed storage space has been made available and physical comforts which add immeasurably to the conducting of the Lord's business. If these offices had not been provided through the gifts and prayers of the Lord's people which have made our new seminary building possible, our growing home mission work would have necessitated the construction of our own office space.

So the directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council have ample cause to thank God for new and satisfactory office facilities. This is just one important angle in Grace Seminary's contribution to Brethren home missions. It is almost unnecessary to mention the scores of young men and women who are working successfully in home mission fields after being trained in our school, or our almost daily contact with the students who are now in preparation.

There is indeed a twofold reason for giving generously to our seminary offering this month and this just from the home mission standpoint. We urge each member and friend of the Brethren Church to earnestly pray and liberally give to support one of the finest seminaries in our great nation.



*Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director of the Brethren Church, at his desk in the National Youth Council office.*



*Above—Central office of the Home Missions Council, Miss Louise Blankenship and Mrs. Cashel Taylor at desks. Mr. Frank Poland is in his office to the right.*

*Below—Edwin Cashman, office assistant, in the National Youth Council office.*

## WE OWE A DEBT TO GRACE SEMINARY, TOO

By Ralph J. Colburn

*Brethren Youth Director*

It was not my privilege to receive my theological training in Grace Seminary, but, believe me, I certainly appreciate what our school is giving our young people who are enrolled there. But there are other ways in which I am indebted to our school, and the youth council which I represent is indebted.

First of all, we are grateful that the seminary provides us with a splendid, spacious office—something we were really lacking before the new building was constructed. I'm gone so much that I don't get to use my office often, but I still appreciate it greatly. Along with the office we use some seminary equipment—an old typewriter and their mimeograph machine—equipment that we've not been able to afford, but without which we'd be lost.

Then I get my office assistants from Grace Seminary's student body. Charles Ashman, Jr., was my first helper, then Clair Brickel, and now Edwin Cashman. We can't pay them much, but we do try to give them good experience, and they are indispensable to the youth council. We're thankful that we can draw upon them for help, and help them a little, too.

And, of course, part of my work is keeping in touch with our young people who will be our future ministers, missionaries, and evangelists. It is vital to me that these contacts be maintained at the school where so many of them finish their formal training. I'm thankful that the seminary helps make this possible. We're trying to repay our debt to the seminary for these things in various ways, and we hope you'll share this responsibility with us by your faithful and generous support of the school.



# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Edited by Rev. Wesley Haller, Vice President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association

## OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

This is the final opportunity to remind you of the annual offering for Grace Seminary. As was stated last month, the success of this offering depends in a large measure upon the efforts of our alumni. It is the hope of your officers that each of you has done what you can to make this the largest offering in the history of the school. If there was ever a time when sacrificial giving is manifested, it should be now. There are many projects that need to be completed immediately so that the school can train our young people more efficiently. And we as alumni can do much by giving what we had planned, and then doubling that amount. Thank you for your interest which is manifested by your gifts.

## ALUMNI REUNION

The most important news just now is the announcement of the second annual alumni reunion at Grace Seminary next month. That's right, next month, from Tuesday, February 24, through Friday evening, February 27. The seminary has very kindly consented to dismiss classes for this week so that student and alumnus might have time for real fellowship one with the other.

An interesting program has been planned. There will be at least 20 different speakers during these days. Each day will have its special emphasis. On Tuesday the emphasis will be on the Man of God; Wednesday, on the Gospel of God; Thursday the central theme will be the Pastoral Ministry; and Friday the day will be devoted to the Prophetic Ministry.

Each afternoon a paper is to be read, which will be followed by a period devoted to a discussion of the paper. Several examples of these papers are, "The Place of Prophecy in the Preaching of Today," by Charles Ashman, Jr., and "The Evangelist in a Big City," by John Aeby.

Kenneth Teague, Charles Turner, and others will speak at the evening services. Each evening's program will be culminated with pictures of the Holy Land, being shown by Bernard Schneider, John Whitcomb, and Milton Dowden.

The outstanding event of the whole week will be the alumni banquet on Thursday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the Eskimo Inn (who doesn't like to eat????!!):

This brief information should cause you to realize the spiritual feast that can be yours if you will attend the reunion. The faculty and your officers have tried to arrange an outstanding program. Let's show our appreciation by being in attendance next month. It is certain that you'll receive some new ideas that will make your ministry and service for the Lord Jesus Christ more fruitful. See you in Winona next month.

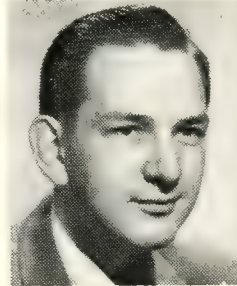
## AN APPEAL

This month we wish to make a twofold appeal. (1) For news, news, news. If you have any information that would be of interest to the alumni, please, please, send us that information today. (2) In behalf of the treasurer, information has come to your editor that some of you have not paid your dues of one dollar for this year;

this is true in spite of all efforts that have been made to collect it. Won't you care for this matter immediately? Send it to Paul Mohler, Listie, Pa.

## ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

Our alumnus chosen for recognition this month is the new pastor of the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, John Dilling, class of 1952.



John Dilling

John is another representative of the Keystone State (do you remember some of the discussions when you were in school as to which State was better: Pennsylvania or California?). John graduated from the Lewistown (Pa.) High School, and entered Juniata College. At his fourth year he transferred to Wheaton College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Before entering the seminary the following September he was married. John spent 3 years at Grace, graduating last spring with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. During his years of education he had numerous opportunities to supply various pulpits in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

For a number of years John was a member of the Calvary Bible Church in Lewistown, Pa. In August of 1952 he and his wife were received into the membership of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. He has been pastor of the Canton church for only a few months, but indications are that his ministry is already proving a real blessing to the people there. Don't forget to pray for John.

## NEW INSTRUMENT FOR CRITICAL STUDY



Yes, Grace Seminary has a new instrument for critical study—but not of Scripture passages such as those that have been causing the seniors to lose a considerable amount of sleep. In this case it's a new microscope which has come to the school as a gift of Instructor and Mrs. George Cone, Jr. Along with the scope they have given \$40 worth of slides and specimens for study in the course, a Survey of Biological Sciences, which Brother Cone teaches. Bro. Frank Poland had a share in the gift by building a box for the new microscope. The task of equipping a new building is big and the cost is great. Such gifts are greatly appreciated.



## SAVED BY A BURNED-OUT HEADLIGHT

By Harold F. Morr

*Note—Brother Morr is a member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church in Ashland, Ohio, and is a senior in the seminary.—Ed.*

It is no pleasant feeling to look beside you and see a state highway patrolman flashing the lights of his car to stop you. But it had happened to me. So, as I pulled off the road and pulled up my courage, I greeted the officer kindly. While chatting with him I mentioned that I was a minister of the Gospel and that he was also a minister of God (Rom. 13:4). He was surprised but exclaimed, "I arrest all kinds—rabbi, priest, or minister." He seemed to be in no hurry and our conversation lasted almost half an hour. By the way, my offense was a burned-out headlight.



Harold F. Morr

As I pulled away I wondered why I was delayed so long. Soon I was to find out. It meant salvation for one who was ready and willing for someone to encourage him to accept Christ.

My next stop was for gas. As I left the station I noticed a tall young man about 17 walk across the street and begin to hail a ride. He accepted my invitation and we were soon talking about his interests and, especially, his football injuries.

He was riding only a few miles so I knew I ought to ask him at once about his religious life. He said that he was a Catholic. After a few questions I knew he was in ignorance of Catholic doctrine. As we drove along I remembered another visit I had made earlier in the evening where I learned of a special revival meeting for 1 night only. This church was directly on my route.

By this time we had arrived in front of the church. I said, "Say, what are you doing tonight?" Harold said, "Why, not much of anything." I said, "This church is having a special meeting tonight and I would like to have you go." "Why," he said, "I was brought up in that church. My parents go there."

Upon mentioning salvation to him he said he had been

under conviction many times in that church even to the point of holding on to the pew to keep from going forward. He said he would go to the meeting and accept Christ that night. Better yet, he decided to accept Christ right there in the car and with his hand on the Bible he prayed the sinner's prayer. He left the car and walked into the church a new man as I continued my journey with a new joy in my heart. Traveling along I thought of the couplet:

*In the morning I see His grace,  
In the evening His ways I trace.*

As I thought of the incident I began to trace the steps which at the time seemed insignificant—hearing about the meeting, the delay by the patrolman, the stop for gas, and the prospect ready for his decision.

## GRACE SEMINARY OFFERING REPORT—DECEMBER

Church	Amount
Albany, Oreg.	\$15.68
Alexandria, Va.	39.00
Altoona, Pa. (1st)	1.00
Ashland, Ohio	52.50
Berne, Ind.	247.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1.00
Canton, Ohio	5.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	37.00
Clay City, Ind.	24.00
Clayton, Ohio	59.00
Compton, Calif.	9.00
Conemaugh, Pa.	48.00
Covington, Va.	28.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	11.00
Dallas Center, Iowa	7.00
Danville, Ohio	215.00
Dayton, Ohio (1st)	10.00
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	25.00
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	43.00
Everett, Pa.	13.00
Findlay, Ohio	4.00
Flora, Ind.	90.55
Fort Wayne, Ind.	101.00
Fremont, Ohio	72.00
Garwin, Iowa	9.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	34.75
Holidaysburg, Pa.	20.00
Homerville, Ohio	16.00
Jenners, Pa.	27.29
Johnstown, Pa. (1st)	181.00
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	29.00
Kittanning, Pa.	39.45
Lake Odessa, Mich.	24.00
Leon, Iowa	52.00
Limestone, Tenn.	9.00
Listie, Pa.	5.00
Long Beach, Calif. (1st)	472.75
Long Beach, Calif. (2d)	117.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (1st)	76.00
Middlebranch, Ohio	15.00
Modesto, Calif.	25.00
Peru, Ind.	11.00
Portland, Oreg.	14.05
Radford, Va.	9.00
Rittman, Ohio	32.25
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	22.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	46.00
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	16.00
San Bernardino, Calif.	25.50
Seattle, Wash.	300.00
Sidney, Ind.	28.00
South Bend, Ind.	1.00
South Gate, Calif.	2.00
South Pasadena, Calif.	2.00
Summit Mills, Pa.	8.00
Sunnyside, Wash.	1.00
Troy, Ohio	9.00
Uniontown, Pa.	10.50
Waterloo, Iowa	62.50
Waynesboro, Pa.	9.00
Whittier, Calif.	124.00
Whittier, Calif., Special	25.00
Winchester, Va.	55.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	422.35
Winona Lake, Ind., Special	264.59
Yakima, Wash.	122.30
Yellow Creek, Pa.	21.00
Miscellaneous—	
Isolated Brethren	251.00
Non-Brethren	268.00
Non-Brethren, Special	10.00
Winona Church, Building Upkeep	500.00
Special Student Offering	187.22

Total—General, \$4,682.42; Special, \$486.81..... \$5,169.23

## VISUAL AIDS IN THE SEMINARY



Visual aids are used in many of the seminary and collegiate classes of Grace Theological Seminary.



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SMM.....Miss Helen Small  
Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Home Missions.....Luther L. Grubb  
Box 395, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Grace Seminary.....Paul R. Bauman  
Winona Lake, Ind.

The Altoona, Pa., First church, of which Rev. Mark Malles is pastor, is broadcasting its Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock over WRTA.

The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches is planning an overnight rally for the young people at the Meyersdale, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Leslie Moore, February 13-14.

Dr. James Boyer spoke twice at the Ashland, Ohio, church January 4 concerning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor of the church.

Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, now of Waterloo, Iowa, has accepted the pastorate of the Whittier, Calif., First church, effective April 12.

Rev. Ralph Rambo has moved from Modesto, Calif., to 4817 N. Bartlett, Rosemead, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

Dr. Charles Ashman will serve the South Pasadena, Calif., church as interim pastor until a full-time pastor is secured. He will continue to live in Los Angeles at his home and will be available for special meetings after July 1.

Bro. J. E. Dangerfield, of the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church, died December 30.

On a recent Sunday the Paramount, Calif., church, pastored by Rev. John Mayes, had 121 people in Sunday school. This is the record high for this new church.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Dennis Holliday, broadcasts "News and Views" each Saturday at 7:15 a. m. on WCHA. This church has erected a large sign announcing the church on the main highway approaching the city from the south.

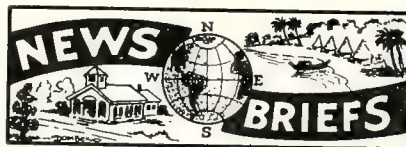
The Limestone, Tenn., church gave a surprise shower upon its pastor

and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Randall Rossman, and then the church gave Dr. Rossman a unanimous call to continue another year as pastor.

The Middlebranch, Ohio, church, pastored by Rev. Edward Lewis, will be host to the district rally of the Women's Missionary Council and the district ministerial meeting January 26. Miss Gene Baron spoke there on January 11 and Rev. Bernard Schneider is scheduled to speak and show pictures February 3.

The young people of the Kittanning, Pa., First church conducted a program over local radio WACB January 14. Pastor of the church is Rev. Gordon Bracker.

The special Christmas offering at the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church was sufficient to liquidate the debt on the organ. Rev. James Beatty is pastor of this church.



Rev. D. F. Eikenberry, retired and now living with his son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Williams, Yakima, Wash., is gradually recovering from a serious illness, but is still confined to the house.

The laymen of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches are planning to hold a rally at the Radford, Va., church February 6. Rev. K. E. Richardson is pastor of the host church.

Dr. Herman Hoyt, of Winona Lake, preached at the Baptist church in Warsaw, Ind., January 11.

Dr. Homer Kent, of Winona Lake, preached at the Palestine, Ind., Christian church January 11.

Rev. and Mrs. William Samarin, at Bozoum, Africa, became the parents of a daughter, Ramona, January 8.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Russell Weber, will hold a "Back to the Bible" rally January 30, with Dr. Alva J. McClain, of Winona Lake, as the speaker. Rev. H. W. Modricker spoke at this church January 11.

Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, of Buena Vista, Va., preached at the Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights church, of which Rev. W. Carl Miller is pastor, January 11.

Rev. W. Carl Miller has moved to 1317 Aspen St., NW., Roanoke, Va. (Change Annual, p. 70.) The phone number remains the same.

A quote from the Glendale, Calif., church bulletin: "Rev. Charles Underwood has accepted our unanimous call to become pastor here, contingent upon his acceptance as a Brethren elder in the district."

At the Hagerstown, Md., church during 1952 the average Sunday school attendance was 371, morning worship was 256, evening service was 195, and the midweek service was 113.

Bro. Wilbur Charnetsky was the preacher at the Cheyenne, Wyo., church December 28, and Bro. W. K. Nevill was the speaker January 4. Rev. C. Wayne Croker is pastor of the church.

The churches of the Roanoke, Va., area opened the new year with conferences on Jewish missions. Rev. Daniel Fuchs spoke at the Ghent church January 4-5. Rev. Emil Gruen spoke at the same church January 6-7, at the Washington Heights church January 8, and at the Clearbrook, Va., church January 9-11.

Mrs. Russell Barnard, of Winona Lake, underwent an operation for the removal of a goiter January 12. At this writing she is in the hospital at Columbia City, Ind., but expects to be home before the readers see this notice.

Miss Dorothy Magnuson, office secretary of Grace Theological Seminary, underwent surgery at Columbia City January 9. She expects to be back in Winona Lake by the time this is read.

Robert Miller, Jr., eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Miller, of Roanoke, Va., is seriously ill with a kidney disorder.

Mrs. Keith Altig and Steven are scheduled to arrive in New York City the day this is being written (January 14) by airplane. They will make brief visits at Fort Wayne and Winona Lake in Indiana, and then will go to California, where the Altig girls—Janice and Jean—are now living and attending school. Brother Altig is remaining beyond his term of service to help the Zielaskos get started in their work in Brazil.

The new address of Rev. John Neely, effective January 29, is 1801 Chandler St., Philadelphia 11, Pa. (Change Annual, p. 77.)



# DEPARTMENT OF STATE THEOLOGY

By Rev. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

"Then a man named Paul brought a message of human brotherhood and hope to the little people and the slaves—the message of Jesus Christ, the Carpenter of Nazareth. Every man is important. All men are equal in the sight of God. This idea of human dignity was little noted at first, but it was to have far-reaching effects on the future course of history."

## Source of the Quotation

The above quotation is from Department of State Publication 4443 General Foreign Policy Series 67 released November 1952 by the Division of Publications . . . Office of Public Affairs (U. S. Department of State). The red - white - and - blue cover of the booklet bears the title, "Let Freedom Ring," and subtitle, "The struggle for a peaceful world." The quotation at the head of this article is on page 7.

## Significance of the Quotation

It suggests that National Council of Churches doctrine is to be the guide for at least one government department in dealing with religious matters in the United States. By means of such a statement, the Department of State is trying to create the impression that such a theological definition is the standard, commonly accepted formula of the Christian faith in the United States. The Department of State assertion indicates a bureaucratic desire to usurp a church function by offering, in a piece of propaganda, a gospel that is not the genuine Gospel of Christ or Paul.

## Study of the Quotation

1. *Its sense.* "Then a man named Paul brought a message of human brotherhood and hope to the little people and the slaves . . ." The Department of State sees Paul merely as another human messenger with a human philosophy based on a human message designed to appease human desires. Yet Paul himself points out in his letter to the Galatians: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ"

(Gal. 1:11-12). Nor was the message of brotherhood which Paul preached on the human level in the fleshly sense generally given to the term "human." The doctrine of brotherhood which Paul taught was one consisting of those believing in Christ and not following the flesh but the Spirit of God. "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall



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live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:12-14).

Paul's message of hope was not that of fulfilling mere human hope through the lusts of the flesh. Paul's teaching shows that all the longings of the human heart could be realized adequately only by conforming to God's will, the true longing of all Christians. This was to be accomplished according to Paul's own words by presenting one's body "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" and by not being conformed to this world (Rom. 12:1-2). Paul taught that Christians were not to achieve human aspirations by the flesh, but he exhorted: "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:14).

Paul's message was for "the little people and slaves," but it was not for them alone. The Pauline proclamation to Timothy that God our Saviour "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:4) is only one declaration that Christ and His salvation is for every class of man. Throughout the entire history of Christianity there have been de-

voted servants of Jesus of rich, poor, and moderate financial means. Paul did warn against *loving money* for covetous purposes. Paul did not teach that his message excluded hope for those rich in earthly possessions.

2. *Source of Paul's message.* "... the message of Jesus Christ, the Carpenter of Nazareth." Paul never brought the message of Jesus Christ, the Carpenter of Nazareth. Only once in the entire Bible, in Mark 6:3, is Jesus referred to as a carpenter. As the context plainly shows there, Jesus was called a carpenter by a Christ-rejecting crowd, and they called Christ a carpenter as a term of reproach. The term "Carpenter of Nazareth" is not a Scriptural title and is merely the fabrication of those who refuse to accept and acknowledge Jesus Christ as God, Saviour, and Ruler.

Paul's message was not of Jesus Christ, the Carpenter of Nazareth. Paul's message was of the Christ who "died for our sins according to the scriptures," was buried, and arose the third day "according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4). Paul's message was indeed of Jesus Christ "who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:6-9).

3. *Substance of the Department of State quotation.* "All men are equal in the sight of God." On the surface this statement might seem harmless, for *in one sense and one only* there is an element of truth: namely, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), which is an essential part of Paul's message. But the Department of State statement is wrong in one sense: it does not take into account that there are 2 classes, sinners (or unbelievers) and believers, and that God deals with them differently. All men are not equal in the sight of

God. Paul teaches that those who do not obey God are destined to everlasting destruction (II Thess. 1: 8-9), but those who believe in Christ, and Him alone, receive the salvation and blessings of God (I Cor. 1:21; Rom. 9:33). Jesus Himself said that he who believed on Jesus has everlasting life (John 6:47) and those who believe not on Him shall die in their sins (John 8:24). Why such a distinction in the sight of Christ and God the Father if all men are equal in God's Sight?

#### Summary

Paul warned centuries ago that perilous times would come and that there would be those "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 4:1, 5). Speaking of such persons, Paul gave this somber warning: "From such turn away." The born-again believer should turn away from those who make statements like the one in the Department of State publication, "Let Freedom Ring" (quoted at the start of this article). Rather the real believer should turn to the Bible for his instructions from God and His Son, Jesus Christ. For the Bible is the perfect law of liberty (Jas. 1:25).

The unfortunate part about the Department of State booklet, "Let Freedom Ring," is that it gives an entirely erroneous interpretation of the Christian message—the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. This should be a challenge to all genuinely born-again Christians to make known the fact that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (I Tim. 1:15)—the heart of Paul's message.

May we all be increasingly diligent to preach Christ, "warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28).

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## HOW COULD SHE WITHHOLD?

By Rev. C. Wayne Croker, Cheyenne, Wyo.

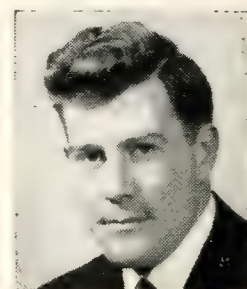
Mommie was picking up things in the living room after the breakfast rush was over and just the 2 babies left to step around. She straightened up and stood looking at the parsonage living room—it looked more like the lobby of a third-class hotel. Mommie dreamed how it would look with some of the furniture she had seen in the "wish book."

And then a strange woman with large sad eyes was standing there: "I used to have a home . . . but now it's a heap of rubble . . . there's no place for my babies." Then she was gone!

"Babies!" Mommie remembered their pinched faces and starved bodies as she had seen them in the picture Wednesday night. . . . Those poor orphaned babies.

Mommie shook herself, turned, and ran upstairs. The trunk of "grow-intos" was opened and little piles of clothes laid on the attic floor. Colleen's little pink toes were starting to push against the ends of her red shoes. . . . Where was that pair Kathy had outgrown so quickly? Dresses! Sweaters!

"My babies have no sweaters, no warm clothing, and it's starting to frost at night." The tired, sad-faced woman pulled her cotton garments tighter around her. "Your things are so warm and lovely."



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Mommie slammed the trunk lid down! What could she do? Her 5 needed clothing too . . . but wait—that box of outgrown baby clothes, faded by much washing and wear. A few ribbons would brighten them. She opened the trunk again and lifted out the baby clothes onto the floor! They would look nice on those poor babies. . . .

With a light heart Mommie gathered them up and took them downstairs to pack . . . and it seemed there was a smile on the other woman's face.

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17). Brethren, remember our mission stations in Kentucky and New Mexico.

#### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
San Bernardino, Calif. ....	Jan. 20-Feb. 1...	Lyle Marvin. ....	Russell Humbert.
Russiaville, Ind. ....	Jan. 25-Feb. 1...	Roy Clark. ....	Herman Hoyt.
Beaumont, Calif. ..	Feb. 1-15. ....	Gene Farrell. ....	Bob Munro.
Waynesboro, Pa. ..	Feb. 1-15. ....	Dennis Holliday..	William Smith.
Johnstown, Pa. (1)	Feb. 2-15. ....	W. A. Ogden. ....	Michael Walsh.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(1st) .....	Feb. 4-5. ....	Glenn O'Neal. ....	Harold Garner.
Rittman, Ohio. ....	Feb. 4-15. ....	Charles Ashman..	Ding Teuling.
San Diego, Calif. ..	Feb. 5-6. ....	Gilbert Engelman.	Russell Humbert.
Artesia, Calif. ....	Feb. 8-13. ....	Adam Rager. ....	Russell Humbert.
Cuyahoga Falls, O.	Feb. 8-15. ....	Richard Burch. ....	Herman Hoyt.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	Feb. 8-15. ....	Robert Miller. ....	Conard Sandy.
Whittier, Calif.			
(1st) .....	Feb. 8-22. ....	Carl Sisson. ....	Cedric Sears.
Winchester, Va. ....	Feb. 8-11. ....	Paul Dick. ....	O. E. Phillips.



*This is a condensation of the message Brother Smith preached at the Washington County (Md.) Youth Rally at our Hagerstown church December 29, 1952. Nine churches of various denominations cooperated in this rally.—Editor.*

There are perhaps many things in the past year you would like to forget: the failures, the discouragements, the disappointments. According to the Bible, you are able to forget the events of the past. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Now we are at the beginning of a new year. The pages of tomorrow are clean and it is up to you as to what shall appear on the record. You can make this next year the greatest year of your life.

I want to give to you a challenge for this new year, and I trust you will take it as though it is coming from the Lord Himself.

## *The Holy Life*

The greatest thing you can do as a Christian is to live a holy life. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." We must be constantly striving to keep our lives clean and pure, realizing that the Christian is

representing Christ. What the Christian does reflects on Jesus Christ. You may think that whatever you do will have no bearing on anyone else's life, but remember this—the Christian's life is under constant observation. In order to live a holy life the Christian must be a vessel that is fit to be used. We must pray to be channels only.

We can have a well of cool water, but if we have no pipes to bring it to us it is of no avail. So the Christian is to be a channel, bringing the refreshing water of salvation to a



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thirsty lost world in need of a Saviour.

Now then you may be saying, I am attempting to live a holy life and I am praying that God will make me a channel for His use—what does the Lord want me to do this next year for Him?

## *The Christian's Work*

The crowning work of a Christian life is to bring about conversions. There are many Christians who excuse themselves from soul-winning work, saying: "I don't have the 'gift of gab'; I don't have the personality; I don't have that kind of talent." But all such excuses are worthless in the light of the Bible. I can find no place in the Bible where it says that a person must have personality, talent, or conversational ability to be a soul-winner. The Biblical picture of a soul-winner is of one who is consecrated and spiritual, and the smallest Christian in all the world can be both of these if he wills. The Christian can be as powerful as he wants to be.

The first need of Christians today is to have the power of God in their lives. Shame on Christians who do not have enough of the power of God

to keep themselves from the degrading worldliness about us. A great amount of our preaching, singing, and living is without power.

## *The Something Better*

Is this all that God has for His children—a barren and fruitless and powerless life? Absolutely not! Powerless Christianity is not normal Christianity. *God has something better.* No Christian need go without winning souls; no Christian need go without having the power of God in his life. Jesus Himself is the One who gives power to win souls, and He has promised that the same power that He had could be reproduced in our lives. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12). Jesus was never barren, He was never powerless, He was never defeated, He was never discouraged by circumstance. We may have this same miraculous power if we want it.

Say, Christian, are you bearing fruit? Are you winning souls? Jesus said: "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit" (John 15:5). If you are not bearing fruit, then surely you have somehow missed the blessing here promised for all who abide in Christ.

Shame on Christians who have been saved for years and have never brought a soul to Jesus Christ. Shame on the many congregations that did not have one single convert last year. You can make a new covenant with God right now and determine that this next year is going to be a year that is spent for Jesus. Give God a chance to really work in your life this year.

## NEW SCHOOL FOR FORMOSA

The newly formed Evangelical Fellowship of Formosa has undertaken as its first project the establishment of a school in Formosa for the children of missionaries.

This fellowship is under the leadership of Rev. Dick Hillis, and its main work is to take the Gospel to the soldiers of the Chinese Nationalist Army now stationed on the island.

# Abiding Confidence

(Hebrews 3:6, 14)

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

Take a little satchel,  
Pack it to the brim  
With the shining confidence  
That first you had in Him.  
Just a bag no bigger  
Than a mustard seed  
Will carry all the confidence  
You will ever need.

Be sure to take it with you  
Everywhere you go;  
Don't set it down or drop it  
When heavy burdens grow.  
If you never lose it,  
Or leave it on the shelf,  
You will keep partaking  
Of the Lord Himself.

# "HE CARETH FOR YOU"

By Rev. Lyle Marvin,  
San Bernardino, Calif.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Pet. 5:7).

This bit of admonishment was written immediately to the scattered Christian Jews of Peter's day, and ultimately to every believer. They needed this promise because of the anxiety that was their lot caused by persecution. We today need to garner for our very own this truth because of the same reason—that of anxiety and worry. To understand the full import of this verse we must know the underlying meaning of 3 words, namely, "casting," "care," and "careth."

"Casting" in our day has come to mean something like throwing, but here that is not true. This word is used in one other place in the New Testament—Luke 19:35. The foal of an ass had been secured for Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and before Jesus mounted, the disciples cast their garments upon the back of the animal. The garments were deposited there for the comfort of the Saviour.

Considering our next word, "care," we find that it portrays anxiety and worry. A Greek family name is made up with a negative prefixed to this word. One with this name is literally said to be one "who does not worry."

And the last word receiving our attention is "careth." From the aspect of the one who "careth" we may say that one is concerned. "He careth for you" becomes "He is concerned for you." There certainly should be no doubt in any Christian's mind as to the concern of God. God's revealed plan for the ages is laid out, with man that He created in His image as the center or the hub. God so loved all men that He gave His only begotten Son that this race of men fast heading for hell need not go there. Truly God is more concerned with man than man is concerned with himself. Collecting our past thoughts together we find our promise means that we are to deposit our worries, our anxieties, upon the Lord because of His concern for us.

Worry is a sin in that the one worrying fails to trust Christ. Failing to trust the Lord is really asserting that you are refusing to deposit these



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burdens upon Him. So we see that failure to deposit worries is caused by distrust for the Lord and THAT IS SIN. Strange as it may seem, those of you who are worrying right now, never once failed to trust your Lord with your soul's destiny. Yet far more valuable is your soul than any of these things you are so anxious about. Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday, and all is well!

Christianity is not just a body of doctrines, it is a provision of grace. In that way it is the most practical mode of life one can find. It is just as practical as trust we evidence every day in other ways. Our deeds, stocks, policies, and other valuables are placed in a safety deposit box. Trusting that steel - and - concrete bank comes easily, because we go home from the bank and sleep that night without an anxious thought. Now in the same way deposit all your worries, your perplexing problems, your anxiety upon Christ; because of His concern about His children He will take care of you. The lilies of the field are arrayed in more splendor than Solomon ever had—and you are of more value than the lilies.

When Christ trod the earth He was the perfection of wisdom, the perfection of strength, yet He never said a word of His own, nor worked in His own strength—He trusted His heavenly Father. How foolish then for us to try in our own strength and wisdom; let us also trust the same heavenly Father and deposit every anxiety and worry upon Him who wants us to trust Him because of His concern for us. Our Lord ever knoweth the end from the beginning and He never makes a mistake. Realizing these truths, trusting Him with these burdens that cause us worry will become a practice.



Akron, Ohio

This church was privileged in recent days to enjoy the ministry of several of our denominational workers and missionaries.

Dr. Russell Barnard conducted a revival of 2 weeks which revived and challenged the people. Then Miss Grace Byron was with us a few days to give us the missionary emphasis. We had a 1-week Bible conference with prophetic emphasis under the leadership of Dr. Charles Ashman. Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy gave us a new missionary zeal. During the closing days of the old year and the beginning days of the new year Rev. Ralph Colburn was here to minister to us.

The basement portion of the new addition to our church building will be ready for occupancy about February 1 and we are looking forward to a time of blessing and an increase in our Sunday school emphasis.—Harold Etling, pastor.

## Long Beach, California (Second)

Fifty-four young people from our church and the Seal Beach church held a 3-day retreat at Acorn Lodge in the mountains. Rev. Burton Hatch, Mrs. George Peek, and Mr. James Sweeton were the speakers.

About 250 people attended our watch-night services.

There were 814 people in Sunday school January 4 and 765 the following Sunday.

The 1952 home mission offering from this church was \$3,256—the largest in the history of the church.

The church has made arrangements to distribute 1,000 booklets with a gospel message and information about the church each month during 1953.

There were 58 people who made public confession of Christ as Saviour in the church during 1952.—George Peek, pastor.

## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (North Buffalo)

Some time ago the North Buffalo Brethren Church folks asked me to write asking for friends to pray



about their need of a pastor. Now they want to thank the Lord for His faithfulness to them and they want me to send thanks to all who prayed.

On November 30 Bro. Donald Rossman preached for them and shortly after that they called him to be their pastor. On January 4 he conducted services at the church, found an apartment the next day in the immediate community, and it now appears that he will be able to find employment which he must have along with the church.

A moving company has quoted an unusually low figure to move the family from Penns Grove, N. J., to R. R. 4, Kittanning, Pa.

The Lord has answered prayer for the North Buffalo people.—*Gordon Bracker, pastor, Kittanning First Brethren Church.*

## ABANDON INDIAN VISA CHANGE

The government of India's proposed drastic changes in policy of granting visas to enter the country have been abandoned. The proposal would have made it very difficult for any missionary to enter India. The old plan, permitting missionaries to enter, will continue.

# Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

## IV. CHRIST THE BANNER.

The drums beat out the marching rhythm, the standards waved, and on marched the armies of the great Alexander to victory after victory. When the fight would lull, the standard-bearer would wave the banner high, instilling in the men a new spirit and new vigor and new hopes of victory.

But did you know that we as Christians have a banner—yes, it is our Lord Jesus Christ. In Exodus 17:15 we have recorded the name "Jehovah-nissi," which means "the Lord is my Banner." Israel was in the midst of a fierce battle with Amalek. As long as Moses' hands were outstretched—held up to the Lord—Israel prevailed. When the battle was finally won an altar was built and called "Jehovah-nissi." Moses realized the reason and the source of victory—the Lord.

Jesus is the Banner over the army of the Lord today. You and I are both standard-bearers and soldiers. Ours is a twofold duty: first, to hold

high at all times our Banner, Christ, and to let others see Him, that in Him they might receive conviction, salvation, and hope; second, to keep our eyes fixed steadfastly on Him, our Banner, at all times. When we lose sight of Him we lose effectiveness in the Christian battle. But when our gaze abides on Him, we have new spirit, day-by-day encouragement to continue to war a good warfare for Christ.

God has provided armor, power, weapons and, as well, a Banner, Christ—everything necessary for the victory in the Christian life. We cannot fail if we—

Look steadfastly on Jesus,  
Our Banner, our guide is He;  
Look steadfastly on Jesus,  
He giveth sure victory.

Look steadfastly on Jesus,  
When the fight is hard and long;  
Look steadfastly on Jesus,  
In the heart He giveth a song.

# Seminary Professors Attend Evangelical Society Meeting

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

The majority of the members of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary were in attendance at the fourth annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, held at Wheaton College December 29-30. Those in attendance were President Alva J. McClain, Dean Herman A. Hoyt, Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Dr. James L. Boyer, Prof. S. Herbert Bess, and Prof. John C. Whitcomb.

A highlight of the conference was a varied discussion of the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament. Dr. Burton L. Goddard, of Gordon Divinity School, spoke on "Sampling the New Version." Dr. J. Barton Payne, of Bob Jones University, spoke on the subject, "The Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament and Higher Criticism." Dr. Allan A. MacRae, president of Faith Theological Seminary, fol-

lowed with a consideration of the subject, "To How Great an Extent Should Theology Affect Translations, if at All." In the absence of Dr. Oswald T. Allis, of Westminster Seminary, his paper was read in part by Dr. Martin J. Wyngaarden, of Calvin Seminary, his subject being, "The Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament."

The above short addresses were followed by a panel discussion on the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament. Those taking part in this discussion were Dr. Burton L. Goddard, Dr. R. Laird Harris, of Faith Seminary, Dr. Allan A. MacRae, Dr. Frank J. Neuberg, of Wheaton Graduate School, and J. Barton Payne. The consensus of opinion as reflected by the above addresses and panel discussion was that the new version contains dangerous modernistic tendencies and should be repu-

diated by orthodox believers.

In view of the prevailing opinion the society appointed a committee to make investigations relative to the possibility and advisability of endeavoring to produce a modern translation of the Scriptures by orthodox scholars. The following men were appointed to serve on this committee: Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, of Wheaton, Dr. Martin J. Wyngaarden, Dr. Allen A. MacRae, Dr. Frank J. Neuberg, and Dr. J. R. Mantey, of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The society accepted the invitation extended by Dr. McClain to hold the next annual meeting at Grace Seminary, probably at a time comparable to the time of the meeting just closed. This occasion will serve to acquaint many orthodox scholars from across the nation with the work and facilities of our school.

## Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**GREAT TRUTHS TO LIVE BY**, by Kenneth S. Wuest. *Eerdmans Publishing Co.* 1952. Cloth. 152 pp. \$2.

With that freshness which comes from close examination of the original language in which the New Testament records were given to the church, Mr. Wuest writes of things so vital to the life and experience of the believer. He examines again the identity of Jesus, the experience of Nicodemus with Jesus, Jesus and Peter. He also discusses the evil nature in the believer, the relation of Jesus to the believer, the coming of Christ for the church, and the physical body of the believer in the future.

In each one of the themes discussed the believer will not only get new information but new inspiration. Just as the title suggests, the information and the inspiration will enable the believer to live by these truths. In this sense these studies are intensely practical.—*Herman Hoyt.*

**MAN'S RUIN**, by Donald Grey Barnhouse. *Van Kampen Press.* c 1952. Cloth. v, 301 pp. \$3.

From the pen of one of the foremost Bible teachers and preachers of our generation comes a series of expository messages on the epistle to the Romans. This first volume, consisting of some 300 pages, covers chapter 1. While this work is in every way a technical study of the book, digging deep into the original language in which Paul wrote, at the same time it is so readable and interesting that any ordinary reader can study it with great profit.

These studies were originally prepared for radio broadcasts and remain substantially unchanged. This may explain why they are so attractive. When the series of volumes are complete they will form one of the

finest helps to the study of Romans in existence. Five volumes of equal size are now running through the press—the 5 will cover the first 5 chapters of the epistle. How soon the others will be completed is not at this time known.

Dr. Barnhouse is leaving no stone unturned to unfold this greatest of books in the Bible. He is bringing to his task not only the wide experience and knowledge which are his, but also unusual ability as an expositor. No preacher should be without these books. His thinking will be stirred, and his spirit will be edified by the reading of this work which represents the best from a man with such experience and skill.

If one desires intensive research, this is it. The author deals verse by verse, phrase by phrase, word by word with this message from God. Whole pages, sometimes several studies, are devoted to one word.—*Herman Hoyt.*

## I Confessed My Sin

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Hagerstown, Md.

I confessed my sin—

Then by some magic art  
I thought my lightened heart  
Should feel a sudden thrill,  
A surging power to fill  
The cavity.

I waited long—

No surging thrill I felt.  
My heart began to melt  
In deep and nameless fear!  
Was not my God yet near  
To answer me?

God did not hear?—

My sin, it was too great.  
Or I besought Him late!  
His ear from me was turned;  
His anger on me burned!  
Where find I Thee?

I sought in vain—

The veil, it seemed so sheer,  
I ought to feel Him near.  
Be it of iron made,  
His presence seemed to fade  
Away from me.

The Spirit spoke—

"How now? Dost thou not read?  
Thy Father's Word give heed!  
For lack of wisdom's wealth  
Destroy not thou thyself!  
Read thou, and see!"

I read God's Word—

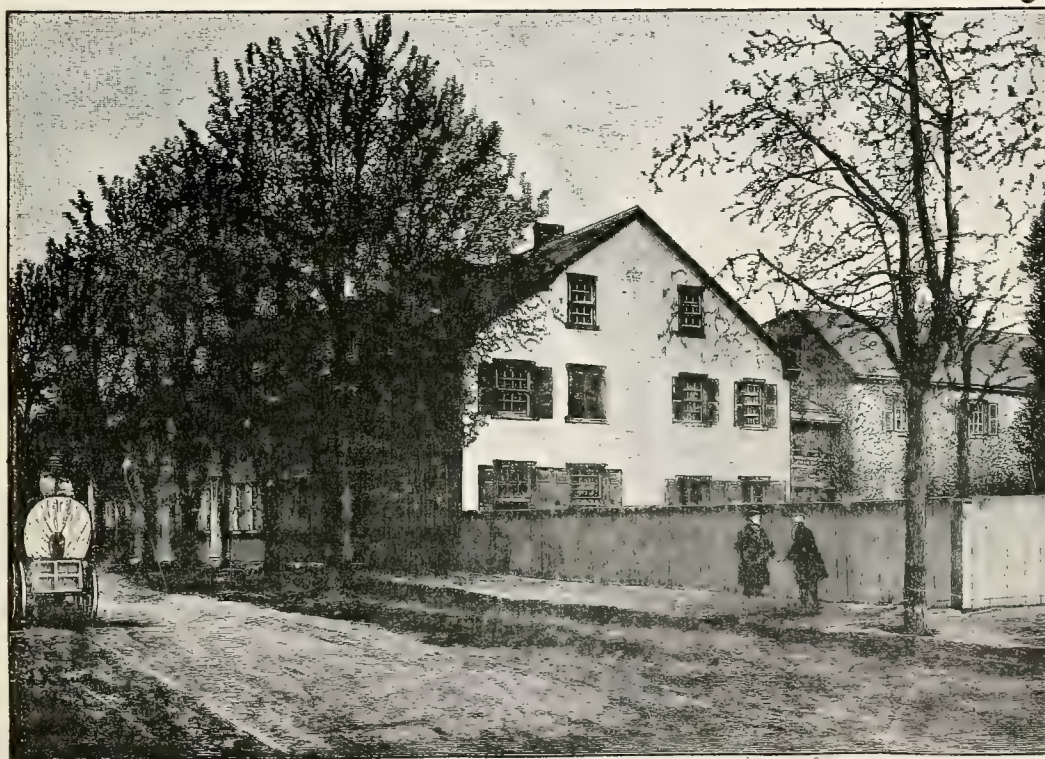
"Faithful and just is He,  
Forgiving, cleansing thee."  
What thrill and surge of power  
Flowed forth in that blest hour  
I trusted Thee!



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## WHERE BRETHREN PRINTING BEGAN IN AMERICA

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The *Spokane, Wash.*, church called its pastor, Rev. William Schaffer, to continue as pastor for his 9th year. Six people had perfect Sunday school attendance records during 1952.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church, pastored by Rev. Gordon Bracker, will be host to the Armstrong County rally of protest against the Revised Standard Version of the Bible January 30. Rev. Henry Kulp, Altoona, is to be the speaker.

Remember the protest rally against the Revised Standard Version at *Grace Theological Seminary* February 6 at 7:30 p. m. The main speaker is to be Dr. David Otis Fuller, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Other speakers include Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of the seminary, and Dr. Barton Payne, of Bob Jones University.

Rev. George Richardson is secretary of the Brethren Conference of California and for conference business should be addressed at Box 306, Bellflower, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 27.)

The *Roanoke, Va.*, Clearbrook church, pastored by Rev. William Howard, held a watch night service with Bro. Mason Cooper as the speaker.

Bro. Thomas Inman, missionary candidate, preached at the *Leesburg, Ind.*, church December 28 while Pastor Nathan Meyer was on vacation in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. A. R. Rideout, for many years a member of the Whittier, Calif., First church, died January 12.

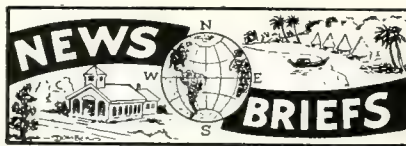
Bro. Alvey Walter Landis, of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, died January 13.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church, under the leadership of Pastor Glenn O'Neal, sponsored a youth retreat at Acorn Lodge January 16-18. Dr. Gerald Stanton and Rev. Bruce Button preached in the pastor's absence. The church will again be host to an extension class of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, with Rev. Henry Rempel, of the Los Angeles Second church, as the teacher.

The *Meyersdale, Pa.*, Summit Mills church, pastored by Rev. Leslie Moore, is engaged in remodeling parts of the church building.

Mrs. Harold Painter, wife of the pastor at Modesto, Calif., La Loma church, underwent surgery on January 12.

At the *Alexandria, Va.*, church an average of 128 people attended Sunday school, 118 morning worship, 76 evening worship, and 31 midweek prayer meeting during December 1952. Rev. Kenneth Teague is pastor of the church.



Miss Bertha Quaintance, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, celebrated her 80th birthday January 15. She regularly serves as secretary of the transportation committee of the church.

Dr. Harold Garner preached at the *Yakima, Wash.*, church January 18. Rev. Russell Williams is pastor of the church.

The *Wooster, Ohio*, church gave its pastor, Rev. Kenneth Ashman, a unanimous call to serve his 7th year there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Hartzler, of the Sterling, Ohio, church, will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on February 6. Children of the couple are Mrs. Russell Barnard, Mrs. Nelson Hall, Mrs. Vernon Caskey, Roscoe and Merle Hartzler.

Rev. Russell Humbert spoke recently at Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash., and Seattle Pacific College, Seattle. He has now preached his message on "The Virgin Birth"

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to more than 14,000 students in 50 Christian schools in 19 States.

Mrs. Mary S. Wilson, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church since 1914, died January 2.

Catherine McDonald, of the Clayton, Ohio, church, died recently, with funeral services January 14.

Dr. Herman Hoyt, Winona Lake, preached at the McCoy Memorial Baptist Church, Elkhart, Ind., January 18.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Archie Lynn January 11, at which time they were given a piece of luggage.

Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein, of Waterloo, Iowa, underwent an emergency appendectomy January 8 and is now recuperating.

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church has scheduled Dr. Harold Lindsell to preach there February 1 and 8.

Misses Florence Bickel, Grace Byron, and Estella Myers sailed from New York January 14 aboard the S. S. Bandama and are due to arrive on the west coast of Africa about February 4.

Miss Ruth Snyder, home from Africa on furlough, is now living at the missionary residence at Winona Lake and is enrolled in Grace Theological Seminary for the second semester of this school year.

Miss Johanna Nielsen, missionary in Argentina, is due to sail from Valparaiso, Chile, January 26 for a furlough. She will land at a California port.

Bro. Frank Poland, assistant to the secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, underwent surgery January 19 and is recovering rapidly. He expects to be home long before this is read.

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# LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

By Conard Sandy, Editor

Getting acquainted with people is for some individuals a pleasant experience, for others it is often a very trying ordeal, but for all it is a necessity.

Before a person can know and understand another person there must be some acquaintance with that person. The same is true concerning a movement, an organization, or a denominational church paper.

Because each year brings into the circle of readers of this paper—The

much apostasy from the true faith and the revealed Word of God.

To fulfill this threefold purpose this paper is joined with the saints of God everywhere to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

## *The Program Involved*

The purpose determines the program followed in issuing the Brethren Missionary Herald each week of each year.

It is *conservative*. This paper stands for and presents the Gospel as Christ gave it and the apostles taught it. It follows a conservative course in the message it contains and the method in which this message is printed. There is no place in this magazine for “another gospel” which is no gospel at all, nor is there any desire on the part of the writers or producers to make it sensational just for the sake of being sensational. This magazine has a conservative message to share with the readers and it will endeavor to do it with the conservatism born of the Word of God.

It is *consistent*. It is the purpose of all who have anything to do with the production of this paper to always present a consistent message. There are many writers, but there is only one message; there are many readers, but there is only one Gospel offered to them through the pages of this denominational paper.

It is *cooperative*. The pages of this magazine are open to every recognized phase of the work of the denomination. In fact, there are 4 departmental editors and several organizational editors, all working together with the editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald to produce a magazine of which no member of the denomination can ever be ashamed. Once each month each part of the church's program is presented here. Therefore read it carefully each week!

## *The People Included*

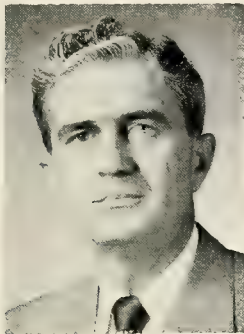
For any paper to be a success there must be 3 groups of people related to it in one way or another.

The *writers*. This magazine is not the thinking of one person, nor even of a few people. The writers, in the

main, are members of the Brethren Church. They live in all parts of the world, especially in those places where the Brethren testimony has been established. These writers are preachers, professors in Christian schools, officials of Brethren organizations; and laymen in the local congregations. Above all, those who write have had a definite acquaintance with the Saviour and Lord of the church.

The *readers*. In many places the readers of this paper are to be found—on every continent and in most of the States in this Nation. The readers range in age from the very young to the very old, from the mature saints to the new babes in Christ Jesus, from the rich to the poor, and from the educated to the uneducated. These facts must always be kept in mind by the writers and a message must be presented in each number of the magazine to bring spiritual food, Christian courage, and sweet comfort to all these readers. The subscription list now numbers more than 7,400 names, which means the Herald is being read by 15,000 to 20,000 people each week.

The *producers*. This name is used to speak of those who take the results of the writers' efforts and put them in form for the readers. Three



Rev. Conard Sandy

Brethren Missionary Herald—many people who know little about the paper, it has been deemed wise and necessary to offer a few suggestions to aid in getting acquainted.

## *The Purpose Intended*

The purpose of this paper is simply and clearly stated in its title. It is *Brethren*. It is a denominational paper without apology. It represents the congregations and mission stations in all parts of the world which are affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It is the only official paper for these churches.

It is *Missionary*. It is the intention of all who are in any way connected with this paper that it shall be a missionary agent in the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. One can readily see the truthfulness of this part of the name by noting the constant emphasis placed upon and reference to missionary work in the paper each week.

It is a *Herald*. This paper has just one message—the Gospel of the Saviour and Lord. Its purpose is to herald His Gospel just as widely as the Lord permits in these days of so



Mrs. William Kolb

people work together to “get out the Herald” each week. All copy is read first by the editor (writer of this article). Then the linotype operator, Bro. Jesse Deloe, sets it into type. (A picture of Brother Deloe can be seen on page 69, for he is also the editor of the laymen's page of the Herald.) From the hands of Brother Deloe the proof sheets go to the desk of the editorial secretary, Mrs. Wil-

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# DOORS OF SERVICE FOR BRETHREN WOMEN

By Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, President, National Women's Missionary Council

"Hello there! What's all the rush?"

"Oh, I didn't see you. Yes, I'm in a great big hurry. I'm on my way to Ellen's. We're packing mission boxes today, and if there's any time left we'll make some aprons, pillow cases, or tea towels for the missionary chest. I've just got to get something special for the noon covered-dish lunch—it's such a delightful time of fellowship about the tables. I wouldn't miss this day for anything."

"That sounds like sort of a Dorcas group. Who sponsors it?"

"Why the Brethren Church has an organization called the Women's Missionary Council—that's WMC—'Women Manifesting Christ.' It offers many ways of service for those who are willing."

"Yes, I've noticed how busy you Brethren ladies are. Just how does the council work, and why all the interest in serving the Lord?"

"Well, maybe we are busy. But then there are so many doors of service thrown open to us in our churches. It's like the Apostle Paul said: 'For a great and effectual door is opened unto me' (I Cor. 16:9). I sometimes wonder if our ladies appreciate all these open doors. Take, for instance, our WMC meeting—that's where I'm going today. There is no end to the possibilities. We are asked to get up before the group to present topics, Bible studies, missionary letters, and special numbers. Each year a new group is selected to serve as officers of the council. We study of our missionaries and the fields on which they serve. This is especially blessed to me for it helps me in my prayer life to be more definite and more expectant of answers from the Lord. Why, it was at one of these meetings that I first learned to pray in public."

"And that isn't all. In our meetings we join in the singing and we learn to lead the singing. If we play an instrument, we're called upon for special numbers; some ladies present readings and skits, others are good writers and have dedicated this talent to the Lord. Oh my, there's a place for each one of us in the Women's Missionary Council work."

"Do all the ladies of the church belong and participate?"

"Well, no they don't—but we wish

they did. We really feel that they are missing a blessed opportunity by not sharing in the work. However, even other doors are open to us in our church. There are such things as personal work for the Lord . . ."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Oh, everyone can share in that. You know—going out and calling on the sick, visiting in the rest homes and hospitals, welcoming the visitors and new members, and, more important, winning souls to Christ by studying the Scriptures with them. It really is wonderful once you get started."

"It surely sounds wonderful the way you tell it."

"And, that's not all. Some of our ladies teach Bible school classes,



Mrs. Ashman

child evangelism classes, 'Happy Hours,' and Brethren Youth Fellowship groups. Some are leaders of the girls in our SMM, others serve on church committees and as officers. Then too there are openings for service in both the district and the national organizations of our women's work. I could go on, for there seems to be no limit in our church."

"Yes, I can see that. It all sounds so challenging. Somehow I never felt quite so enthused about it as you seem to be. Yes, I've served on committees and things like that, but I can never say that I ever got a real joy out of doing it."

"I know just how you feel. I was that way too until I got a vision of something more than just serving on a committee. It was not until I really became enthused about the basic labor of all Christians that these other jobs took on new meaning and thrill. When I became interested in the lost souls of women and children in this town, then all

my service for the church turned into service for the Lord—and it was different, believe me! Now I just love to teach boys and girls to win them to Christ. I'm not very good at it but I always have some help with me. Here, take one of these tracts—this is a good one, a new title that I secured at the church just last Sunday. And here's a special one for your little girl—she'll love the colored pages in 'The Wordless Book.' And I'll be praying for both of you."

"I guess I'm just a little foggy on the meaning of service. I thought you had to be a missionary lady to be in the Lord's work."

"Oh no, not at all. There are jobs, large or small, for every one of us. The doors are open; all we need do is enter. But, of course, you are right about the mission fields. Those are places for 'full-time service,' as we often call it. And our church encourages our ladies to answer the call of the Lord to these fields too. We already have many women on our 5 mission fields; many others are especially called as wives of pastors; others serve as secretaries for our various denominational boards. It's true, we don't always get to do just what we like best, but we do have avenues of service of some kind if we are willing to follow the leading of the Lord."

"Tell me, how can you do all these things and still take care of your home and family—that would wear me out for sure."

"Oh no it wouldn't; you just think so because you've never really gotten enthused about the Lord's work. I'll admit that some things just don't get done at home, but I've learned not to worry about it. After all, we're only living here for a little while—the Lord wants us to be busy for Him. Well, I just must be on my way—can't be late, you know."

"I guess I have taken a lot of your time. And, I'll admit, you've got something I've wanted for a long time. Guess it just isn't for me . . ."

"It can be—come along to meeting today. John is working, your children are at school, and I've got enough lunch for both of us. The ladies will be more than happy to

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Jesse B. Deloe, Editor, Laymen's Page

I once was asked by a pastor friend to speak at his church. During an afternoon of visitation before the evening meeting, we called at the home of some folks who attended the church occasionally. The father of the family, however, had not as yet been persuaded that he should attend services.

When, during our conversation, he learned that I was to be the speaker at the evening service, he expressed surprise that a man who was not a minister was going to preach. It was such a novelty to him that his interest was aroused, and he attended that night, along with the entire family. Subsequently he came to the Lord.

## *For Laymen Only*

With that illustration I want to point out the opportunities that exist for laymen in the church to serve the Lord in a way that can be accomplished by no one else. I recognize the fact that many laymen, unlearned perhaps in the Word of God, do hesitate to accept positions of responsibility in the local church, or on committees, or decline opportunities to teach a Sunday school class. And let me say here that I believe that a man has the right to decline these offers if he honestly believes that he is not capable. A man knows his own ability and his relationship to the Lord, and I sincerely believe that much of the Lord's work is being done by "willing incompetents." The danger, of course, is that a person may refuse service to the church because of selfish reasons. Then, it can be readily seen, the Lord has lost first place in that person's heart and life.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word (Acts 6:3-4).

In apostolic days the chores of the church became a great burden to the men who were doing the preaching of the Word. In order to alleviate this condition men were chosen and ordained to do the things in the work of the Lord that would relieve the preachers and give them more time to spend with the Lord in meditation, prayer, and study that they might give themselves more fully to the spiritual work to which they were called.

## *Visitation Important*

Laymen today are still being set aside to this work, yet it is not, nor should not, be confined only to those thus chosen. The activities of the church present opportunities for laymen that should be grasped by all who desire to serve. Not the least in importance, I think, is that of visitation. When I, a layman, call on John Smith, or Joe Black, also laymen—men who are being prayed for and witnessed to by folks in the church—



Jesse B. Deloe

I know that my reception is a little different from that accorded the pastor. I know, and you know, of men who have deliberately fled when a minister called. I know from experience that a man will talk freely to a layman about things he would not mention to a minister, and often the very things talked about are used to direct the conversation to the things of the Lord. Jesus Christ has been presented to many a man through the efforts of laymen who love the Lord and who long to see others love Him.

## *No Two Cases Alike*

I must emphasize the fact, however, that no two cases are alike, and I am merely pointing out that opportunities for witnessing in some cases can be utilized only by a layman—just as some cases need the care and tact that can be supplied only by the minister.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (II Cor. 5:20).

A layman reaches men, if he wants to, whose only contact with Jesus Christ is through the profane use of His name. Opportunities to witness to such men occur every day in the work of the average layman. I wonder how many of us ever think of the marvelous opportunity we have of enlisting a praying group like the Brethren Church in our witnessing. The man at the next machine or desk can be made the object of much intercessory prayer if, after you have lived before him a Christlike life and have presented the claims of Christ to him, you can further claim him for God by enlisting your local group as prayer warriors. What group of Brethren believers would turn down such opportunities for besieging the throne of grace for souls? Such a burden of prayer would then go up for him that we could in faith look for his salvation.

## *Opportunities to Learn*

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Tim. 2:15).

Another distinct opportunity that laymen have in the Brethren Church is that of hearing Bible preaching. In these last days, when so many different gospels are being preached, and when Satan has all his battalions busily engaged in trying to destroy the testimony of the only true Gospel, we can be sure that the men in our pulpits are proclaiming the truth. We who are privileged to sit at the feet of the men who pastor the congregations of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, should realize that the opportunities of learning the truth of the grace of God are greater than those offered by the apostate churches of the world today.

Because of these opportunities that we laymen have to serve, witness, and study, let us resolve to be always in that blessed, happy relationship with our dear Saviour so that if and when opportunities for service come to us we can always be ready and say with Paul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

# 1953—NOW—TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE!

By Rev. Harold H. Etling, Chairman, Brethren National Sunday School Board

Almost 1 month of this new year is gone, and yet it is still a new year. In many of our Brethren Sunday schools with the beginning of this new year there have come new officers, new teachers, and, we trust, many new scholars.

Your National Sunday School Board feels a real responsibility toward every Sunday school and every teacher, officer, and pupil. We feel with the Apostle Paul that we are "debtors." We must inspire, encourage, and help every Sunday school of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to make the year 1953 a banner year.

## *Attendance Records*

January brings another year of opportunity for our Sunday schools to surpass their own records of attendance. The harvest is ripe! Now is the time to make your plans for an increased enrollment and attendance in this year. It does not come easy. It will take much in the matter of prayer. There should be special Sunday school cabinet prayer sessions.

Then it will mean much time and effort in planning for the increased attendance. Remember, every general maps out his plan of attack before he sends his soldiers out to battle. So every Sunday school cabinet ought to map out its plan of attack in the winning of more boys and girls and men and women.

After the planning comes the action, and we Brethren need to put some feet into our prayers. Knee action works best when it is moving. Praying needs to be supplemented with our own earnest effort. Every Sunday school teacher and worker ought to be enlisted in a program of going out to get new scholars.

Your National Sunday School Board stands ready in every area of the United States to give you personal help in enthusing your workers, teachers, and pupils to go out this year to break the records. All you need to do is call upon us. The time to begin to improve, if your Sunday school is to succeed in 1953, is NOW. Remember, tomorrow may be too late!

January brings another year and a new opportunity to begin a teacher

training program in your church. The secret of every successful Sunday school is found in a staff of well-trained, efficient Bible teachers. There are no short-cuts. The answer is found only in a teacher training class in your local church. Remember, the teacher of God's Word has an opportunity greater than any other person in all the world. The teacher of God's Word teaches for today and eternity. Those we teach will in turn be teaching others within a few months or years at the most, so that the ultimate harvest is incalculable.

Your National Sunday School Board stands ready to offer materials and helps to get a teacher training class started in your local church.



Rev. H. H. Etling

Brethren, we dare not fail. We must have a trained group of men and women as our teachers. They will only be trained as we provide the classes for them. Begin now, or if you do not know how to begin, call upon your National Sunday School Board for information and help in getting your class started NOW. Remember, tomorrow may be too late!

## *Vacation Schools*

January is the month of beginning. This ought to say to every Sunday school, we must have a daily vacation Bible school in our church this year and now is the time to plan for it. Once again your National Sunday school Board offers its help. We will be happy to suggest to you in the pages of the Herald, and through our own board members, the materials you will need to have a successful school. Also we will give suggestions that may aid you in making your school more efficient than ever before. Thousands of boys

and girls hear of the Lord Jesus through vacation Bible schools that will never know Christ in any other manner. Why don't you take advantage now to plan for the best Bible school this summer you have ever known? Our board has made a special study of this matter and we stand ready to assist you.

## *Sunday School Convention*

January 1953 is the month of beginning. Your National Sunday School Board is happy to announce now the first Brethren Sunday school convention on a national scale ever held. This convention will meet, beginning the Sunday evening preceding our next national conference at Winona Lake, Ind. The executive committee of national conference has given the green light to the plan, and your Sunday school board is already at work laying the foundation for a great Sunday school convention.

Your church and Bible school ought to include in its program for this year the matter of urging and even of helping your Sunday school superintendents, officers, and teachers to be at this first convention. Full details will be announced as we come nearer the day of the convention, but now is the hour to begin planning to attend, and to get others to attend. The convention will include workshops for teachers and officers of every department and age group. It will be a spiritual feast, and a real opportunity to learn how to do the job that God has given us to do. Include the first national Sunday school convention in your vacation program for 1953.

January is the month of beginning. Does your local Sunday school need a vitamin tablet? Do you need help? Your National Sunday School Board would welcome the opportunity of serving you and your church. Simply write to us about your needs.

You win the one next to you,  
And I'll win the one next to me,  
In all kinds of weather, we'll all  
work together,  
And see what can be done.

If you win the one next to you,  
And I win the one next to me,  
In no time at all, we'll have them all;  
So win them, win them, one by one.



# YOUTH AND THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Rev. Ralph Colburn, National Youth Director

It has often been said that a church is judged by its young people. And that is true! If you want to evaluate a strange church, one of the first things you should look for is a sizeable, well-trained, active group of young people. Lack of such a group might mean a dying church.

But how do young people judge a church? Of course, by the other young people there and by the activities of that church. At first young people are rarely concerned with the doctrine or message of a church, as important as they are. At first they consider only the variety of activities that church offers.

## *Program for Youth*

I am happy to be a part of a denomination that offers a great deal of special attention to its youth, and provides and encourages a variety of activities for them. And most of our individual churches follow through with an active youth program.

There are, for instance, our district and national camps. I have had the opportunity to investigate and visit a lot of denominational and interdenominational camps, and believe me, very few of them will match our camps for activities, interest, and spiritual results. Many of them do not begin to compare with ours.

To maintain the enthusiasm, acquaintances, and interests created by camp, almost all our districts have periodic youth rallies and socials for the young people. These are spiritually important and socially wholesome.

Then in our local churches we have a variety of youth organizations. At least half our churches have some type of active boys' club now, reaching and keeping boys of the difficult age—9 to 14 years. Many churches have older divisions for their clubs, too, that are very popular and effective.

Almost all our churches have one or more girls' groups, organized under the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. Some churches have 3—junior, intermediate, and senior groups.

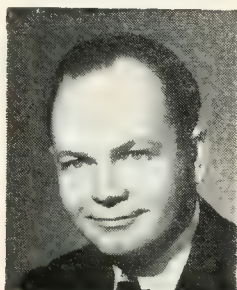
Then there are the Brethren Youth Fellowships, meeting usually on Sunday nights, and embracing a wide

variety of ages. These offer training, fellowship, social activities, and other advantages for our youth. In addition to the Sunday night meetings many BYF's sponsor regular fun nights, singspirations, and even hobby nights.

## *Challenge for Youth*

But young people need a challenge; and the youth of the Brethren Church are constantly exposed to challenges. A growing denomination, with a rapidly expanding home and foreign mission program, offers many branches of interest, aid, and service.

Many large denominations today are trying all sorts of schemes to enlist young people to train for the



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ministry. But we almost need to try some schemes to discourage them! Our fear is not that of having a shortage, but of having a surplus of fine, well-trained young people who are presenting themselves for the pastorates and mission fields of our denomination. At the present time we have more than 250 young people in Christian colleges, Bible institutes, and seminaries, most of whom are preparing for definite Christian service, and who are desirous of serving Christ in the Brethren Church. And in the past few years we have been gaining more than we have been losing to other denominations and interdenominational work.

## *Opportunities for Youth*

In addition to the more traditional opportunities for pastors and missionaries, there have been increasing opportunities in our church for evangelists and teachers and other Christian workers. There is still much

room for invasion of other fields of Christian work. For instance, we wish more of our churches would consider employing a full-time Sunday school and youth worker—a field in which there are great possibilities. But we are mighty thankful for the expanding vision of our denomination that has been affording increased opportunities to our youth. And if the Lord permits, we feel confident that other specialized fields will open to us also.

Brethren youth have been responding to the challenges and opportunities presented. And I trust that the rest of us will keep pace with them in our faith, our vision, and our prayers. God has great things for us together—let us not fail Him.

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

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liam (Ethel) Kolb, who reads and marks corrections needed on all proof sheets. (See picture of Mrs. Kolb in connection with this article.) From the proof sheets Brother Deloe works in making corrections as noted by Mrs. Kolb. When the corrections are all made by these 2 working together in close harmony, the final proof sheets of the completed pages are given to the editor and he again reads everything that appears in each number of the magazine. Then, and then only, the paper is ready for the presses.

Now that we are better acquainted than we were before this page was written and read, we are in a better position to pray for each other. This number of the Herald will show how the entire work of the denomination has one meeting place in its official paper, for on these pages are presented 8 phases of the denomination's work.

## MOODY GRADUATES 71 SENIORS

Diplomas were given to 71 graduates at the Moody Bible Institute January 15. Of these young people 27 plan to be foreign missionaries, 12 expect to enter home mission fields, and 20 will enter other forms of Christian work.

# THE BRETHREN MINISTRY

By Rev. Paul E. Dick, President, National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers

A few days ago I heard a small boy say: "The most wonderful thing in all the world is to be a Christian." To this might be added: "It is also wonderful to be called to preach the Word of God."

To the average person the ministry does not have the glamour, the color, nor the appeal of many other fields of service. It is just as well, for already we have too many quacks who are clattering for a hearing, who have nothing to say because they have never been called by the Lord to minister the Word. A person called into the ministry with a heavenly calling stands in the most solemn spot in all the world.

Throughout the Word of God we find records of the Lord seeking out men to do His witnessing and His work. He sought out Abraham, David, Paul, and Timothy, to name but a few. Some of the men God sought to serve Him tried to ignore or excuse themselves from this calling, such as Moses and Jonah. Today God goes about seeking whom He will to serve Him in the ministry of reconciliation. The ministry is not to be shunned but rather it is to be considered a God-given privilege.

## *Call to the Ministry*

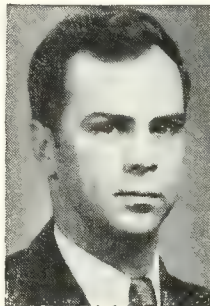
It has been said, "God's callings are God's enablings," and how true. The express purpose for which God calls a person into the ministry is to preach the Word. Paul charged Timothy to preach the message and to stay at it in season and out of season, for the time would come when some would not listen to wholesome teaching. Paul also told Timothy "to suffer hardship, and do your work as a herald of the gospel of good news, and so fill your ministry to the brim."

Oh how the Devil often suggests to us to compromise on the message—the message that tells us to reprove when it is necessary; to rebuke when it is necessary; to exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. To withhold any portion of God's Word in our ministry because of possible repercussions is to fail in our calling and ordination vows. On the other hand, when we faithfully proclaim the whole Word, we have the promise of the blessing of God upon our ministry.

I am so glad that a call to the ministry can be fully carried out in the Brethren Church, where no restrictions or bans are placed upon any portion of the Word of God. God's Word can be fully preached without fear of incurring the wrath and displeasure of denominational leaders or fellow laborers.

## *Challenge of the Ministry*

Never has there been more need for laborers than now. The challenges are tremendous. Our foreign mission fields are calling for more help. Home mission fields are becoming more numerous each month. Christian leaders in other fields are needed. This world knows too little of God-fearing men with a challenge



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in their heart—a challenge that will send them forth into the fields of the world that are already "white unto harvest" to reap many trophies of God's marvelous grace.

As we meet this challenge we can do as the bride did in the Song of Solomon—"lean upon her beloved." We can also say with Jeremiah: "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord" (1:8). So it was with Paul: "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:9-10).

## *Compensation of the Ministry*

If some of us thought we were going to get rich by coming into the Brethren ministry we were of all men most miserably fooled. Many of our ministers at the present hour could command better salaries if they were in other occupations, and

some have given up far better paying jobs in the matter of dollars than what the ministry will ever afford. But wait a minute, have we given more than we'll ever get through serving the Lord? We recall the words of Pharaoh's daughter speaking to the mother of Moses, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Ex. 2:9). As far as the wealth of this world is concerned, we are far ahead when we have the promise: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). One promise from the owner of the cattle on a thousand hills is far greater than the wealth of this universe. We labor joyously for a sure paymaster.

Take a little trip with me as I make my rounds in the ministry and see whether it pays. A visit to the hospital to see a dying man, with the result that he is born again through your personal work, and later the Lord raises him to health. We come down the corridor of the same hospital and a lady in the hall says, "Your radio ministry is a blessing to my heart every Sunday morning." On the next floor one of the head nurses says, "Mr. Dick, why is it that the patients here in the hospital from your church seem to be different?" What a joy to be able to say that this is the result of our teaching the whole Word of God to our people.

Go with me now to the countryside and a little house on the side of the hill. We enter and find a very fine Christian lady, a member of our church. A recent operation has confined her that she will never be able to attend church again. She is sitting in the middle of the room with a table before her and on the table is a Bible and several commentaries. She is studying the Word. After a few minutes of fellowship she says, "Mr. Dick, your radio broadcast is my Sunday church service and the only church I'll ever be able to attend."

Here is a young man who is saved as a result of personal work, and as he grows in grace he feels called into the ministry. Here is a young mother who is led from the darkness

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Dr. Alva J. McClain, President, Grace Theological Seminary

In phrasing my subject as above I have in mind the Brethren Church as represented by the congregations and organized work of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. In this group there is embodied most completely the historic faith and polity of the "Brethren." Our congregations are wholly free from any ecclesiastical authority external to them, yet they are united in those important spiritual bonds which are inseparable from a common faith and mission. In relation to this Brethren movement Grace Theological Seminary holds a place of high importance.

## *Its Historical Importance*

It was in 1939 that a faction representing Ashland College captured the general conference by an unfair (and probably illegal) parliamentary maneuver, leaving at least one-half of our Brethren churches without any effective voice in denominational affairs. The crucial nature of this situation appears more clearly in the light of the fact that these congregations were the ones which had been mainly responsible for holding the denomination to its historic faith and also for the inauguration and support of its missionary program.

During this trying experience, as we can see now, it was providential that Grace Theological Seminary had already been organized and launched 2 years earlier in 1937 and was a successful school when the crisis of division arrived. Actually, of course, the school had been started on the Ashland College campus in 1930; and from that year until 1940, when the disenfranchised congregations formed the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the school had served as a center of true Brethren faith and fellowship.

Only those who lived through the critical years of 1930-40 and shared in the experiences of suffering and decision, can possibly appreciate how much Grace Seminary meant to our churches, our ministers, and our missionaries. Even those who sought to injure our cause recognized the importance of the school by making

it the chief object of their attack, and also by the epithet "Grace-ite," which they rather contemptuously applied to our churches. This is not to overlook other factors of high historical importance, such as the Foreign Missionary Society; but Grace Seminary in a peculiar sense became the outstanding symbol of everything else worth while in the struggle and its consummation.

## *Its Theological Importance*

Generally speaking, most of the Protestant denominations in this country are today suffering from 2 serious evils: first, there is a sharp



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theological cleavage which is variously described as "liberal-conservative" and "modernist-fundamentalist"; and second, the modernist party is largely in control. Still further it can be said that the effects of this situation have been felt to some extent by every religious group in America. Sooner or later churches and leaders have had to decide where they would stand in the battle. And it has become increasingly clear that there is no such thing as neutrality. The advocates of "peace" who declared they would have no part in the controversy, it can now be said with assurance, by their very attitude of "neutrality" had already moved into the camp of the unbelievers, although sometimes unwittingly. But the modernist leaders have always understood that those who were not against them could be counted for them.

In the face of this situation, therefore, it is with a distinct sense of sat-

isfaction, and also of humble gratitude, that we can affirm regarding our group of Brethren churches, there is no present indication of any such theological cleavage. We have no pastor, no missionary, no denominational official who has any recognizable leaning toward modern religious liberalism or toward its more recent rival which bears the misnomer of "Neo-orthodoxy." Furthermore, we are in general agreement even in the difficult field of eschatology. If there is a minister affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches who is *not* an enthusiastic premillennialist, I am not aware of it.

Certainly, this happy condition has been brought about by various causes, but it is also just as certain that the ministry of Grace Theological Seminary has been one of the most potent of these causes. For nearly a quarter of a century (1930-53) this school, with its present large and representative controlling board, has stood without wavering for a verbally inspired Bible and its great truths of Christian revelation, declining to make any concessions whatever to the liberal tendencies of the hour.

## *Its Practical Importance*

Competent observers have more than once pointed out that no religious group in known history has ever been able to perpetuate itself without making some adequate provision for the training of its own leaders. This fact is becoming more apparent than ever in view of the present moral and religious situation. Orthodox Christian churches of various affiliations are recognizing the need for not only higher education but also secondary schools for the training of their future leadership.

Grace Theological Seminary has already in the brief period of its existence supplied training for a very large proportion of our Brethren ministers, missionaries, and teachers. And its remarkable growth as a school constitutes the surest guaran-

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# BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

## THE FOUNDATION OF BRETHREN GROWTH AND TESTIMONY

By Rev. Luther L. Grubb, Secretary, Brethren Home Missions Council

### *It Has Been True in the Past!*

Over 65 of our present Brethren churches were either started or assisted by Brethren home missions. These churches help support foreign missions, Grace Seminary, publications, and home missions, as well as other auxiliary Brethren organizations. These churches are providing students for Grace Seminary and other Christian schools.

These churches are providing missionaries for the foreign fields of the world. These churches are providing pastors and home missionaries in the United States. These churches are providing laymen that are powerful testimonies for Christ in every walk of life. These churches are

reaping the harvest of souls in the areas where they are located.



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### *It Must Be True in the Future!*

Four million new babies will be born in 1953 at the present rate!

How many of these 4,000,000 will be enrolled in cradle rolls of Brethren Sunday schools? Forty-two million is the anticipated gain in population for the United States from 1950 to 1975. How many of these 42,000,000 will we reach for Christ and the Brethren Church in the next 25 years?

Seventy million people in the United States today are without any church affiliation! How many of these 70,000,000 will the Brethren Church reach? Nine new churches are needed every day of every year in the next 25 years to provide 1 for every 500 population increase! How many of the 9 new churches needed each day will the Brethren Church build?

## DOORS OF SERVICE . . .

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have you join us, and there certainly is plenty of work to do. Come along!

"Well, I guess I could. I surely would like to get some of the thrill in serving the Lord you seem to have. Yes, I'll go with you!"

That afternoon, after lunch was over, the boxes packed, and the prayer circle completed, a much-enlightened lady began to feel the thrill of serving the Lord for the love of it and not out of duty alone. Several meetings later she began to feel the spiritual need of her life, and she, with her family, soon accepted the pastor's invitation to take Christ as Lord and Saviour and become active members of the church.

It wasn't long until she discovered that there were great and effectual doors opened unto her. She discovered she could use her hands in preparing and packing much-needed mission boxes. She could use her voice in singing specials and in the church choir. She could use her talents to speak, read, and conduct meetings. In due time she was called upon to act as a committee chairman, then an officer, and then a teacher in the Bible school. She learned early the thrill of winning souls to Christ, and this gave impetus and meaning

to all her work in the local church. The door of devotion was entered eagerly. Effective Bible study increased her knowledge of the Word of God.

And one glad day, when a missionary reached into the "missionary chest" and chose one of her pieces of handiwork to take along to Argentina, her heart was thrilled again and anew. It was then that she determined to pray daily for every missionary on every field of her church. The doors were great and effectual and she was anxiously entering therein. All because one woman of the Brethren Church appreciated the many doors of service open to her and, entering in herself, invited another to come along.

## GIDEONS TO MEET IN SEATTLE

The 54th annual convention of Gideons International is scheduled for Seattle, Wash., July 22-27, the Lord willing. Arrangements are being made to take delegates to the convention in special cars over several railroad systems.

The Gideons are laymen banded together for the express purpose of distributing the Word of God everywhere possible. Mr. D. J. DePree, of Zeeland, Mich., is president of Gideons International.

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tee that our Brethren churches and missions will not lack an educated leadership in the future.

### *Its Denominational Importance*

Our group of Brethren churches have always been known favorably for our recognition and fellowship with other believing churches and schools regardless of denominational affiliation. Some of our most successful ministers have received their training in such schools. But all will agree that non-Brethren schools, by the very nature of the case, cannot provide education in our distinctive Brethren doctrines and practices. Neither can such schools be expected to emphasize properly our Brethren interests, our Brethren missions, and our Brethren programs, and keep them before the eyes of Brethren students. This is something possible only at a school which is supported, controlled, and manned by those who are themselves Brethren in faith. Since Grace Seminary is the only Brethren institution of higher education of this character, it occupies a place of unique importance in relation to the work of the denomination.



# 10 BLESSINGS FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR ALL OF US

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard, General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

**Blessing No. 1—Hallowed History.** The accompanying article, "Recollections of Allen Bennett," prepared at my request by Dr. Vansteenbergh, of the Belgian Gospel Mission, reminds us not only of Allen Bennett but of the many missionaries who have given their lives and whose bodies are planted in foreign soil. Others crowded in these sacred memories of the Brethren Church are Miss Mae Snyder, Mrs. Mary Rollier, James Gribble, Dr. Florence Gribble, Lester Kennedy, Miss Edna Patterson, Joseph Foster, and Clarence L. Sickel.

**Blessing No. 2—Expanded Horizons.** Ours is not a little world when our vital interests include those 87



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dear ones in Christ serving in 5 fields on 4 continents.

**Blessing No. 3—Impelling Prayer Interest.** In the Brethren Church prayer for foreign missions comes almost in the same breath with thanking God for daily food.

**Blessing No. 4—Christ-Honoring Ministry.** Whether we are among "those who go" or "those who send them," we are still a part of a God-given, Christ-commanded, Spirit-blessed ministry. Those on the battle line and those supplying the equipment are both needed.

**Blessing No. 5—Christian Dynamic.** A right attitude toward getting the Gospel out will do much in solving church problems at home. God pours so much of His power through the pipes of foreign missions.

**Blessing No. 6—Life Challenge.** Who in childhood has not said, "I want to be a foreign missionary"? Many of those serving today are those who made such decisions in childhood.

**Blessing No. 7—Rapidly Growing**

**Church.** There are about 20,000 faithful believers in our various fields. We are a part of the Brethren Church in Africa, Argentina, Baja California, Brazil, France, and Hawaii, as well as in the United States.

**Blessing No. 8—A Life of Faith.** Who walks by faith more than the foreign missionary? The story of his work, in letter and in printed page, encourages and inspires us to a life of faith.

**Blessing No. 9—Unselfish Love.** "Me and my wife, my son John and his wife—we four and no more" has no place in foreign missionary thinking. All become precious in our sight because they are precious in His sight.

**Blessing No. 10—Compelling Example.** I have known no people whose examples of unselfish service do more to bring forth like service in us than do foreign missionaries.

BLESS YOURSELF IN BLESSING FOREIGN MISSIONS.

## MY RECOLLECTIONS OF ALLEN BENNETT

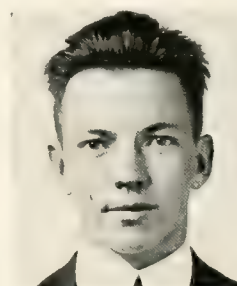
By Dr. O. Vansteenbergh

Among the many people of God whom it has been my privilege to meet in the course of 30 years in the service of the Lord in Belgium, none stands out with a sweeter fragrance than Allen Lee Bennett of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. He came to Belgium to learn French and at once endeared himself to all who knew him. His stay was a long one because his linguistic abilities were meager, as human estimation goes. It is quite possible that the accident which he had suffered had something to do with this difficulty—a railroad accident in California had mauled his body. There were very few bones in his body that were not broken; only his spirit was left intact and brought him through the weary months of hospitalization. I have heard him tell this story many a time and always he concluded it by saying, "As the Lord healed me miraculously, I felt that I belonged to Him in a special way and thus it was a mere logical conclusion for me to offer

myself for Christian service and obey the call to the mission field."

Allen was no linguist. I often tried to correct his French, but the most I got from him in return was a slight improvement in his pronunciation, and apparently this improvement did not stick but left him very soon. Allen had, however, a smile which I have never seen on the face of any other man. It was not difficult to read in it the constraining love of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was this smile which endeared him to all who knew him and in a very short time it seemed to us that Allen belonged to the Belgian Gospel Mission.

At last the time came when Allen left for the mission field. Then a



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few weeks later the news came of his passing. He finished his earthly pilgrimage a day or two out of Bangui. Dr. Florence Gribble, writing about this, said that on the day after his burial, as she passed by the grave, she saw the 2 boys who had been with Allen kneeling upon his grave weeping. He had led them to the Lord because he had shown them in his very countenance that Christ was a glorious reality and was able to communicate to him that which forcibly reminded other men of God. Allen's career was not a long one, but he ran the course set out for him by the Master of the harvest until the voice, "Well done," came to him. I have Allen's picture in my office and, in these more than 25 years, looking into his face has been an inspiration to my own soul. Allen has taught me the lesson to do for the Lord the little things that He has prepared for us and to give to the doing of these such a quality as will leave a lasting impression on those to whom we minister. "He, being dead, yet speaketh!"

# THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

By Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio

(This message was presented on "Your Morning Devotions," Radio Wooster, Sunday, December 14—Universal Bible Sunday.—Editor.)

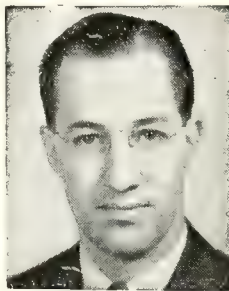
For the past several centuries one version of the Bible stood out above all others. It is the commonly used and accepted King James Version—the K. J. V. In recent years, however, a whole flood of new versions has come upon us, the latest of which is the much-acclaimed Revised Standard Version—the R. S. V.—produced through the cooperative efforts of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and Thomas Nelson & Sons, the publishers. The New Testament translation was completed and printed in 1946. The work on the Old Testament was completed in 1952. The whole Bible, as revised, was presented to the public September 30, 1952. It has been acclaimed as "the greatest Bible news in 341 years."

Never before in history did a piece of printed matter have so much publicity afforded it before its appearance, nor was the reported \$850,000 spent on advertising a losing venture. Already the first edition of over a million copies has been sold, and many people, it is reported, are waiting for their copies of the new version. This big boom in Bible buying is a healthy thing. The only question in the minds of conservative scholars is: "What effect will this new version have upon the thinking and the convictions of its readers?" The answer to this question is reserved for the generations ahead. Not until men have used it extensively, if they do, for a period of years will it become apparent just what it may have done to the religious thinking of the people of the world. It has already been predicted, and we agree, that this new version will be widely read for a season. Eventually, however, it will be relegated to the reference shelf with numerous other versions. The people, that is those who read their Bibles consistently and not by spurts under pressure, will return to the time-honored and God-honored King James Version. . . .

## *The Revised Standard Version*

Now let's see what this new version is all about. What is new about it? Why has it had such a buildup? What is behind the claims advanced by the committee of revision? What has prompted the violent reactions that have come as a result of its publication? Generally, there have been three attitudes manifest toward the new version.

(1) *The Liberals*, and by these we mean the modern scholars who feel at liberty to accept or reject any or all portions of the Bible as being the Word of God, have put their stamp of approval on the R. S. V. In fact,



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most of them did so before they had even seen copies of the work, before ever reading and comparing its contents with other versions. To say the least, this attitude was very unscholarly. If it is an indication of the general procedure in the production of the R. S. V., then we have good grounds for doubting the value of the whole matter. However, in all fairness, we must conclude that the 32-man committee who worked on the R. S. V. surely must have been more scholarly than their ardent supporters who accepted their labors hook, line, and sinker before even seeing the work in print.

(2) *The extreme Fundamentalists*, who have gone to all lengths to show their disregard for, and utter lack of trust in the new version. Some of these have gone so far as to burn copies thereof publicly. Surely such must have been an unwise deed, regardless of the merits or demerits of the new version. It is reported that one church group in Florida described the R. S. V. as "an attempt of the Devil to discredit the eternal

Word of God." Others have called the R. S. V. "a blasphemous Bible."

It is to be remembered that Bible revisions, with their authors, have been the butt of criticism ever since Scripture was written. Wycliffe, one of the early scholars who made the English Bible a reality, and from whose translation many of our English Bibles of today are copies, was declared to have been "moved by Satan" when he translated the Scriptures from the Latin to the English. They said of him, "He has even made the Bible available to women." The Pope, 40 years after Wycliffe's death, was so incensed with his so-called unholy deed that he ordered Wycliffe's bones exhumed and burned.

Now any intelligent Bible student of today will know that Wycliffe, Tyndale, and a host of other scholars who have given us translations and revisions have done a very worthy service to the Christian and the church. We must be careful, lest in our eagerness to hold on to what we have, we do not unjustly accuse those who may be used of the Lord.

(3) *The Conservatives*, both liberal and fundamental, are those people who have tried to make a sensible appraisal of the R. S. V. to discover its merits and demerits, its dangers, and its points of recommendation. In our file are many articles, much material, and extended studies on the matter. We have gleaned the source material for this message from scholars on both sides of the controversy. The only claim we make to originality is the manner in which the information is being presented. Your speaker is a conservative Bible student. I do not agree with the tendencies of the liberals. Therefore, it is to be expected that a critical view of any tampering with the Bible text should be taken. We neither give blind approval to the R. S. V., nor do we lend ourself to biased disapproval.

## *Definitions*

It would seem imperative that we determine some meanings before trying to properly appraise the R. S. V.

(1) *A version* is a translation from one language to another. In this



study it means the transporting of actual words from the original language of the Scriptures into equivalent English words. In this sense, a "version" might also be called a "translation."

(2) A *revision* is the working over of a version, changing words and phrases to make them more like the original from whence they came. Revisions are prompted when there seems to be additional light on such things as the original text, the usage of words, and related supporting evidence, such as archeology, the finding of older manuscripts, and the increased skill in actual translating.

(3) *The King James Version* is that version presented in 1611 by 47 conservative scholars of that day, under the instruction of the then ruling monarch of the British Empire. It was primarily based upon the earlier versions such as the Geneva Bible, the Great Bible, the Coverdale Bible, Tyndale's translation, and Wycliffe's version. All of these, in turn, were from the Vulgate, or Latin version of the 4th century.

(4) *The English Standard Version* of 1881, and its American contemporary, the *American Standard Version* of 1901, were revisions of the King James Version in the light of older manuscripts, recent archeological discoveries, and increased scholarly ability. In our estimation these versions made clear any doubtful passages of the K. J. V. No new translation seemed to be warranted in the light of these scholarly endeavors.

(5) *The Revised Standard Version*, the revision and translation so-called, recently published, purports to be a true-to-the-original revision of the King James Version. In this work, wordings have been changed, correcting the Elizabethan English phrasing into modern language. Also numerous textual changes have been made. In the main, criticisms of the new work have been leveled against the textual changes because they obviously distort accepted Biblical doctrines.

(6) *Inspiration* means that the original manuscripts were, in Hebrew, Greek, and some minor languages, exactly what God wanted them to be. The actual words were God's (verbal inspiration). "Holy men of old spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." One must remember that

there is no claim made for the inspiration of any particular version. All versions are translations of copies of the original manuscripts. There has always been the possibility of miscopyings, lost portions, mistranslations, and misusage. It should be the quest of each Bible scholar to find that rendering which is the nearest to the wording of the originals. In this respect, all versions may have some merit and may shed some light upon the study. . . .

It needs to be remembered, however, that the same Holy Spirit who inspired the originals also brings to mind the right translations to yielded scholars. It is thus apparent that the attitude of the translators, and their degree of consecration to the



indwelling Holy Spirit, is a great factor in the determination of the value of their labors.

#### *Merits of the R. S. V.*

It is to be admitted that the R. S. V. has some merits.

(1) It has stimulated widespread interest in the Scriptures. Perhaps more attention has been focused on the Word of God in recent months than in any one similar period of time heretofore. Also more people are Bible-conscious. They are beginning to read the Book, to see just what is within the covers of this much-discussed volume. . . .

(2) It is true that there have been many changes in word usage since the 16th century, when the K. J. V. appeared. We are told that there are approximately 300 word changes in the R. S. V. In the main, these have been acceptable and helpful. An example of one such change would be the description applied to the wives of Solomon. In the K. J. V. they are described as "outlandish." Now they may well have been that kind of women. However, the R. S. V. more accurately uses the

word "foreign." They were foreign women who turned the heart of Solomon away from the true God.

(3) In several instances, according to reliable reports, they have added words that appeared in the accepted early manuscripts but which were missed in the K. J. V., either through errors in copying, or mistakes in the translations. Insofar as these additions are warranted by the originals, they must be accepted as a good thing. This is a point for the manuscript authorities to determine.

(4) The publishers of the R. S. V. claim that its language, that of up-to-date English, will be a boon to Bible reading and understanding. They argue that the older English translation was hard to read and hard to understand. The more simplified reading will be a great help, so they contend. We have serious doubts as to the merit of the claim. We feel that something is lost when the traditional language of the earlier English versions is sacrificed. Putting the Bible into modern speech may relegate it to the position of "just another book" among many books. . . .

It doesn't take an intellectual giant to understand that the merits claimed for the R. S. V. are rather superficial. The revision committee has boldly claimed that they had no purpose in mind of changing the meaning of the text, or of reading into the new version their own liberal theology. Since this is their avowed purpose, it would seem that they went to a great deal of expenditure of both time and funds to correct a few words and phrases. We are convinced that there is no portion of the K. J. V. but that could be understood by any intelligent searcher after the truth of God's Word. That their labors of correction are not lasting is evidenced by the report that already some 80 changes have been made in the New Testament—revisions of the work of the revisers, a work only 6 years old.

#### *Demerits of the R. S. V.*

That there are serious faults in this newer version is agreed by open-minded Bible students. Here are some of them. (There are a multitude more.)

(1) *The translators* (revision committee) are liberals. These 32 scholars stated, in the words of Doctor Bowie, as he made known what the committee had in mind, that they were intent upon making known



"actually what the writers meant for us to understand." In other words, they were not so much concerned about being genuine translators as they were anxious to be interpreters. Versions are for the purpose of translating the exact words of the original manuscripts. Revisions are for the purpose of ascertaining the accuracy of the versions. These scholars were more concerned in getting across meanings, not words. Theirs could almost be termed a "thought revision," not a "verbal revision." Now it obviously must be concluded that their liberal theological tendencies would appear in their labors, as indeed they have. Here are some examples:

(a) *In Revelation 22:20* the K. J. V. says, "Surely I come quickly." The R. S. V. changes this to read, "Surely I am coming soon." Now these statements are not the same. The suddenness, the unexpectedness, the surprise of His coming are revealed in the word "quickly." But the element of time is involved in the phrase "coming soon." The former properly relates the truth about the blessed second coming. The latter would tend to pour water on the wheel of the scoffer when he says: "Where is the promise of his coming? . . . all things continue as from the beginning."

(b) *In Micah 5:2*, where the prophet tells of the coming of Christ as the Babe in Bethlehem, he rightly says: "Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." This clearly indicates that Christ is eternal, that He was preexistent with the Father before the world began. However, the R. S. V. wrongly states it: "Whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." Here is an attempt, purposeful or otherwise we cannot say, to destroy the Biblical doctrine of the eternal nature of the Son of God.

(c) *In Colossians 1:14*, which reads, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins," the revisers have left out the word "blood," even though it appears in the best manuscripts. Here, without reason, they have dropped a firm statement pertaining to the blood atonement, one of the cardinal doctrines of the Scriptures. We will not read a reason into their actions. However, of the 32 members of the revision committee, it is well known that not one is an outspoken exponent of the salvation by

blood taught by the blessed Word of God.

(d) *In Luke 1:34*, in speaking of the Virgin Mary, the espoused wife of Joseph, in the events centering around the blessed nativity, we note another gross mistranslation. Mary said to the angel: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (The original means a "man of maturity, of full stature.") The R. S. V. has it: "Since I have no husband." There is a vast deal of difference between a virgin who has never been carnally touched by a man, than simply a young woman who has no husband. A virgin, untouched by a man, is pure, chaste, holy. A woman without a husband could be the vilest of creatures should she be so minded. Mary was more than a husbandless young maiden—she was an undefiled virgin, a pure vessel to be used of the Holy Spirit for the miraculous conception of Jesus. Here the new version errs greatly from both the



original text and the original meaning. And there is little excuse for the mistake.

This same problem of the virgin birth is involved in the translation of Isaiah 7:14. While it is admitted that there may be a choice of words in the Isaiah passage, it must be also admitted that in light of the meaning given exclusively in the New Testament to a quotation of the Isaiah passage, it should have been translated "virgin" instead of simply "young woman," as in the R. S. V. Are they questioning the virgin birth?

(2) *The arbitrary use of pronouns* is another striking demerit of the R. S. V. When these pronouns refer to God, the terms "Thee" and "Thou" are used. However, when referring to Christ, the terms "you" and "yours" are substituted. For example, in Matthew 16:16, where Peter makes his great confession, it reads in the R. S. V.: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In the K. J. V. it reads: "Thou art

the Christ, the Son of the living God." This mistranslation lowers Jesus to the level of man. In fact, one would have trouble distinguishing the Christ from even the Devil, in this respect, for the same translations are used for both. This is an obvious attempt to rob Christ of His deity, His oneness with the Father. Furthermore, these revisers set themselves up as a final court of decision as to whether the original writers were referring to God the Father, or God the Son. I would rather trust in the decisions of the blessed Holy Spirit who made them to be one.

It occurs to me that much damage, other than doctrinal, would be done to some of our choice passages of literature were we to adopt this new use of Biblical pronouns. Now we will have to sing: "My faith looks up to you, you Lamb of Calvary," or: "You, the fount of every blessing." Even our patriotism will be altered, if we are consistent, for we must now sing: "My country 'tis of you, sweet land of liberty, of you I sing." Sounds absurd, doesn't it? Don't blame me—it's their idea, not mine. Personally, I don't like it any better than you do.

(3) *Paraphrasing* is another serious demerit of the R. S. V. Paraphrasing means "to restate a passage in different words." Now translators are to give the exact equivalent in words of any text, not to try to convert the original into another language in meaning only. An example of their fault here is found in I Corinthians 3:4, where one says, "I am of Paul," the simple genitive of the Greek being used. The R. S. V. reads, "I belong to Paul," implying that the speaker was the possession of the apostle. Such is not the meaning of the text, though the revisers, for some reason known to themselves, wanted to make it so.

(4) *The revision committee*, all 32 of them, are reportedly avowed modernists. We do not know one among them who will openly defend the great fundamentals of the faith as we believe them: such as the virgin birth, the new birth, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection of the saints, and the second coming of Christ. It would be utter nonsense to suppose that such scholars could produce a version without reading into it their liberal, anti-Biblical beliefs. That they have read their own thoughts into the R. S. V. is apparent from the examples we have



shown. Therefore, while the R. S. V. may be a boon to the liberalist, it is a danger to the conservative scholar who wants to know what God said and not what men think He said.

It is interesting to note that these 32 members of the revision committee have agreed that none of their labors have altered, in any sense, the plain meanings of the King James Version. In the light of their supposed increased knowledge, their later findings, and their greater scholarship, it seems rather odd that they could find no new thing to add to the K. J. V. Evidently God was moving the pens of those earlier revisers and translators. Certainly, if it took all these extra props to bring the recent revisers to the truth, these earlier men of God must have been blessed with extra divine help. We believe they were—in a way that no liberal scholar could ever hope to be. Here is room for much thought, is it not?

#### Conclusion

It has disturbed me to note the claim that now, finally, we do have an "authorized version." Authorized by whom? By an organization of church leaders, all of whom are avowedly liberal in their attitude toward the Scriptures. Let it be remembered that the Bible needs no human authorization, especially from those who misuse its very context. This is God's Word! He authorized it thousands of years ago—yes, before the foundation of the world. Men's acts can neither augment nor abrogate that divine authority. It is written: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues of this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city" (Rev. 22:18-19). And while this prophecy pertains primarily to the last book of the Bible, the principle involved is true of all Scripture.

#### YFC INTERNATIONAL TO MEET

Plans are being made to hold the 9th annual convention of Youth for Christ International at Winona Lake, Ind., June 28-July 12. According to Dr. Robert Cook, president of the movement, approximately 3,000 delegates, in addition to thousands of visitors, will attend the rally.

## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### V. THE SCEPTRE.

"A Sceptre shall rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17). The sceptre is the symbol of power. So is our Lord the symbol and the instrument of God's limitless power.

Elsewhere in the Book the Lord Christ is called, "the Power of God," "the Great God," "the Mighty God," "the Almighty," and "the Overcomer." Each of these titles displays the truth of Christ's omnipotence as a member of the Godhead. The creation is His kingdom—all the power and the glory are His. All else will some day fall and bow the knee to His great power and authority, for He is the Sceptre of God.

But how marvelous and thrilling to know that all that power has been given as a source of strength and protection to God's children. He is our Banner for us to follow; but as well He is called our "Fortress," our "Buckler," our "Shield," our "Strength," and our "Strong Tower." All these titles signify the same power, not in authority and rule alone, but also in personal and careful assistance and help. We often fail to appropriate this great truth because the majesty and power of God make us think He is too "big" to care,

when in reality that very characteristic of greatness makes our God and our Saviour responsive to the need and weakness of His own children.

Psychiana, a religious movement of late origin, claims to have exclusive hold on the power of God. Actually the movement does not even recognize Christ, who is that power in action. But how precious the thought that to every Christian there is an ever-ready source of protective power—God's own Son, our Saviour.

The Sceptre of God, who will rule the world,

In love lifts the man who in sin once fell;

The power that judges is the power that saves;

The mighty God is our Fortress as well.

The great God, Almighty, O'ercomer, and King—

Our Fortress, our Buckler—protection is He;

The Power of God which created each thing,

Is ready to help whenever we need.

### THE BRETHREN MINISTRY

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of Catholicism into the glorious light of Christ and she enters the waters of baptism.

On and on we could go. But wait, what about those things we gave up to enter the ministry? Why, they are but trifling mites in comparison to these rich spiritual blessings which come from serving the risen Saviour. The ministry with all its compensation is a challenge to all who are in Christ Jesus.

May all of us remember Paul's words to the people at Thessalonica: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it" (I Thess 5:24). Let us also remember his admonition to the Ephesians: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that

### VACATION WITH A PURPOSE

Park of the Palms at Keystone Heights in central Florida is the location of an extended Bible conference during the present winter-vacation season. Rooms and meals are available on the grounds. Here is a place for Christians from the north to spend their vacations with profit.

Among the speakers for the current season are Dr. M. R. DeHaan, Dr. Horace Dean, Dr. Jesse Hendley, Dr. G. Allen Fleece, Dr. Jack Wyrten, Dr. John Zoller, Dr. E. Schuyler English, and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called (Eph. 4:1).

The Brethren ministry presents a field of service unequaled in history. Will you accept the challenge?



### Whittier, California (Community)

Six new members have recently been received, 2 by baptism and 4 by letter from another Brethren church. This brings our total membership to 65 people.

A record attendance of 386 people was recorded on December 21, 1952—Christmas Sunday.

Rev. Earl Poipti was our speaker for both services on January 11.—*(This report was received unsigned. Ed.)*

### Tracy, California

A revival broke out last Sunday evening (January 11) at our church. A young man, recently discharged from military service, came forward to offer himself for full-time service for the Lord. Then others came, 1 at a time, until 23 people were standing in the front part of the church. Some

of these were for salvation, some for assurance of salvation, and others to yield themselves completely to the Lord for service.

An average of 92 people attended our Sunday school each Sunday in 1952 and an average of 34 attended the midweek prayer meetings.

The trustees have been authorized to proceed with a program of painting parts of the building.

The congregation gave our pastor, Rev. William Clough, a unanimous vote to continue as pastor for another year.—*Joene Toon, secretary.*

### Wooster, Ohio

During 1952 the average attendance in the morning worship was 214 people, with an average of 149 in the evening service, 187 in the Bible school, and 62 in prayer meeting.

In the course of the year there were 58 public first-time confessions of faith, 27 baptisms, 13 reconsecrations, 5 babies dedicated, 8 funerals, and 3 weddings. During the year 26 new members were received into the church, bringing the membership to 203 persons. The pastor made 568 calls and received 897 let-

ters in response to our daily radio broadcast.

The average giving for the congregation was \$503.53 a Sunday, with \$4,421.97 being given to works outside the local church.—*Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

### Artesia, California

On the last Sunday of 1952 we baptized 5 young people and received 4 of them into our church the same day.

A Brethren Boys Club was started in October and we have had an average attendance of 17 boys in the meetings.

We are now looking forward to special meetings with Rev. R. I. Humbert to be held February 8-15.—*Adam Rager, pastor.*

### Leon, Iowa

We had a successful revival campaign last fall with Rev. Ward Miller, of Osceola, Ind., as evangelist, and Rev. Russell Ward, of Cleveland, Ohio, as song leader. There were 6 decisions for Christ, 5 being first-time confessions. One of these decisions was made by a man in jail accused of attempted murder and another was by a deputy sheriff of Decatur County.

Our young people are doing house-to-house visitation which has already resulted in one decision for salvation and one for assurance of salvation.

There have been 5 souls saved in regular preaching services since we came here last March and 5 have been baptized and received into membership of the church.—*Marion Gates, pastor.*

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
San Bernardino, Calif.....	Jan. 20-Feb. 1...	Lyle Marvin.....	Russell Humbert.
Russiaville, Ind..	Jan. 25-Feb. 1...	Roy Clark.....	Herman Hoyt.
Beaumont, Calif..	Feb. 1-15.....	Gene Farrell.....	Bob Munro.
Harrah, Wash....	Feb. 1-15.....	Jesse Hall.....	Robert Ashman.
Waynesboro, Pa..	Feb. 1-15.....	Dennis Holliday..	William Smith.
Johnstown, Pa. (1)	Feb. 2-15.....	W. A. Ogden.....	Michael Walsh.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(1st) .....	Feb. 4-5.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	Harold Garner.
Rittman, Ohio....	Feb. 4-15.....	Charles Ashman..	Ding Teuling.
San Diego, Calif..	Feb. 5-6.....	Gilbert Engelman.	Russell Humbert.
Artesia, Calif....	Feb. 8-13.....	Adam Rager.....	Russell Humbert.
Cuyahoga Falls, O.	Feb. 8-15.....	Richard Burch....	Herman Hoyt.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	Feb. 8-15.....	Robert Miller.....	Conard Sandy.
Whittier, Calif.			
(1st) .....	Feb. 8-22.....	Carl Sisson.....	Cedric Sears.
Winchester, Va... Feb.	8-11.....	Paul Dick.....	O. E. Phillips.
Wooster, Ohio.... Feb.	15.....	Kenneth Ashman.	James Bennett.

### EISELSTEIN BUSY IN COLORADO

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, member of our Denver, Colo., church and missionary for the American Sunday School Union in the Denver area, is busy for the Lord. During 1952 he supervised 54 Sunday schools with 162 teachers and 1,675 pupils enrolled; he was overseer of 67 vacation Bible schools with 2,485 pupils, and 8 camps with 808 campers.

To do his work he traveled 27,068 miles, visited in 1,258 homes, gave 223 public messages, organized 4 new Sunday schools, and opened 7 new preaching stations. These efforts resulted in 264 people accepting the Saviour.



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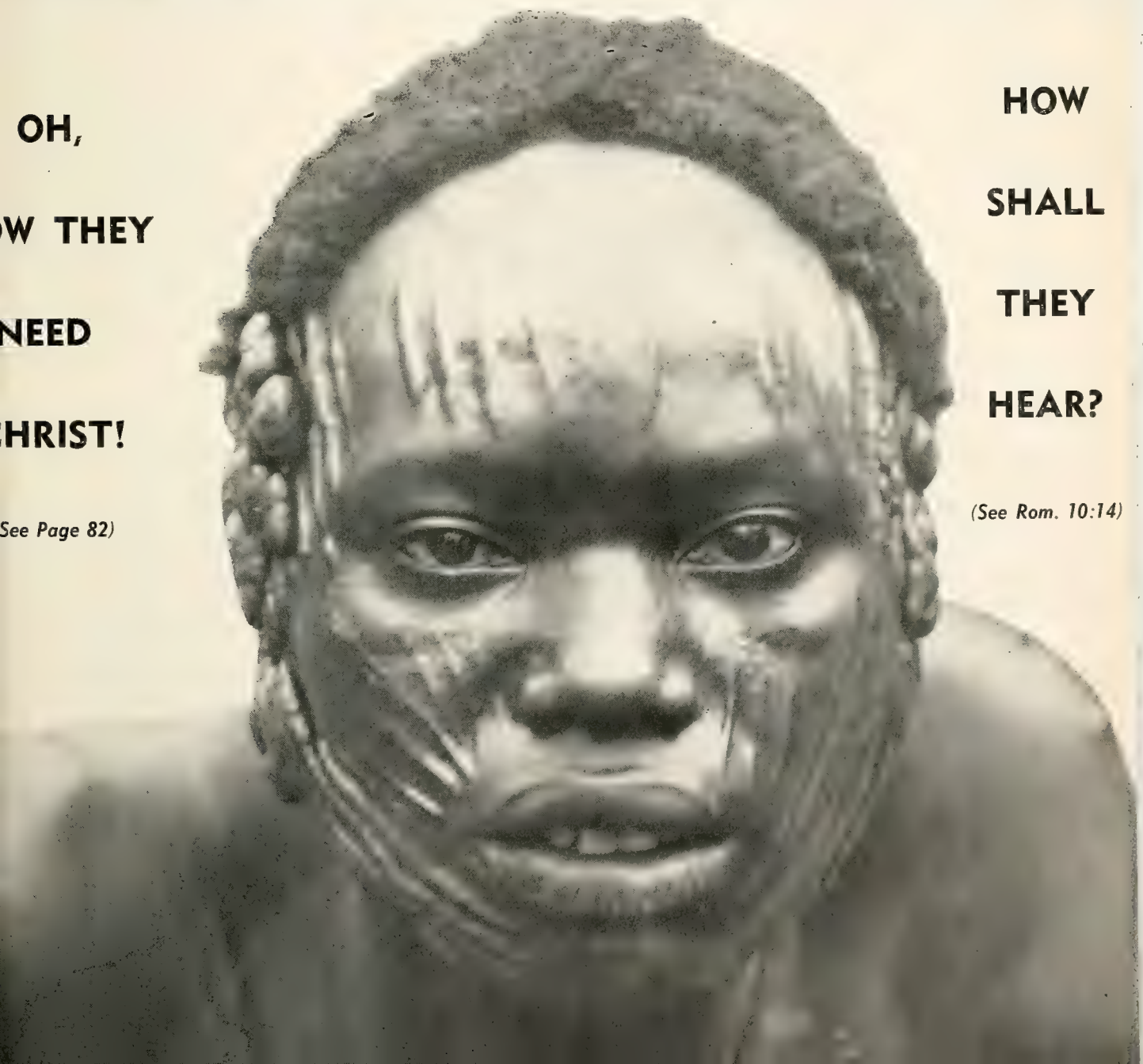
FEBRUARY 7, 1953

OH,  
HOW THEY  
NEED  
CHRIST!

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HOW  
SHALL  
THEY  
HEAR?

(See Rom. 10:14)



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

### *Let's All Pull, and Pull Hard!*

With this issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald we begin the 4-months period dedicated in a special way to foreign missions. You've done a great job—you, the Foreign Missionary Society and our missionaries—but there's a much greater job ahead. Millions are still without Christ, and between 1 and 2 million of them are our responsibility as members of Brethren churches. It can be done, only with the Lord's blessing, and only if we all pull together in this greatest business of all—getting the Gospel out.

### *I'm Frightened!*

European Roman Catholics are reported to be making the boast, "Give us 5 years more and we will have Africa." If this is true of Africa, how much more would it seem a challenge in the Latin-American countries. I'm frightened! Do you see why our board and society have sent missionaries in great numbers in recent years, and why we so desire to keep sending them just as rapidly as they are ready? What we do in the mission fields we must do NOW. The doors are yet open in most of our fields, but at any moment they may swing shut.

### *One Door Has Closed!*

We trust it is only a temporary closing, and it is not unexpected. It is the door to our nearest neighbor, Baja California. We have had just 1 year to teach and train some 100 national Mexican believers and we thank God for that privilege. Those national believers are carrying on without the presence of the missionaries and doing excellently. Possibly this is God's way of teaching those dear Mexican brethren that they can do things for themselves in the work of Christ.

It was on December 20, when Bro. Roy Howard was going from San Ysidro to Tijuana for the Saturday classes, that Mexican officials detained him and finally informed him that he could no longer cross the border. At that time Brother Walter Haag was far south in the peninsula, but as soon as he came home he was forbidden entrance into Baja California. The believers, who can legally do so, cross the border into the States once or twice a week for Bible instruction. We and the missionaries are making every possible approach to proper officials for permission to enter Mexico and carry on our work. We will report later. In the meantime, pray for us.

### *Buenos Aires Blessings*

Recent letters from Bro. Solon Hoyt have been very encouraging regarding the new testimony in the Buenos Aires area. During December Brother Hoyt conducted 3 weeks of tent meetings. Results were excellent. A full report will appear in a later issue, but for the present we will give a summary. The attendance was excel-

## Cover Page

(Editor's Note—The front cover pictures the face of a member of the Sara tribe. Part of this tribe lives in the Bekoro section of our field in French Equatorial Africa.)

### CAN THE SCARS OF SIN BE ERASED?

Throughout his lifetime the heathen bears the scars of sin upon his face. To those who know the secrets of the dark places of the earth, each scar speaks. It tells of initiation into secret orders, or of distinctions gained by relatives who walked in the same dark places, or of the quest for beauty. Much time is spent to mark forever those who worship at Satan's shrine.

A wound is made on the skin with a piece of grass or some sharp object. Where the wound is deep something is inserted to raise a scar. This scar silently witnesses forever that this one has known the glories and honors of heathenism. These sin marks emphasize to us the hopelessness of his eyes. They remind us that there are scars on his soul, but such scars can be erased by the precious blood of Christ.—Miss Ruth Snyder.

lent, most of the people coming from within 4 or 5 blocks of the tent. There were between 25 and 30 professions of faith. The challenge came when the tent meetings closed and the meetings were continued in the Hoyt home. But the Lord has so blessed that 20, and sometimes more, have attended week after week. Two fine young men from this group have been attending the summer youth camp, and it is hoped that they may soon be enrolled in the Bible institute. We so need reinforcements to help in this large city, with a total population of 2,500,000.

### *From Honolulu*

Fine reports are coming from T Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones in Honolulu. We are in rather a peculiar position. This work hasn't been fully approved as a mission field, although the society last year authorized us to make further investigation and help in the work. It is our work in that it is fully Brethren, and we are helping in every advisory way. We hope soon to do more. Mrs. Jones reports that for the past quarter there has been an average attendance of 39 at the morning service, with a much larger attendance during the Christmas season. Ten were baptized on January 3, bringing the total number of baptized believers to 20. Quite a number of others have accepted Christ and are attending faithfully. Parents of interested children are beginning to attend.

### *Fogles in the Lyon, France, Area*

The Fogles are now living in a city just at the north edge of Lyon, a city by the name of Caluire. Of this Brother Fogle says, "Though we chose Lyon, He chose Caluire. It is a town of 20,000 just north of Lyon, so close that the division is imperceptible. As far as I know there is not a testimony in the town apart from ours. What an opportunity!"

Brother Fogle is cooperating with the Greater Europe Mission in putting up hundreds of posters. Each poster

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# HOW OUR CHURCHES GAVE

## To Our Brethren Foreign Missions in 1951-52

"Jesus . . . beheld how the people cast money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41).

### 15 LEADING CHURCHES IN 1952 EASTER OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

1. Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	\$24,800.87
2. Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	7,105.49
3. Johnstown, Pa. (First) .....	5,512.59
4. Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	4,326.50
5. Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	3,656.81
6. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) .....	3,647.00
7. Long Beach, Calif. (Second) .....	3,484.94
8. Whittier, Calif. (First) .....	3,464.92
9. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) .....	3,404.83
10. Los Angeles, Calif. (First) .....	3,289.89
11. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .....	3,046.51
12. Winona Lake, Ind. ....	3,038.02
13. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) .....	3,031.85
14. Ashland, Ohio (West 10th) .....	2,912.81
15. Sunnyside, Wash. ....	2,721.99

### 15 LEADING CHURCHES IN PER-CAPITA GIVING TO FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1951-52

1. Whittier, Calif. (Community) .....	\$38.73
2. Winona Lake, Ind. ....	27.41
3. Temple City, Calif. ....	26.15
4. Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) .....	25.77
5. Sidney, Ind. ....	20.81
6. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) .....	18.75
7. Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	18.52
8. Los Angeles, Calif. (Second) .....	18.48
9. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) .....	18.00
10. Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	17.17
11. Conemaugh, Pa. (First) .....	16.39
12. Waterloo, Iowa (Grace) .....	15.39
13. Osceola, Ind. ....	15.36
14. Los Angeles, Calif. (Third) .....	15.20
15. Harrisburg, Pa. ....	14.95

### CHURCH % GIVING

6.1% of our churches gave less than \$1.00 per member
8.4% of our churches gave \$1.00-\$2.00 per member
6.8% of our churches gave \$2.00-\$3.00 per member
11.4% of our churches gave \$3.00-\$4.00 per member
10.0% of our churches gave \$4.00-\$5.00 per member
35.9% of our churches gave \$5.00-\$10.00 per member
10.7% of our churches gave \$10.00-\$15.00 per member
6.8% of our churches gave \$15.00-\$20.00 per member
.8% of our churches gave \$20.00-\$25.00 per member
2.3% of our churches gave \$25.00-\$35.00 per member
.8% of our churches gave more than \$35.00 per member

### REJOICE WITH US!

We rejoice in the increase of offerings in recent years. But a sobering fact is that our blessed Lord Jesus, who watched *how* the people gave into the treasury, has also watched *how* our churches gave. The more sobering fact is that He has seen just as clearly how much we have withheld for ourselves.

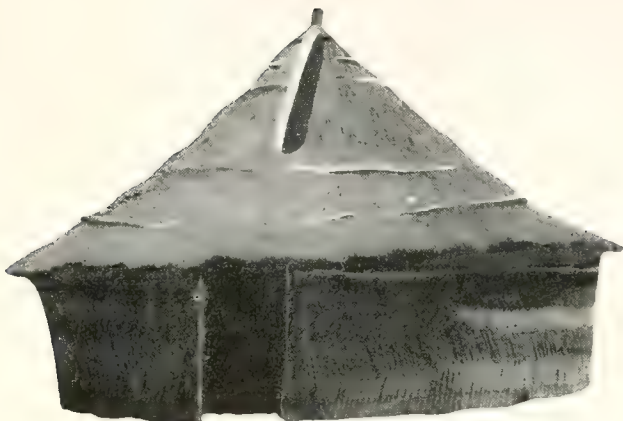
What we *have* done is small compared to what He would have us do in supporting the 87 missionaries we now have, and in sending out the 10 or 12 more who will be ready to go at the end of this school year. Our offerings will need to increase by 24% just to care for the work of our present missionary program. A total increase of 37% will be needed to care for our present program and send those candidates who will be ready to go by the end of this calendar year.

## PRAY before you GIVE your ANSWER

# A BETTER TABLE—AN AFRICAN VILLAGE

By Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman

Recording Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society



*Do you have your African hut bank?*

Would you like to set a better table in your home? Would you like to build an African village? Interested? Here's a good plan to follow.

*First—your table.* Two things, other than the good things to eat, should be there—a portion of God's Word (a manna box or Bible), and an African hut mission bank. Yes, during the 4 months of February, March, April, and May the better-set table in the Brethren home will have a prominent place for the new, unique mission bank. Read a portion of Scripture for spiritual food. Then, as you enjoy the blessings of plenty to eat, think of those in other lands who need food for both body and soul. Generous gifts in the African hut should be your willing response.

*Second—your African village.* When your bank is full, present it at your church. Others will bring their banks. On a table, where everyone can see them, place these banks in the form of an African village. This will be especially exciting for the children. Adults will enjoy it, too. You'll be surprised how it will increase your missionary offerings.

Your pastor has probably received a liberal supply of these African hut mission banks. Get yours and start right today. Of course, your church treasurer will want to empty the banks when you bring them to the church. Your name can be placed on a sticker on the top or bottom of the bank. You may even want to fill a second bank to enlarge the village and reach more souls for Christ. This takes some planning and work. Your local Missionary Outfit Club chairman or your pastor would be a good one to head the work.

Be sure to get your African hut mission bank. Place it on your table and fill it as soon as possible. Thus you will be doing your share in taking good food, spiritual and otherwise, to the needy souls on the various mission fields of the Brethren Church.

During these 4 months, set a better table and build an African village.

(Editor's Note—Little clay money banks in natural straw color are being delivered to our churches according to the number ordered by each pastor. These are being sent directly from the Morton Pottery Company, Morton, Ill. They are an exact replica of a native house in Africa, made from a snapshot. (In following years we probably will use money banks illustrative of our other mission fields.) Money received in these banks is for our whole foreign missionary program. The foregoing article, presenting an effective plan for the use of these banks, was written by Bro. Kenneth Ashman at our request.)

## The Blood of Our Children

(A PARABLE FROM AFRICA)

By Miss Ruth Snyder

Some years ago there was a bitter war in one of Africa's tribes. The cause of the war is not too well known to the present generation, but they do remember one of the causes. As they told us about it, we were reminded of heavenly things.

A certain village was blessed with a rather large body of water. In the semiarid regions of Africa any body of water is a valuable possession. Naturally other villages coveted the water.

The children of a neighboring village often went there to draw water. As happens when children are near water, some fell in and were drowned. Having lost so many children, the neighboring village claimed the water was theirs because of the *blood of their children*. The owners of the water refused to give it to the neighbors. A battle resulted in which many of the would-be owners were killed. Among their dead were the head man of the village and the medicine man.

What the result of this war was we do not know. However, as we heard the phrase, *the blood of their children*, we were reminded of God, who, because of the blood of His beloved Son, is able to claim the world. Can it be that the Africans are able to understand this purchase by blood better than we who are so far removed from the experiences of our primitive fathers?

We know that Satan is attempting to wage a war to claim the earth. We know also that his cause is hopeless, for "worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

Who will tell the African of the Lord who was slain and has redeemed us to God by His blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation?

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# MORE POWER

By Rev. J. Keith Altig, Icoraci, Brazil

Many friends have written to us here on the field assuring us that they have a keen interest in the problems and difficulties as well as the victories which we experience. This article is intended to acquaint the people of our church with one important aspect of our work and some of the problems connected with it.

## *The Possibility*

There are many small villages and even towns of considerable size in this part of Brazil where there is little or no testimony for the Lord and also where there is not



*Some of the hundreds waiting to hear!*

much going on in the way of worldly entertainment. This makes the people doubly responsive to the programs which we are able to present by way of the records played over our powerful new loud-speaker system, and the pictures we show on the life of Christ and interesting things in Brazil and America. Literally hundreds of people can be gathered to a service of this kind in which the Gospel is presented clearly and definitely, most of them hearing it for the first time. This is a possibility, not only along the roadways but also along the riverways by means of a launch.

## *The Procedure*

We load up the car, usually in the afternoon, for there are a great number of small items which are essential to the presentation of the message; then, as it begins to get dark, and after a season of prayer, we drive off to the chosen spot. As soon as the car stops, inquisitive boys and girls begin to gather around. When they find out that there will be pictures they scurry off to tell others, and the crowd grows. Meanwhile we busy ourselves in setting up the screen and projector, putting the loud-speakers on top of the car, hooking up the battery, winding up the record player, and all the other things necessary to be done. Then we begin with the program, interspersing the songs and messages with announcements

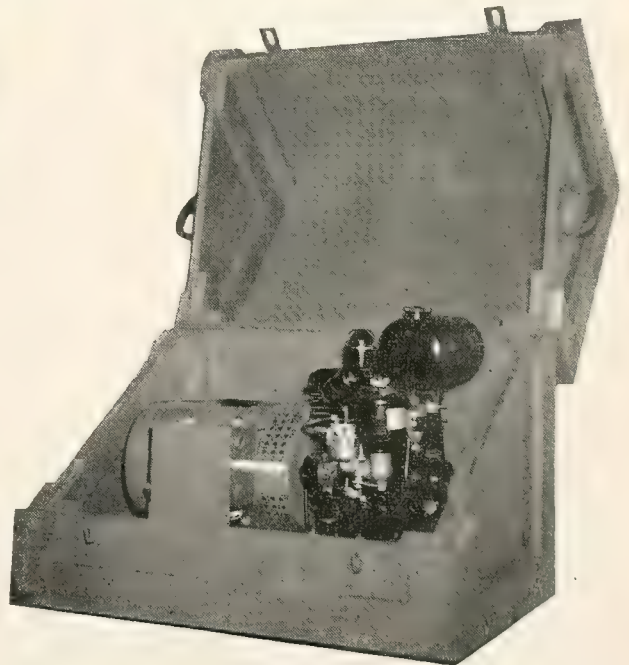
and invitations to the people to come. The loud-speakers project the words for a distance of 3 or 4 blocks in either direction. Over water the music can be heard a distance of 4 miles or more.

## *The Problem*

All is not well, however. There is one outstanding weakness. This is a source of great embarrassment and anguish of heart. The trouble is that the batteries have a disconcerting way of going dead. We ordinarily use 2 batteries, but even then often have failures. Both the projector and public-address system make heavy demands on a battery and only fully charged batteries can produce sufficient current for a complete program. It is very difficult to have the batteries in the right condition at just the right time. Several times, right at a crucial moment, the public-address system has gone silent or the picture has faded from sight because the batteries have failed. When this happens a murmur of disappointment runs through the crowd and we know that an opportunity for an effective presentation of the Gospel has been missed.

## *The Project*

There is a way to avoid this problem and make our ministry of reaching the unsaved of this area much more effective. That is by the use of a small motor-generator



*Motor-generator and portable case of the type desired.*

set which we can carry right in the car. Its cost would be about \$300. This method is used frequently by commercial advertisers and is really effective. This type of generator could be used in 2 ways, either to charge the batteries at home or to carry along to be used right at the scene of the service. This is written with the hope and prayer that some church, organization, or individual will have this project laid upon their hearts and that this need in our work here in Brazil will be met.



# "Gird Up Thy Loins, and Arise, and Speak Unto Them"

By Rev. James Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

One of the first questions I asked a fellow worker shortly after I arrived in Argentina was, "Just how do you do personal work in this land?" He replied that from his experience the most effective method to present the Gospel to people had proved to be door-to-door work. My next question was, "How do you do door-to-door work?" No doubt he must have been surprised, for he replied, "You just get out and do it." We closed the conversation at that point, and I asked myself, "What does he mean by saying that you just get out and do it?" It reminded me of the young man who had been schooled in the theory of running a farm. One day he decided to visit a farm in order to verify his theories. When he arrived at the farm the farmer was just getting ready to put some rings in the hog's nose. The young man with all his education suddenly felt confused and asked the farmer, "How do you ring a hog's nose?" The farmer said, "Why, you just do it." That's just about the way it is with personal work. Seminary training prepares a man with the truth, but each person must learn to put that truth into practice, and the only way to learn is to do it.

First of all I want to say that *doing* personal work is not hard. The hard part is to get started. How many times I've heard the Devil say, "Why, you don't have the gift to do personal work. Better stick to preaching and teaching." Frankly, I find it's just his scheme to cover up my pride. There is no escaping the fact that pride is the greatest hindrance to a missionary's usefulness in doing personal work, especially in Argentina. We aren't dealing with savages, neither with the uneducated (although ignorance abounds), but with fully civilized, well-trained business people who in many ways are our superiors. The Devil makes use of this fact to his advantage and, instead of getting out and just doing what the Lord expects us to do, many times the opportunity passes with nothing accomplished. Pride, natural timidity, physical weariness, and lack of faith hinder most missionaries and Christian workers in personal door-to-door work. It is a true statement that personal work seems to be the hardest right where we are, but that is only because we are there and not somewhere else.

However, in spite of the hindrances, personal work is a delightful experience, for it brings the missionary into contact with people, takes his mind off his own problems and makes him see the needs of others. What worker here or at home doesn't need this refreshment! Are you weary in well doing, or just weary? Get out and knock on a few doors in your neighborhood and tell the neighbors about the wonderful salvation that is theirs by faith in Jesus Christ.

Well, I took my fellow worker's advice and I got out and did some door-to-door work. At first I didn't say much—just, "Good afternoon," and a word or two about the tract I was giving. I didn't understand half the words the people spoke, for it seemed they talked a "mile a minute." But gradually I "got my ear" and then it was easier to carry on a conversation.

Most folks are pleasant, but now and then I meet a person who is best described by the words of the little boy who said about his teacher, "She must have eaten



*Our missionaries call at homes like this. (Note the well at the side of the house.)*

a pickle for breakfast." Invariably it is a woman who presents herself at the door. If the weather is chilly and the door is closed, she'll open the little peephole in the door and peer out. It makes me feel like saying, "Joe sent me," for the stare is so suspicious. Then I remember that it isn't Joe who sent me, but Christ.

"Good afternoon, señora. I have an interesting paper here I think you'd like to read. May I leave it with you?" She shakes her head no. "But it's free. Help yourself." "Oh," she says, "you're from the evangelists" (they call all evangelicals evangelists. Would it were true!). "Well, I'm not interested because I'm from the other religion. Isn't it true that you don't believe in the Virgin?" So it goes.

When the weather is warm the folks stand out on the street and after I've visited several houses everyone knows what is going on. Heads turn and stare, and the kids come running and say, "Hey, mister, give us a paper." They accept it gratefully and then some mother will call out, "Miguelito, come here." Miguelito scampers off to his mother with the evangelical paper. The probability is that she sent him because she didn't want the neighbors to see her taking a tract from the local pastor.

Sometimes I have the opportunity to explain what we do believe and sometimes not, but I've left or given a testimony and the next time perhaps I can say more.

## THINK THIS OVER

One dollar spent for lunch lasts 5 hours.

One dollar spent for a necktie lasts 5 weeks.

One dollar spent for a cap lasts 5 months.

One dollar spent for an automobile lasts 5 years.

One dollar spent for a waterpower or railroad grade lasts 5 generations.

One dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.—Roger W. Babson.



# "WHEN ARE YOU COMING BACK?"

By Mrs. William Samarin, Bozoum, Africa

Since high-school days I have had an ambition to hear the Gospel preached in a village where it has never been preached before. Recently this ambition was fulfilled. Let me tell you about it.

Twenty African Bible-school students got into the back of the institute truck, and Wayne Beaver, Bill, and I started out for villages unknown. It was the second time since the rain had stopped that the students had been able to go out to preach on Sunday evenings. At each village along the road to the Camerouns we dropped 2 or 3 students. After an hour of avoiding ruts and rocks, we turned on a cut-off—an even more perilous road. Here at one of the villages Bill and I and 3 students got out.

What are they like, these African villages? A row of mud-walled huts, a chief with a big badge, naked children, very dried-up old women; yes, there is humanity of every kind. Oh, yes, there are dogs, goats, and late-afternoon mosquitoes. The chief brought us goatskin chairs, and the villagers began to gather around. One of the students turned to me and said, "They say no one



*An African village.*

has ever preached in this village before." A strange emotion ran through me—could it be that on my second trip to a village I was to see the Gospel presented for the first time?

Eager black faces watched as the 3 Bible-school students told of Christ's love. In true African style the villager would answer the questions asked by the preachers, and they would comment freely when news surprised them. As the service got under way, 3 young men came in from the field with their spears. They joined the circle of listeners.

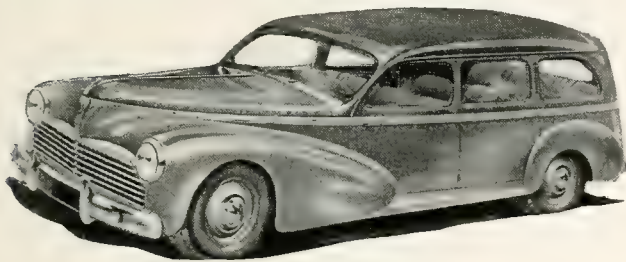
The sky grew dusky and a cool breeze stirred the grass on the roofs. Every face was intent as my husband spoke of God's love. Then the preaching was over and I watched closely as the villagers discussed the matter they had just heard. Then the question was asked—would you like to receive this gift of salvation which Christ offers? One of the young men with a spear spoke, "I would." Some of the village folks argued with him, and some encouraged him. He stepped forward to emphasize his decision. A second young man came and stood beside him, and then a third—the 3 with spears stood together expressing a desire to know Jesus Christ.

The 3 young men were dealt with and the friendly village folks gathered to say good-by. Then the question came, "When are you coming back?" My heart sank. Here were 3 new hearts open to the Gospel, a village eager to hear more, and when could we come back? There were more roads and hundreds of villages and just 1 truck. One Bible-school student pointed to the darkening horizon and said, "There are many more villages over there that have never heard of salvation."

Wayne Beaver came in the truck just then. We put the question to him. He smiled. The chief of the village he had just come from had begged for someone to come and teach them. One trip just before this some village folks had said, "The last time you were here some of us believed. We've met every morning for prayer, but none of us can read. Give us someone to teach us God's Word." So, on each trip, in village after village, the same cry goes up, "Come again—give us a teacher!" We'll go back, perhaps in a week, or 3 months, or a year. Teachers are being trained and they will go to some of the villages. Those 3 young men can walk 20 miles into Bozoum to church. But that's not the answer.

Brethren, young people are waiting to come to help these folks. You have the answer. Send them out!

## YOUR NEW AUTOMOBILE, WMC LADIES!



This is the new car just purchased and delivered to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fogle in France. It is a French car, of the Peugeot make, a 4-cylinder, 7-horsepower (42 active horsepower), all-metal station wagon suited for 7 adult people. It is 14 feet, 6 inches long and actually does 30 miles to the gallon of gasoline at a speed of 50 miles per hour. The total cost delivered was only \$1,947.67. One of the goals of the national WMC during their foreign mission offering period—March, April, and May—is to give at least \$1,100 toward this purchase. We have, of course, advanced the entire amount so that Brother Fogle might have the car, and we will be so very appreciative of all that the WMC may find it possible to do.

Concerning this new car Mrs. Fogle has written, "It is wonderful and appreciated beyond our vocabulary to express." Brother Fogle, in his most recent letter, said, "It is a wonderful little car. It is very economical, around 30 miles to the gallon and at times better. It is comfortable and has been a big help already. I could never have done what I did the week we were in Lyon without it. I still use the bike when weather permits here in town, but for the longer errands we put the car to work."



In English we say, "I like that—I think it is pretty," or "I like that—it is a nice way to do things," or "I like that—I want to have it." In the African way of speech it is all the same: "I want to have that, it is nice, it is to my liking, it is a good way to do." For to like and to want are the same. Often one native will say to another, "I like that," at the same time reaching forth to take it. And very confusingly, the African uses a certain word for "receive" or "take" as often as for "give."

All this amazes our western minds and leads us to snap judgment that the natives are greedy. Perhaps we are very wrong, for it seems the African is essentially generous. Do not we always judge others by ourselves and take for granted that they would do as we would in any given case? So does the African. Knowing that he willingly gives up almost anything that is requested of him, he will just as willingly give to another who asks. And in the same manner, expecting that what he wants will be given to him, he stretches out his hand to receive it. Of course if a gift is actually proffered, then the recipient acknowledges his gratitude by accepting *wholeheartedly*—that is, with *both* hands.

Once when the writer was a younger and much greener missionary, she was trying to get acquainted with the wife of one of the catechists. She recalls that they were squatting around a fire as the wife prepared the evening meal. The wife was dressed in the conventional apron and bustle of leaves, nothing else. They were running out of conversation, each having inquired into the state of health of every member of the other's family and having briefly discussed the weather. In America the next topic is usually clothes, and the African lady did have a very interesting strand around her hips to which the leaves were fastened. Often it is just a greasy string, but the well-dressed bush native woman wears several strands of brightly colored beads. This lady had something that looked like large seeds strung together. The missionary had noticed that they were different and how prettily they blended with the dark glossy skin and the green of the leaves. So she spoke, "How pretty your string is!" The African lady is not unlike her American sister—she likes compliments. Her teeth flashed in a smile. "You like it?" She excused herself as she went into the hut; the missionary

thought she was getting something for the meal. Soon the hostess came back with the string in her hand and an ordinary string replacing the one she had worn. In vain did the missionary protest that she hadn't meant she wanted it. "But they are nice in your sight, so you want them," her dark friend replied. The missionary reached out both hands, resolving to be more careful with her expressions of admiration in the future.

Now the writer works in a locality where an unclothed native is the exception rather than the rule. There are other differences as many European ways have been taken up, both good and bad, but the generous spirit is still there.

Recently this missionary was walking through a village with her young daughter, greeting friends here and there and inviting others to attend services. She approached a native store and, knowing the clerk was a Christian, stopped in for a minute. After the greetings she explained she had not come to buy but just to look around. Suddenly she gasped as she saw—of all surprising things—Ray-O-Vac flashlight batteries on the shelves. "Have you had those long?" she asked, knowing from experience that in spite of the company's guarantee, sealed batteries go bad in the humid climate in which she lives. "Just 3 days," he answered. But when he told her the price, about 40 cents each, she decided to do without them, not being quite at rock bottom for batteries. The clerk then put 3 on the counter and said, "These are for you, you take them." She protested, "Your *patron* (employer) would not like you to give away his things." "But, madame, I myself will pay the price, I want to give them to you." The missionary advanced a few more arguments, but in fear of insulting the giver she then reached forth both hands to receive the batteries. He had taken a 3-celled flashlight for granted, not the 2-celled kind which we generally use. As with many Africans, his generosity was characterized by *largesse* (abundance). For instance, if they offer you a plate full of bananas, they do not mean for you to "take lots, take 2." Consequently, more than one missionary, offering a dish of bananas or other fruit or nuts, expecting the native to help himself to *some*, has been taken aback when the native calmly took the whole business. Of course they always give back the dish, as that is the way they do among themselves.

Almost always the giver of a gift expects something in return. If it isn't forthcoming, usually the donor will ask for what he wants. And the Africans are smart traders, but this is not always the case in dealing with Christian Africans. They seem to have learned the joy of giving and sharing, and more than one has insisted, "But I want *nothing* in return." In the case of the flashlight batteries, the missionary decided to give an equivalent of Ivory soap to wash the baby of the family. She sent the soap with her boy, who brought back a bulb for the flashlight!

It is always especially touching to receive gifts from the natives. While we are not rich in this world's goods, we have so very much more than they that it almost hurts to accept from their poverty. A cold and calculating realization of the fact that we have made and do make sacrifices for them helps us accept their gifts, thereby allowing them to fellowship in the fact that it is more blessed to give than to receive.



Preparing the evening meal.



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gives some Bible verse, and then offers a portion of the New Testament to any person who will write to a given address. A surprisingly large number of people respond. Brother Fogle then visits the person, leaves the Scripture portion, and testifies for Christ.

### Make a Missionary Album

During the 4 months mentioned above our society is furnishing to all pastors and churches 6 semibulletins for church calendars. These are printed on pages 1 and 4 and are for the local church use on pages 2 and 3. The first 5 of these will present on the front (page 1)  $\frac{7}{8}$  x  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -inch pictures of our missionaries, with their names and fields of service indicated. The 5 bulletins will give a complete list of our 87 missionaries, and we urge every family to form an album of these pictures. On the back (page 4) of each of the 5 bulletins a different one of our mission fields will be presented, this information being entirely different from that presented a year ago. The sixth bulletin will be reserved for last-minute foreign-mission news and information from all fields.

### Africa Field Council Report

The minutes with accompanying letters from the field council meeting in Africa just arrived as the final words of material were being prepared for this issue of the Herald. The business sessions of this meeting were held from December 29, 1952, through January 5, 1953. All the reports will not have been read by the time this copy has gone to the printer. We do notice, however, that all 31 missionaries on the field in Africa were present for the meeting and every indication is that tremendous things were accomplished.

Changes of location of missionaries now on the field affect the following: the Dunnings from M'Baiki to the Bible institute at Bozoum, Miss Schwartz from Bellevue to Bozoum, the Samarins receiving their first appointment to M'Baiki, and the Don Millers receiving their first appointment to Nzoro. At Nzoro the Millers will be with Miss Estella Myers, who is the aunt of Brother Miller.

A complete report will be given next month, after the board of trustees has had opportunity to give full consideration to the minutes and reports in the midyear meeting of the board.

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Rev. Edward Bowman has resigned as pastor of the church at Garwin, Iowa, effective April 20, and has accepted the pastorate of the Hollins, Va., church, where he will begin his ministry May 1. Mrs. Bowman is recuperating from her recent surgery.

Here's your last reminder of the East District youth rally to be held at the Meyersdale, Pa., church February 13-14.

Mrs. John (Clara) Friedline, a member of the Listie, Pa., church for almost 50 years, died January 15. Funeral services were held at the church by her pastor, Rev. Paul Mohler, January 18.

Rev. Jesse Hall, of Harrah, Wash., has been ill with a severe case of the "flu."

The San Bernardino, Calif., church has witnessed public decisions on 5 successive Sundays. There were 165 people in Sunday school January 18, which is a record high. Eight members of this church read through the Bible in 1952.

The Washington, D. C., church voted to proceed with an alteration and redecoration program on the building.

The Sterling, Ohio, church held special meetings January 19-February 1. Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, was the evangelist. Pastor of the church, Rev. Joseph L. Gingrich, preached at the Wooster church one Sunday during the campaign. Rev. William Detweiler was the preacher for the other Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Miller, of Roanoke, Va., was the speaker at the rally of the Northern Ohio District WMC at the Middlebranch church January 26.

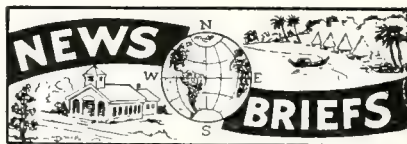
Rev. Arthur F. Collins will be ordained to the ministry February 19 at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church, where he is now serving.

Prof. Ralph Gilbert, of Winona Lake, spoke at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church January 25.

The Leesburg, Ind., church has granted Pastor Nathan Meyer leave of absence for several weeks this summer so he can travel on the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology to the countries of the Mediterranean Sea area.

The Ashland, Ohio, church has adopted one of its own members, Donald Bishop, now finishing his studies at Grace Seminary, as its missionary to Argentina. The church approved Bro. Richard (Dick) Messenger for licensure to the ministry. Of the membership of this church 23 people, 8 men and 15 women, read through the Bible in 1952.

McKeesport, Pa., has been selected by the East Fellowship as the place to begin a Bible class. Anyone in the area or anyone knowing of persons in the area interested in this



work, please communicate the fact to Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, 143 Union St., Uniontown, Pa.

The Temple City, Calif., church held a surprise shower on its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, January 2, in honor of their 32d wedding anniversary.

The average attendance in the Sunday school of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church for 1952 was 174, which was an increase of 12 over the average for 1951. This church is installing carpet in the auditorium of its building.

Thirteen members of the Winchester, Va., church read through the Bible in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Emmert, of Granger, Iowa, wrote to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to thank the company for services rendered and added that they would celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary February 9. They are members of the Dallas Center church and are an uncle and aunt of Miss Mary Emmert, former missionary.

The South Bend, Ind., church heard the trumpet trio of Grace

Additions to Membership

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Seminary on January 18, and Prof. John Whitcomb spoke concerning his trip to Palestine, January 25.

At the Compton, Calif., church Rev. Roy McKeown spoke December 28, Mr. Clarence Thorpe January 11, and Rev. W. Arnold Bennett conducted a Bible conference January 19-23.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown, of the Compton, Calif., church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary January 4.

WHO, a Des Moines, Iowa, radio station, dedicated a 30-minute program to the Brethren Spanish-American mission at Taos, N. Mex., on January 20. A script telling of the mission, its pastor, and activities, was narrated during a program of hymns and organ music. The management of the station has informed Rev. Sam Horney, pastor, that many inquiries have since been received concerning the mission.

Rev. Dean Walter, of the Vicksburg, Pa., church, spoke recently to the Inter Varsity group at Penn State College; to the Washington, D. C., Youth for Christ; and to the Naval Research Laboratory Christian Fellowship, Washington.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** Because of the nature of the contents of the Brethren Missionary Herald last week (January 31), it was suggested that extra copies be made available to the subscribers who would like to have them to give to other people to interest them in the magazine or in the Brethren Church. These copies are available and the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will be happy to mail to anyone writing for extra copies as many as can be used, so long as the supply lasts.



# "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" FOR THESE REQUESTS

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for Baja California. Our missionaries—the Walter Haags and the Roy Howards—have been denied the privilege of crossing the border to preach the Gospel, yet 22,000 people cross at Tijuana each Sunday for pleasure. Pray for wisdom in contacting the officials and that permission of entrance will be granted. Pray for an urgently needed national Mexican pastor.

2. Pray for those missionaries in Africa meeting new challenges in appointments to different works—the Harold Dunnings to the Bible institute, the Don Millers to Nzoro, and the William Samarins to M'Baiki.

3. A special request has just come from Bro. Harold Dunning. He says, "Please get some Brethren praying for us." He has 2 things in mind—strength and wisdom for the challenging responsibilities in relation to his work at the Bible institute, and God's help in relation to a health problem that has been adding to his burdens in a busy missionary's life.

4. Pray for visas and transportation for the John Teeter family to Brazil and the Victor Meyers family to Argentina.

5. Pray for Misses Florence Bickel, Grace Byron, and Estella Myers, arriving at Douala, Africa, about the middle of February, and for Don Miller, who expects to meet them. There are tons of freight to be taken 800 miles inland.

6. Pray for the midyear meeting of the foreign board, beginning February 9 and continuing for a week or more. There are many decisions to be made, especially: How far can we go in promising to supply mission needs when funds are becoming very limited until the Easter offering is received?

7. Pray for the foreign-mission offering period—February through May. Pray that the pastors will be given wisdom in presenting the needs and that the publicity will be used of the Lord.

8. Pray for the missionaries now in France. The Lester Kennedys and Martin Garbers will remain there through June. Misses Edith Geske, Gail Jones, Mary Ann Habegger, and Marian Thurston will spend March through July in a Bel-

gian school studying tropical diseases. The Fred Fogles will soon begin public services in Lyon.

9. Pray for Miss Ruth Snyder, on furlough from Africa, now attending classes during the second semester at Grace Seminary.

10. Pray for Miss Johanna Nielsen, now en route from Argentina for furlough, as she arrives in California near the end of February.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the growth of the boys and girls clubs at the Chico, Calif., church.

2. Pray for the finances needed to complete the Dayton, Ohio, Paterson Park church.

3. Pray for the new families gained in the recent Sunday school contest at the Clayhole, Ky., church. Pray that they will come to know Christ as personal Saviour.



4. Pray for the organization and development of the Seattle, Wash., church now that Rev. Thomas Hammers is on the field.

5. Praise the Lord for an attendance of almost 200 people at the Christmas program at the Artesia, Calif., church and pray that many of these might be reached for Christ.

6. Pray for the Bible class sponsored by the Brethren Home Missions Council and the Iowa District, in Davenport, Iowa, with Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum as teacher.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Continue to pray for the school during the second semester and especially for the new students who have just enrolled.

2. Pray for the alumni conference to be held at the seminary February 24-27.

3. Pray for the administrative committee that it may have wisdom

and guidance in meeting the problems of the school.

4. Continue to pray for the finances of the school and especially for the monthly offering plan.

## WMC (CENTRAL DISTRICT)—

1. Pray that our WMC ladies will perform their work humbly by God's Spirit, in greater love and understanding of one another's problems and failures.

2. Pray that our Lord will give us greater peace and stability in the midst of restless and changing times.

3. Pray that we may have wisdom in knowing when to speak and how to help, and that we may pray without criticizing.

4. Pray that we may show a greater faithfulness to the prayer services of the church.

## SMM—

1. Pray that the officers may have wisdom as they plan for new awards for goal winners.

2. Pray for the girls and patronesses as they hide the book of I Peter in their hearts and minds.

3. Pray for guidance in preparing the SMM quarterly and handbook.

4. Pray for complete dedication of the lives of those who are guiding our girls.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Remember our camp commit-tees as they are now making plans for this summer's camps. Pray that these camps might be the means of bringing many young people to Christ.

2. Pray for our young people who have just started to school this second semester, that they may make the adjustments to school life well.

3. Continue to pray that the financial needs of the Brethren Youth Council will be met.

4. Pray for the Brethren Boys Clubs, a number of which have recently begun or started again after an intermission. Pray that they will be effective in reaching boys for Christ. Pray that the men of the churches will be willing to work with the clubs.

# FIRST PLANS ANNOUNCED BY EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

By Rev. R. Paul Miller, Secretary of Crusade Committee

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, is a member of the Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church. He sat in on the first sessions of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade committee. He caught a glimpse of the value and scope of the soul-winning plans of the crusade committee, went home to California and conveyed that vision to the southern California pastors and churches. This resulted in a call from them for the first team under the crusade to come out there and spend several months in working for revival in that entire district.

## *First Two Campaigns*

The first campaign begins in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, of which Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor, March 1. We earnestly call upon all of you who read this page and are concerned for lost men, that you pray definitely and fervently that God will glorify Himself in this campaign and start fires of revival burning, not only for California churches, but for our entire brotherhood. Revival is of God, not in the eloquence and activity of His servants.

The second campaign will be in Phoenix, Ariz., where Bro. J. C. McKillen is, under God, being used to guide that swiftly growing work. The people there have their lots purchased, but do not have a building yet. Now they ask for the help of the crusade in a tent campaign to reach their entire community for Christ. Pray for Phoenix. Pray for the Brethren Home Missions Council as it leads here. Pray for the lost of that city. Pray for the evangelistic team that will lead in this meeting. Pray that God will glorify Himself in a great victory here for His dear Son. The campaign begins March 22 and will continue for 3 weeks. Write and encourage us by telling us you will be on your face before God in our behalf while we are there.

After the Phoenix campaign we return to California for more campaigns that will continue into the

fall. We will be in both church buildings and tent campaigns.

## *More Good News*

Our second team is now formed, and will start its full-time evangelistic work not later than September 1. Full announcements as to personnel will be made March 1. So watch this page 4 weeks from now.

Our third evangelistic team is already being formed and will be announced just as soon as sufficient campaigns are scheduled to justify starting it out. The earlier large numbers of churches sign up for meetings the faster this great movement will grow. Pastor, write to your district representative today.

## *Layman With a Truck*

The Lord needs a layman with a truck! Bro. Dalta Myer, of Flora, Ind., who has been hauling our evangelistic tent about the land as a Christian service, is unable to take it to the West due to the illness of Mrs. Myer. We mention this, hoping there is another Brethren layman with a truck and a few days of time between now and March 22, who

would haul the tent and equipment to Phoenix, Ariz. The roads on the southern route are usually clear and dry all winter. We will be looking for a southern California brother to haul it to Los Angeles when the Phoenix campaign is over. This is something a layman can do.

From Cedar Rapids came a real gift. Charles Allen, of the Cedar Rapids congregation, sent us 2 new 6-ply tires and tubes to match for the crusade DeSoto. This is a gift equal to \$100. Praise the Lord for Charles Allen!

## *Crusade Needs*

"What does the crusade need?" We hear this question from many earnest laymen who want to know if there is anything they can do. There is.

We need a tent 50 feet by 80 feet for the second team. We need a dependable public-address system for this team. We need our own crusade songbooks.

Twenty thousand souls for Christ in 5 years, if the Lord has not come for His church.

Address the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade at Box 28, Berne, Ind.

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## American Missionaries Killed

Two American missionaries of the Evangelical Alliance Mission have lost their lives in the wilds of Dutch New Guinea, apparently murdered by natives. This information was relayed to mission headquarters by the State Department in Washington.

The two were Walter J. Erikson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Erikson, of DeKalb, Ill., and Edward R. Tritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stertz, Omro, Wis. Details of their death are not yet known. The State Department message stated simply that their remains were found October 23 near Aisat in the western part of Netherlands New Guinea. A report through a missionary source in Australia confirmed the fear that they had been murdered. The word which came through the Netherlands

Embassy in Washington indicated that when the pair did not report back, a search was instituted, first by air and then by land. Dutch officials expressed the belief that Erikson and Tritt had been deserted by their carriers. A full investigation is being conducted by the State Department. The Netherlands Embassy expressed its deep regrets.

Information on file at the mission office in Chicago shows that Erikson, who had been in New Guinea for almost 2 years, and Tritt, who arrived last July, had planned an exploration trip into the interior regions of Kebar and Karoon to map out a territory for missionary work among the aboriginal peoples, about whom little is known.—*United Evangelical Action*.



# THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS COUNTRY

By Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy, Mich.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1953, millions of people were privileged to watch through the magic eye of television the inauguration of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to the office of President of the United States of America. It was to me an inspiring experience and one I will long remember.

The climax of the ceremony, at least for me, came when Mr. Eisenhower placed his hand upon the 2 Bibles and spoke the words that made him the virtual leader of half the people of the world. As I watched this dramatic scene and heard the final words of his oath of office I was moved by a sudden realization of the tremendous weight of responsibility this man was taking upon his shoulders.

When the ceremony was over I returned to my study with the events of the day still fresh in mind and as I continued to think about them a question came which brought me up short in my thinking and turned me to a search of God's Word for the answer. That question was: "Just what is *my* responsibility as a Christian to President Eisenhower and my country?" God's Word, as always, answered the question.

## *Prayer Responsibility*

I found first of all that we have a prayer responsibility. In I Timothy 2:1-4 we read, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

We see first in this passage that we should recognize and accept this responsibility in order that we may continue to live in this land of liberty in a peaceable manner. Now let us take note of our liberties; let us "count our many blessings, and name them one by one."

1. We may meet publicly to worship as the Holy Spirit guides us

without fear of molestation or intimidation of any kind.

2. We may worship according to the dictates of God's Word and are not required to follow the imperious dictum of any man.

3. We may hold great public gatherings and rallies and publicly call *all* men to repentance and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. We may take as much of our money as we wish and use it as we please to send missionaries to foreign lands with the blessed gospel message.

These are some of our liberties and privileges, and how precious they are! But along with these priv-



Rev. Richard Jackson

ileges comes also responsibility. Because of these liberties, because of God's blessing upon our land we, the members of the church of Jesus Christ, have become the last hope of the Gospel in the world. When the records and facts are examined carefully we discover that America is the main source of funds and workers for missions in the world today. "America has thus become the last beachhead for foreign missionary endeavor for the lost areas of the world." With this great fact in mind, and when we realize that 83 people a minute die without Christ, we should fall to our knees and beseech God in behalf of our President and his coworkers and our country that we may continue to enjoy these liberties in order that the Gospel may continue to be sent to the far corners of the world.

Secondly, we should recognize and accept this prayer responsibility in order that we may, insofar as is humanly possible, with the help of the Holy Spirit, do that which is

good and acceptable in the sight of God. When we took the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour we learned something about the mercy of God. It was the mercy of God that planned the redemption of man. It was the mercy of God that preserved the Hebrew nation out of which was to come Him who was to be the Saviour of the world. It was the mercy of God that placed Christ on the cross in our stead. It was the mercy of God that turned our hearts to Him in simple faith.

Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). Since we have dedicated our lives to do that which is good and acceptable in the sight of God, then we must accept this responsibility of prayer because God clearly states that it is good and acceptable in His sight.

Thirdly, we should recognize and accept this prayer responsibility because God would have all men to be saved. "It is not his will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ is not incompatible with the presidency of the United States. It can now be said on the basis of historical documentary evidence that Abraham Lincoln was a Christ-loving, God-honoring, Bible-believing, born-again Christian. If this is not already true of Mr. Eisenhower, Mr. Nixon, and the other leaders of our land then we have a definite responsibility to them to pray to that end. If we pray great things and expect great things I believe we shall see great things.

## *Citizenship Responsibility*

The second responsibility I found was a citizenship responsibility set forth in Romans 13:1-7. The Christian citizen should be the very best citizen this country ever had.

This is so, first of all, because our

government was ordained of God. We say that the voice of the people was heard on November 4 and Mr. Eisenhower was elected President. This is true on the human plane, but behind it all was the overruling hand of God. It was he that put Mr. Eisenhower into the highest office of the land, "for there is no power but of God."

Hundreds of years ago this principle was recognized by an old pagan king. He wrote a state paper on the subject and that state paper later became a part of Holy Scripture. It is the 4th chapter of Daniel. In it is recorded: "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." The fact that the rulers may be bad does not alter the case; the Word of God still stands. It will be remembered that Christ suffered and died under the rule of Pontius Pilate and Paul died under the nefarious Nero, but if you search the record of Scripture you will find that neither Christ nor Paul ever denied or reviled the authority. Neither should we, but rather we should pray for those people in authority.

We have this citizenship responsibility because our leaders, magistrates, and protective organizations are the ministers of God. From the very first, governments and their leaders have been appointed by God as His ministers. They have appeared upon the horizon and marched across the stage of history in an orderly fashion to run out their designated span of existence, and then they have disappeared from the scene of human experience. All were His ministers: Assyria was His hammer, Cyrus was His shepherd, Egypt was His garden, Tyre was His jewel, and so it goes.

Everywhere divine power was felt, God's shuttle of providence flashed in and out, weaving into one great fabric of history a thousand different threads of human life and government. All were His ministers.

We should accept this citizenship responsibility for the sake of our own consciences. A clear conscience is of the utmost importance to the child of God. Hear the words of John: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:21-22). And Paul wrote: "Wherefore ye must needs be

subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake" (Rom. 13:5). One of the ways of maintaining a clear conscience before God is by maintaining a clear record before the "higher powers," by being the best citizens this country ever had.

#### Witnessing Responsibility

A third responsibility which I found is a witnessing responsibility as set forth by Peter: "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men" (I Pet. 2:15).

The good name of the church has been besmirched by the actions of some people professing to bear its name. They try to foist upon the earthly governments those legislations applicable only to the government of God's kingdom. This they do when they spread their subversive doctrine of pacifism. They then "conscientiously" object to the point of breaking the law, but they give the lie to their position when they do not live consistent with their profession. It is this kind of a witness that brings dishonor to the blessed name of the Captain of our Salvation. It must be recognized by all Christians that people will read our footprints before they will read our lips.

The Brethren Church has taken a definite stand in regard to the Christians' responsibility to their country in time of war. We believe we should serve and help in every way possible short of bearing arms. Our government has recognized the validity of that position and has enacted special legislation to make it possible for young men and women with this belief to serve their country without compromising their stand. But be certain, young man or young woman, if you take that stand you must live a life consistent with your profession.

Yes, the good name of the church of Jesus Christ has been besmirched. The tongues of foolish men have been set into almost perpetual motion. Thus we as Christian citizens of this great country have a solemn



## Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**HE EXPOUNDED**, by Douglas M. White. Moody Press. 1952. Cloth. 158 pp. \$2.50.

"Preach the word" (II Tim. 4:2), the injunction to Timothy in the long ago, has been taken by every preacher as a command for his own ministry. Yet few understand what those words mean. Without a doubt Mr. White has done much to bring this fact to the attention of present-day ministry. So vital is this theme in this day when few, even in orthodox and fundamental circles, are doing expository preaching, this work is to be commended to the ministry everywhere as a stimulus to measure and improve their preaching.

**STIR UP THE GIFT**, by Paul S. Rees. Zondervan Publishing House. 1952. Cloth. 158 pp. \$2.

This book contains the lectures on evangelism delivered in 1951 at Bob Jones University. The very obvious intent is to stir up within the hearts of young men the passion for evangelism in an age when evangelism has been disappearing from the ministry of the church. In a remarkable way the author charts the course of evangelism through the centuries, diagnoses the decline within the past 50 years, and points the way to a possible recovery of the lost fire. This will warm the spirit of every reader, and it should rekindle the passion for evangelism in those who once had it.

responsibility to live such a witness as will put to silence the ignorance of these foolish men; to live such lives that these men will see in us the honesty and courage of our blessed Lord—lives that will bring glory and honor to His name.

God help us so to live that when we stand face to face with the King of kings and Lord of lords we may hear from His lips the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



# INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

## BBC NEWS NOTES

Arthur Martinez, Brethren Boys Club national president, now at Camp Pickett, Va., reports that a number of Brethren people have sent him names of boys at Camp Pickett for him to look up, and he has had much joy and success in locating many of these and sharing spiritual activities with them. Arthur is still on the job witnessing to unsaved boys, too, and has been able to help some to Christ.

Boys of our Canton, Ohio, church have been meeting with the men's group monthly, but plans are being made to begin regular club meetings again.

While in Cleveland, Ohio, recently, we found a great deal of enthusiasm for starting a club in our church there. Funds were made available, and plans were laid that night for a club to reach the boys of their community. They have very few boys of club age in their Sunday school, but plenty of them in their neighborhood. They feel that a club might cure the problem of broken windows in their new church building—a problem that has plagued them considerably.

## BBC JEEP DEBT PAID OFF

The last payment on our BBC station wagon for Albuquerque was made within the last 2 weeks, so this missionary obligation of rather long standing has been met. The Christian friends who loaned us the money for the original purchase have been very patient and understanding, and we are grateful to them. And we're thankful that we've been able to have a part in our New Mexico missionary work through this vehicle. But we're most thankful that the obligation is now met, and we can plan for another missionary project.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR VISITS A. B. I.

It was my privilege to spend a couple days at the Akron Bible Institute in January, speaking to chapel services in both the day and evening school. It was a pleasure to see their beautiful new campus—formerly a Firestone estate.

We have one Brethren girl in the

full-time day school, and a number of other Brethren students in the evening school. Total enrollment currently is 137, and the school's president is Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, well-known Brethren minister.

## BYF ADDS NEW SERVICE

In addition to monthly party plans, currently provided by the Brethren Youth Fellowship for all pastors and



BYF advisors, another new feature has been added to the BYF mailing packets. This month several pages for a BYF president's notebook are being sent to our groups for approval. These are prepared on standard 3½ x 6-inch notebook pages, and will carry instructions, duties, ideas, etc., for the top officer of our groups. If these are well received, and seem to meet a real need, other notebooks will be prepared for each of the officers of the BYF group.

Since one of the main purposes of BYF is for training, these may meet a real need in reminding our officers just what is expected of them, and

giving them guidance as to the best way to dispatch their responsibilities.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR TO ATTEND CAMP CONVENTION

Since this is the time of the year that most of our summer camps are being planned, Youth Director Ralph Colburn is planning to attend the regional convention of the American Camping Association this month in Indianapolis. Though the ACA is a secular organization, many ideas on the business end of camping, and some on the programming end can be learned at such a gathering. The time of the convention fits right into his schedule among our churches of southern Ohio and Indiana.

## ISLANDS RIPE FOR REVIVAL

Rev. Paul Hartford, formerly of Winona Lake, Ind., and now a flying evangelist associated with Youth for Christ International, recently completed an island-hopping tour of the Haiti and Jamaica area.

Mr. Hartford was accompanied by Mr. Don Luttrell, of Bradenton, Fla., and Rev. Jack Hill, of Brantford, Ontario. The 3 men preached, sang, and used their musical instruments in the various meetings they conducted.

During this particular campaign they traveled 2,500 miles, visited 15 islands, conducted 45 public meetings, and witnessed 150 public confessions of faith in Christ.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Beaumont, Calif..	Feb. 1-15.....	Gene Farrell.....	Bob Munro.
Covington, Ohio..	Feb. 1-15.....	James Young.....	R. Paul Miller.
Harrah, Wash....	Feb. 1-15.....	Jesse Hall.....	Robert Ashman.
Waynesboro, Pa..	Feb. 1-15.....	Dennis Holliday..	William Smith.
Johnstown, Pa. (1)	Feb. 2-15.....	W. A. Ogden.....	Michael Walsh.
Rittman, Ohio....	Feb. 4-15.....	Charles Ashman..	Ding Teuling.
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ....	Feb. 6-8.....	Clyde Balyo.....	Charles Mayes.
Artesia, Calif....	Feb. 8-13.....	Adam Rager.....	Russell Humbert.
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Wooster, Ohio....	Feb. 15.....	Kenneth Ashman.	James Bennett.

## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### VI. CHRIST THE STONE.

As recorded in Daniel's 2d chapter, Nebuchadnezzar's vision reveals a "stone . . . cut out . . . without hands." This stone smashed the image—which stone is none other than Christ.

The name "Stone" as applied to the Lord is often used. In Genesis 49:24 He is referred to as "the stone of Israel." Jacob is on his deathbed. Well he remembers when he took of the stones of the field for his pillow. Now he thinks of the comfort Jehovah is to him, the foundation upon which he has built his very life. This expression, first used by Jacob, is repeated over and over again in the Word and it finds its echo in the hearts of those who have found Jesus a sure foundation and a real comfort.

In Psalm 118:22 Christ is prophetically called "the headstone of the corner," and Peter takes up this theme in I Peter 2:4-8, where he refers to Christ as the "chief corner stone." The corner stone was the foundation of the building. Safety and security were to be found in it. The Jews, "God's chosen builders," refused God's spiritual corner stone, Christ, but the Father Himself has established Him. Note what Peter and the prophet have to say about this Chief Corner Stone.

1. "Elect"—Christ is "chosen of God." He is God's chosen way of salvation and of righteousness.

2. "Living"—This Stone is not composed of an inert mass, but is the living corner stone of the living church, made up of "living stones"—the saints. He lives and always will live to give life—eternal life—to all who will believe in Him.

3. "Tried" (Isa. 28:16)—Christ has been tested and tried and has stood unchanged and unchangeable, "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

4. "Precious"—How precious is He? Ah, the more we know about Him the more wonderful He be-

comes. The more intimately we know Him the more precious He becomes. He is not precious to the world—it has no place for "the Stone," no use for Him—but "unto you therefore which believe he is precious."

5. "Rejected"—"A stone of stumbling"—the Corner Stone upon which the whole world was built, upon which the church is being built—rejected? How can it be? "To those who willfully reject Him, as did the Jewish nation, and stumble into the abyss, there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. To those who pride themselves upon their education, wealth, or position, and refuse to bow at His feet, He is a Stone of stumbling. How subtle is Satan! How hard is the human

heart! How our hearts should ache for those who know Him not."

Jesus Christ, my Chief Corner Stone,  
Foundation of my faith,  
Elect of God and Chosen One  
Who gave me life from death.

And though rejected by the world,  
Precious is He to me,  
For life eternal before me unfurled,  
In Jesus my Saviour I see.

### FORMOSANS RECEIVING CHRIST

On December 1, 1952, the "Every Village Crusade" was started on the island of Formosa for the purpose of taking the Gospel to every village on the island within 36 months. Rev. Richard Hillis is directing the work.

On the first day, the Billy Sunday mobile unit (funds for it were contributed by Mrs. William "Ma" Sunday) reached 6 villages and witnessed 68 public professions of faith. On the second day 2 units went out, reached 12 villages, and witnessed 212 public confessions of Christ.

More than 50,000 Formosans and Chinese nationalist soldiers are enrolled in the Bible correspondence course sponsored by the Youth for Christ leaders. Most of these have received Christ since October 1, 1950.

### A STATEMENT

In the *Brethren Quarterly for Young People and Adults* for the third quarter, 1952, the writer quoted several times from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In view of the opposition that has arisen against the R. S. V. it should be explained that these Sunday school lessons were written last summer and published by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company early in the fall, before the Revised Standard Version of the entire Bible had even been published. But the lessons were read by our Brethren people in the month of December, after conservative scholars had had opportunity to study the new revision, and the storm of protest against its modernistic perversion of Scripture was rising. The writer quoted from the New Testament of the R. S. V., which was published in 1946, and over which no storm had arisen.

The writer wishes it to be known that after considering the evidence for and against the new revision he is definitely convinced that it is the work of men who do not respect the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God, and who are opposed to the great doctrines of the faith having to do with the person of Jesus Christ, His deity and virgin birth in particular.

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If extra copies of the Brethren Missionary Herald for February 28, carrying the appraisal of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible by Grace Seminary professors, are desired, the order for them must be at the Herald office not later than February 16. The price for extra copies is 5c each for single copies, or 3c each when 10 or more copies are ordered to be delivered to 1 address in 1 bundle.

On February 1 Rev. W. A. Ogden began his 7th year as pastor of the Johnstown, Pa., First church. During the 6 years of his ministry there 169 people united with the church.

Bro. J. Stanley Barr, of the Seven Fountains, Va., church, died recently and Rev. Paul Dick conducted the funeral services January 26.

The Yakima, Wash., church celebrated the 5th anniversary of the groundbreaking service for its building January 25. Rev. Russell Williams is the pastor.

Bro. Donald Ogden, instructor in music in the collegiate division and student in the graduate division of Grace Theological Seminary, underwent a hernia operation January 27 at a Warsaw, Ind., hospital and is now recuperating at his home at Winona Lake.

Eugene, Oreg., has been selected as a location for a Brethren Bible class, looking forward to another Brethren church in the Northwest District. Class began February 2. Any person in the area or anyone knowing of people in the area interested in such a class, please send names and addresses to Rev. Glen Welborn, 825 Ermine St., Albany,

Oreg., or to Mr. Dale Wyles, 85 Willona Dr., Eugene, Oreg.

The Conemaugh, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Stanley Hauser, held dedicatory services for its redecorated building January 18. A new roof was added, the building was painted inside and outside, and the floor was carpeted.

The Alexandria, Va., church, pastored by Rev. Kenneth Teague, gave to all funds \$133.08 per capita in 1952.

"Rev. and Mrs. William Clough, Tracy, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. LeRoy Hawkins, of Albany, Oreg." Both are students in Grace Seminary.

Mrs. Rose Foster, deputation missionary, spent the week of January 19-23 speaking at the Long Beach, Calif., Brethren Elementary School.



Bro. Arthur Wetherbee, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, has not missed a midweek prayer service for 20 years. Each Sunday he supervises the parking lot of the church.

Rev. Mark Malles, Altoona, Pa., joined other fundamental pastors in a round-table discussion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible over radio WRTA January 28.

The Glendale, Calif., church, temporarily without a pastor, has scheduled Rev. John Lienhard, San Bernardino, as preacher for February 15 and Dr. Harold Lindsell, Pasadena, for February 22.

The Compton, Calif., church, of which Rev. Norman Nelson is pastor, is planning a retreat for its young people at Crestline February 27-March 1.

Rev. Russell Humbert, Flora, Ind., plans to speak at the Hawthorne Christian School, Hawthorne, Calif., February 15-17, and at the Glendora, Calif., Church of the Brethren February 18-20.

The Southeast District has scheduled an overnight youth rally for

the Roanoke, Va., church February 13-14 and another at the Covington, Va., church April 10-11.

Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, has been ill. Rev. Albert Flory and Dr. Harry Vom Bruch preached for him January 11, and the speakers on the Torrey Memorial Conference spoke the next 2 Sundays.

Dr. Paul Bauman, Winona Lake spoke at the Philadelphia, Pa., First church January 18 and Bro. Gene Perry spoke there January 21.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church had a winter retreat for 46 of its young people at Acorn Lodge January 23-25. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor of this church.

Mrs. Grace Fike, for many years a member of the Meyersdale, Pa., church, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mahlon Bowser, Elyria, Ohio, January 12. Funeral services were at Meyersdale in charge of her pastor, Rev. Leslie Moore.

Plans are being made to begin a Bible class in Cumberland, Md. Any person in that area or anyone knowing of persons in that area interested in the Brethren testimony contact Rev. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

The Long Beach, Calif., First church is to have the first campaign conducted by the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade, March 1-15, with Rev. R. Paul Miller as evangelist. In preparation the church has appointed a steering committee headed by Wilbur Snively, and has planned a banquet meeting for all workers February 19, to be addressed by Evangelist Bob Munro, of Canada.

Mrs. Buford (Edra) Campbell, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church for more than 8 years, died January 21. Funeral services were held at the church January 24, in charge of her pastor, Dr. Charles Mayes, and Rev. Alan Pearce.

The Waterloo, Iowa, church was host to a crusade sponsored jointly by the Fellowship of the Faith and the Christian Business Men's Committee February 3. Mr. Calvin Chao, of the China Native Evangelistic Crusade, was the speaker following a covered-dish meal. Dr. Robert McBirnie spoke at the church February 4.

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By Rev. Dennis I. Holliday, Waynesboro, Pa.

A new crime wave is sweeping our country. An average of 540 automobiles are stolen each day across our nation. Car theft, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the United States—leaping 21 percent in 2 years. A jewelry thief who has stolen jewelry in his possession must first find a market for his loot, and even then he may have to sell it for only about one-tenth of the real value. A car thief can easily and quickly sell a car almost anywhere, and can get practically the full value in cash every time.

## Thievery Is Sin

No matter what the form of thievery of which a person is guilty, it is wrong, it is sinful. Whether a person steals a 5- or 10-cent item from the dime store, or steals a \$2,000 car, it is wrong in the eyes of the law of our land, and it is sin in the sight of God, who sees and knows all things.

Stealing is taking that which belongs to another without having permission to take the same. The Bible speaks positively against stealing. First of all, stealing is such a wicked thing that God included it in the Ten Commandments. The 8th commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal." In the New Testament we have positive statements against stealing. In Matthew 19:18 we read: "Jesus said . . . Thou shalt not steal." In Romans 13:9 we have these same words repeated: "Thou shalt not steal." Moving on into the Book of Ephesians we read, "Let him that stole steal no more" (4:28).

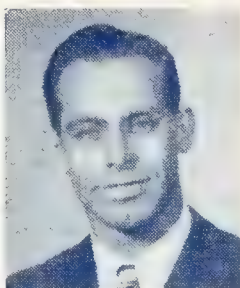
## Stealing Time

When we think of stealing, we usually think of someone taking an object that belongs to another person without having the right or permission to do so. It is also possible to steal from God. There are 7 days in a week. The first day in the week is the Lord's Day. The remaining 6 days are for us in which we may do our work. The Lord's Day is to be a day of rest for our bodies, a day in which to receive food for our souls, a special day in which we serve the Lord Jesus Christ, and a day in which to worship our Saviour in the

house of the Lord. Even though God has allowed us 6 days in which to do our work, yet there are some Christians who steal a part, or all, of the Lord's Day and use it for themselves, either for personal gain or personal pleasures. If to steal from a neighbor is bad, it is a greater sin to steal from God.

## Stealing the Tithe

In the Old Testament we read that a 10th part of one's income belonged to the Lord. "The tithe . . . is the Lord's." In the New Testament we



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do not have a specific command to give a tithe, but even so, much is said about giving. We are to give cheerfully, we are to give as the Lord has prospered us. We are to give systematically, each week, a portion to God. As a minimum, we ought to give a 10th of our income to the Lord, and to His work. Not to give back a proper portion to God is to steal from God. To take God's portion and use it for ourselves is to steal from God.

Whether you have stolen from man or stolen from God you are guilty and stand condemned and worthy of hell. In the Book of Joshua, chapter 7, we read of Achan, who stole some clothing and a wedge of gold. As soon as it was discovered that he was guilty he was put to death, because stealing is a dreadful sin.

Jesus Christ came for the specific purpose of saving us from our sins. The angel said to Joseph, the husband of Mary, "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). In the

5th chapter of Romans we read, "Christ died for the ungodly." In the 15th chapter of I Corinthians we read, "Christ died for our sins," that is, He bore the penalty for our sins when He died on Calvary's cross.

## Salvation Even for a Thief

When Jesus Christ was crucified there were 2 thieves crucified at the same time—one on the right hand and the other on the left. One of those thieves got saved just before he died. We will notice carefully how that thief got saved, that we may know how God saves people today. We are sure the thief was saved because Jesus said to him, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

First, let us notice what this thief did not do to be saved. He did not join a church, he was not baptized, he gave no money to the church, and he never had an opportunity to teach a Sunday school class. Yet the Lord said to him, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

We will notice what he did do: (1) He believed that Jesus was the sinless Son of God, for he said, "This man [Jesus] hath done nothing amiss." (2) He evidently recognized that Jesus Christ was not dying for His own sins, but that He was dying for the sins of others. He admitted that Jesus was not worthy of death when he said, "This man hath done nothing amiss." (3) He then looked up into the face of Jesus and called Him, "Lord." He recognized He was verily deity, that He was God manifest in flesh. (4) He then very simply placed his faith in Jesus Christ when he said, "Lord, remember me."

## Salvation for You, Too

That is how the dying thief was saved, and that is how you, too, can be saved today. Acknowledge Jesus Christ as the sinless Son of God, and that when He died on the cross He died for you—that He bore the penalty for your sin. We have the promise in the Word of God that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). The Scripture also says,

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# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind.

## I. THE CRY OF INTERCESSION.

"And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst" (John 19:17-18).

Last words are precious words. We draw near the bed of a dying friend; we bend over and strain our ears to catch the faintest whisper, and cherish those words the rest of our life.

Our Lord was arrested in Gethsemane and given a mock trial before the high priests and the Roman governors, Pilate and Herod. Then He was taken out to Calvary and crucified. There He hung helpless and forlorn. So brutal had been His treatment that His face was out of shape and "his visage was so marred more than any man" (Isa. 52:14). But through all this vile treatment He had been "as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

The crowd about the cross was taunting; the soldiers were mocking, but He "reviled not again" (I Pet. 2:23). But now He prepares to speak. What words will issue from those lips? Will He, like Elijah, call down fire upon His tormentors?

Seven hundred years before, Isaiah had prophesied that He would make "intercession for the transgressors"—"Father, forgive" (Isa. 53:12).

"Father." All through His life He had been in fellowship with His Father. Now on the cross, even though mankind had forsaken, yet He was still in fellowship with the Father.

"Forgive them." Why did He call upon the Father to forgive? Had He not shown His power to forgive sins when He healed the paralyzed man (Mark 2), and did He not give peace to the penitent thief? But the word "Father" carries with it certain responsibilities. A father not only

provides for his child, but he also protects.

A neighbor woman turned her little boy loose to pester us. One day I heard my little boy sob out, "I'll tell my papa."

I looked and my boy had been cutting grass with a sickle. The neighbor boy had taken the sickle away from him and held it by the handle. My boy had grasped the sharp edge with both his little hands. Only a slight jerk and my boy's little fingers would be cut half off. Verily,



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I darted out that door like a streak of lightning.

And so with the Father. He had seen men spit in the face of His Son; He had seen them scourge and crucify Him. It was only natural for Him to act. One faint whisper from the Son and 12 legions of angels would dash to His rescue (Matt. 26).

No doubt the angels were standing in awe, and in the heart of everyone there burned a desire to rescue their beloved Creator. What will He do? His lips part—will it be a cry for vengeance? Nay, verily, human ears had never heard such words from a Roman cross before—"Forgive them."

And was this prayer ever answered? A few weeks later, on Pentecost, Peter faced those same Jews and cried, "Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" Jesus of Nazareth, and 3,000 were forgiven that very day (Acts 2:23, 41).

"For they know not what they do." Let the reader of these lines beware that he take not these words as a license to sin. I once talked to a person who refused to read the Bible, thinking he would not be held responsible if he did not know its contents.

Verily, to thus tamper with eternal things is folly indeed. Let such an one test out this method in an earthly court where the stakes are not so high. Let him try it on the traffic laws, and see if willful ignorance will excuse. But those who crucified Jesus were forgiven because "they knew not" what they did.

There are several kinds of sin. The Old Testament speaks of "sins of ignorance," yet the offender was guilty. There is the sin of omission. It is this sin that sends men to hell, for "he that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18).

There is sin through weakness. Paul speaks of "the evil which I would not, that I do" (Rom. 7:19). There is also the sin of presumption. Men who turn the "grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 4), who take the silence of God as a license to sin; men "who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32); men who presume upon the mercy of God and deliberately and knowingly sin, are guilty of a presumptuous sin and for this sin there is no remedy (Num. 15:30).

But those saved on Pentecost did not commit a presumptuous sin. True, their sin was fearful indeed, but in the heat of the mob, being driven on by the "chief priests and elders," they had cast their vote against Him, and knew not that they were crucifying the Lord of glory (Matt. 27:20; I Cor. 2:8). Thus let them "repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).



# Awake! The Enemy Moves!

By Rev. Glen Welborn, Albany, Oreg.

The Bible is attacked!

That we are living in the closing days of this church age, all wide-awake Bible believers agree.

And Satan, too, is well aware of this fact!

Satan is God's archenemy. He hates God. He hates God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He hates God's blood-bought children. He wants no one saved from the hell prepared for him and his angels (Matt. 25:41).

Out of this race of wicked men, God is cleansing and preparing a body of believers to give to His Son for a bride. This body, the bride of Christ, is the church—not denominations, but THE church—made up of all born-again believers. Satan hates this church and seeks to destroy it. In the first 2 centuries he tried to destroy it by killing Christians. It didn't work. He changed his tactics. He couldn't destroy it from without, so he moved inside to corrupt and destroy it from within. As Satan corrupted churches, God raised up others to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; to preach "the gospel of Christ" which "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." And while God was raising up good churches, Satan raised up false cults and isms along with the corrupted ones, until today a lost soul wandering through this dark world of sin hardly knows what church or religion to accept and trust.

**AND NOW IT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BIBLE!**

Satan, through atheists and infidels like Tom Paine, Robert G. Ingersoll, and Voltaire, tried to "kill" the Bible and rid it from the earth. But the Bible lives on! Again Satan has changed his tactics in so-called Christian lands. He couldn't destroy the Bible from without, so he seeks to corrupt it from within its pages by all kinds of translations. Within the past generation there have come so many translations that men must ask, "Which one can we trust? Which one is God's Word?"

The latest and most subtle and dangerous of these is the Revised Standard Version produced by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Young people, and all who read,

## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### VII. THE LORD OUR ROCK.

In the last article we considered the name "Stone," and today we want to think of a similar name given to the Lord—"Rock." A stone we usually think of in builder's proportions, but a rock we consider as something huge and great. The name "Rock" is used of the Lord along with several descriptive adjectives. He is called "Rock of ages," "Rock of my salvation," "that spiritual Rock," "My strong Rock," and others. But there is one which stands out to me above all others.

In Psalms 61:2 David, the psalmist, calls the Lord, "The Rock that is higher than I." To prove that the name "Rock" refers to Christ, turn to I Corinthians 10:4, where Paul, in speaking of the Rock of Israel, says, "And that Rock was Christ."

The very name "Rock" speaks to us of steadfastness, sureness, permanence, everlastingness—hence "Rock of ages." As the cliff rocks were a place of refuge, safety, and security from attacking enemies, hence "my strong Rock" and "Rock of my salvation."

But again, if Christ is to be our salvation, security, and defense, He must of necessity be "the Rock that is higher than I." Read all of Psalm

61—David's heart cry to the Lord—and you will know why he reached to a "Rock" that was higher than himself. His burden was too great for him to bear. The lesson is simple. We MUST lay hold of something—someone who is substantial in the test. We MUST have a greater than Moses, Abraham, or John. We MUST have more than a mere "good man." We MUST have Christ, God-man, as our sinbearer—the divine yet human Saviour of the world, "The Rock that is higher than I."

"The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide,

A Shelter in the time of storm."

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee."

"O safe to the Rock that is higher than I,

My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly."

As Israel was saved from disaster and dying thirst by the water which came from the smitten rock, so we find relief from sin and the satisfaction for the thirst after righteousness in the water and blood which flowed from the riven side of Christ our Rock.

### A NEW CRIME WAVE

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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved . . . [for] as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (Acts 16:31; John 1:12).

You may be saved today, by simply believing on the Son of God. From the Scripture that has been called to our attention we conclude that salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing. Having become a child of God through faith in Christ, surely you will want to live like a child of God and for the glory of God every day of your life.

"I'll live for Him who died for me,  
How happy then my life shall be!  
I'll live for Him who died for me,  
My Saviour and my God!"

stay with the old Book of our forefathers who made this nation strong. The Gospel of Christ in that old Book has been the power of God unto salvation for millions ahead of us. It worked then, and it will work today. We do not need a new Bible; we need more people who will read, believe, and live the Bible we have had for centuries.

God says: "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it" (Deut. 4:2).

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).

Jesus said in Mark 13:31: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

In I Peter 1:23 God says that we are "born again [saved], not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER AT CUYAHOGA FALLS ENJOYED BY 38 MEN AND BOYS

By Earle R. Cole

The Brethren Men's Fellowship of Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, held a fellowship dinner January 9 in one of the private dining rooms of the Tower Restaurant, Tallmadge, Ohio.

Thirty-eight men and boys—the men and boys of the church and their friends—participated in this evening of Christian fellowship.

After a very fine full-course roast-beef dinner, we entered into a devotional service in which the musical talents of 3 of the boys and young men were used. Sammy Gingrich played a solo on his trumpet, Dennis Holsinger accompanied all the group singing, as well as his own vocal solo, on the electric guitar, and Donald Cole played a solo on the portable organ that the men use in their local convalescent home services.

We want to introduce some of our men in the pictures on the cover of this magazine. In the upper picture, seated from left to right: Robert Sunthimer, skip two [Brother Cole is modest; he is the one sitting next to Sunthimer.—Ed.], then Clair Brubaker, Venard Holsinger, his son, Terry, and Williard Smith. Behind Bob Sunthimer in dark suit is James Hamm. In the lower picture, standing, are Kent Carnahan (second from the left), Sammy Gingrich (in front of Rev. Russell Ward), and Paul Sunthimer (on the extreme right). Seated (third from left) is Dr. Raymond Gingrich, then Rev. Richard Burch.

The Sunthimer boys are the "spark

plugs" in our Brethren Boys Club activity. Kent Carnahan is the local fellowship president; James Hamm is secretary-treasurer. Clair Brubaker is pastor of the Hillwood Homes Chapel in south Akron, a student in Akron Bible Institute, as well as operator of Brubaker Greenhouse. "Nard" Holsinger is a talented song leader and vocalist. He is one of the Holsinger line—well-known in our denominational history. Williard Smith is president of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Men.

Rev. Russell Ward, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, spoke at our evening meditation.

Cuyahoga Falls men are interested in supporting our National Fellow-

ship of Brethren Laymen's projects and urge you and your local men to do as much as the Lord prospers you. In recent months this local group has presented offerings of \$25 to each of the national projects—Brethren Boys Club and Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade fund of our fellowship. We are ashamed that we haven't done more. Brother, the Evangelistic Crusade needs funds now to do the job that will be pleasing to God. The Gospel must go to all men in these United States. Sign your name to a check made out to William Fisher, secretary-treasurer, and put somewhere on the check "for BUEC" and send it to National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, William Fisher, secretary-treasurer, 335 Fugate Rd., NE., Roanoke 12, Va.

## DINNERS FEATURE ACTIVITIES OF MEN AMONG OUR CHURCHES

Dr. Alva J. McClain spoke at a dinner given by the men of the Fort Wayne church for the ladies and other members of the church January 20.

Donn Moomaw spoke to the Men's Fellowship and their guests at a dinner held January 30 at the Second church, Long Beach.

Helen W. Wood, former Communist, was the speaker at the Men's Brotherhood meeting at the Long Beach First church January 6.

The Men's Fellowship at Cheyenne, Wyo., held their January meeting on the 13th at the home of C. L. Vermillion.

There were 65 men present at the December meeting of the Men's Fellowship at the First church, Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. Paul Bauman was the speaker. For the meeting on January 29 Louis Zamperini was the speaker and told of his athletic life, his experiences in the war as a soldier and as a prisoner of war.

The men of the Third Los Angeles church held a dinner and program on January 22.

At Winchester, Va., the Men's Fellowship met on January 13. The presiding officer was Virgil Massey.

On January 24 the men of the New Troy, Mich., church organized their fellowship. The meeting was the occasion for a covered-dish meal. We hope to have the names of the officers soon.

All members joining the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., in 1952 were invited to a banquet sponsored by the Men's Fellowship on January 29. In December the men were entertained by the Leichty Family, musicians, and heard Bro. Elmer Miller, of Bethel College, give a testimony concerning his experiences in the army in World War II.

Forty-four men and boys attended the Father-Son Banquet held at Rittman, Ohio, in December. The ladies cooked the dinner.

The Brotherhood of the Whittier, Calif., First church heard Mr. Nyland, of Bellflower, give a testimony and sing at the regular monthly meeting January 13. Sam Rankin, owner of the Rankin Overhead Door Co., was the principal speaker.

March 23 is the date set by the Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Men to meet at the Cuyahoga Falls church.

### Questions on Personal Evangelism

*Question—How do I deal with the one who says: "I must become better before I can be saved"?*

The sinner cannot make himself better (Jer. 2:22; 13:23; Jas. 2:10), therefore he is in the only condition (a lost sinner) from which he can be saved by Jesus Christ (I Tim. 1:15; Luke 19:10; Luke 5:31-32).

(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)





### Chico, California

We rejoice again as we recall the blessings of our meetings with Bro. Vincent Bennett, December 8-14. There was an average attendance of 64 people, 8 accepted Christ, and a number rededicated their lives to the Lord.

In keeping with the Christmas season, we enjoyed a Christmas program directed by Mrs. Ennis Rife and a play produced by the young people December 21.

During the last calendar year 15 people came into church membership, 13 by baptism. This was a 34-percent increase in membership during the year. There were 24 who accepted Christ during the year.

Also during 1952 a baptistry and tower system were installed, 20 young people attended the summer camp, and the first young person from our church has gone away to school to prepare for the Lord's service. Weekly prayer meetings are conducted by this church in Los Molinos.

The average weekly offering for the year was \$61.43, which enabled us to meet our \$60 weekly budget. The offering for the building fund was \$300.—*Ward Tressler, pastor.*

### Covington, Ohio

We are happy to report that our church is moving forward. The morning attendance January 18 was 81. The average attendance in BYF is 20. On January 4 we witnessed 3 rededications and 1 first-time decision, and January 18 there were 2 decisions for Christ. Bro. Ralph Colburn was with us for a youth rally January 24.

The interior of the church was recently cleaned and redecorated.

The church had a surprise farewell party for Byron Young on January 16. He is enrolled in Moody Bible Institute.—*James O. Young, pastor.*

### Roanoke, Virginia (Wash. Heights)

The spiritual blessings of God's mighty working here have been many and wonderful. Twelve per-

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Beaumont, Calif..	Feb. 1-15.....	Gene Farrell.....	Bob Munro.
Covington, Ohio..	Feb. 1-15.....	James Young.....	R. Paul Miller.
Harrah, Wash....	Feb. 1-15.....	Jesse Hall.....	Robert Ashman.
Waynesboro, Pa..	Feb. 1-15.....	Dennis Holliday..	William Smith.
Johnstown, Pa.			
(First) .....	Feb. 2-15.....	W. A. Ogden.....	Michael Walsh.
Rittman, Ohio....	Feb. 4-15.....	Charles Ashman..	Ding Teuling.
Cuyahoga Falls,			
Ohio .....	Feb. 8-15.....	Richard Burch....	Herman Hoyt.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	Feb. 8-15.....	Robert Miller.....	Conard Sandy.
Whittier, Calif.			
(First) .....	Feb. 8-22.....	Carl Sisson.....	Cedric Sears.
Wooster, Ohio....	Feb. 15.....	Kenneth Ashman.	James Bennett.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	Feb. 22.....	Charles Mayes....	Russell Humberd.
Phoenix, Ariz....	Feb. 24-27.....	J. C. McKillen....	Russell Humberd.

sons publicly accepted Christ in our regular church services last year. We organized with a membership of 16 on November 4, 1951, and we now have 33 members.

We need a building with adequate space for Sunday school rooms and a main auditorium. We have \$2,700 in our building fund, which exceeded our goal of \$2,500. The district mission board has contributed some to this fund.—*W. Carl Miller, pastor.*

### Harrah, Washington

We have been building up our Sunday evening meetings by having

a different group from the church take part in reading the Scriptures, leading in prayer, and giving special numbers in music.

Among the groups that have helped are the junior and senior Sky Pilots, the laymen, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, and the Women's Missionary Council.—*Mrs. Carl Pickett, reporter.*

### Clayhole, Kentucky

The following paragraph is from a letter I received from the director of the Christian Life Sunday School Contest, dated January 28, 1953:

"Congratulations! The judges of the Christian Life Sunday School Contest have declared your Sunday school the fourth winner in Class D (99-249)."

We were awarded 100 "Great Songs of the Church" and a flannelgraph board with easel. The most valuable thing to me is to know that the Clayhole people tackled a big job and finished it in a grand way.—*Sewell Landrum, pastor.*

### Meyersdale-Summit Mills, Pennsylvania

Since October 1 an average of 139 people have attended our evening services.

At the Christmas service at Meyersdale the trimming of the tree was part of the program. The decorations were envelopes, previously sent to the members, in which they enclosed their offerings to the building

## BUILDINGS BURN AT BASSAI

On January 7, the day after the close of the African field council meeting, a grass fire got out of control in the valley east of our Bassai station. It came racing up the hill and burned both dispensary buildings, the small medical storehouse, and a smaller building. Bro. Charles Sumey reports that "had God not intervened it surely would have taken everything."

There was a monetary loss of a few thousand dollars, but the medical program has been greatly hindered. Aluminum roofing would have saved this loss. The foreign board is supplying funds for 2 new aluminum residence roofs a year, but we may have other losses unless we can move more rapidly.

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**PROGRAM—SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION—GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—FEBRUARY 24-27**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

*Theme for Day—"The Man of God"*

- 9:00-10:15 a.m.—Devotional message, Clyde G. Balyo, pastor, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.—Expository message, Mark E. Malles, pastor, First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.
- 1:30-2:45 p.m.—Paper, "Present-Day Need for Education in the Ministry," Lewis C. Hohenstein, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.
- Open forum led by Dr. Alva J. McClain, president, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.—Alumni business.
- 7:30 p.m.—Message, John G. Balyo, pastor, Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind.
- Pictures of Holy Land, William Short, student, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

*Theme for Day—"The Gospel of God"*

- 9:00-10:15 a.m.—Devotional message, M. L. Myers, pastor, Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.—Expository message, Arnold Kriegbaum, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- 1:30-2:45 p.m.—Paper, "Problems of Evangelist in a Big City," John M. Aeby, pastor, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Open forum led by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.—Alumni business.
- 7:30 p.m.—Message, William W. Smith, evangelist, Washington, D. C.
- Pictures of Holy Land, John C. Whitcomb, Jr., assistant professor, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1953**

*Theme for Day—"Pastoral Ministry"*

- 9:00-10:15 a.m.—Devotional message, Clyde K. Landrum, pastor, First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.—Expository message, Robert E. A. Miller, pastor, Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.
- 1:30-2:45 p.m.—Paper, "Building a Church in a Growing City," Dr. William R. Rice, pastor, Inter-City Baptist Church, Allen Park, Mich.
- Open forum led by Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.
- 3:00-4:00 p.m.—Alumni business.
- 5:30 p.m.—Alumni banquet (Eskimo Inn). Toastmaster, Harold H. Etling, pastor, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.
- 7:30 p.m.—Prophetic message on Palestine (illustrated by slides), Bernard N. Schneider, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1953**

*Theme for Day—"Prophetic Ministry"*

- 9:00-10:15 a.m.—Devotional message, Ward A. Miller, pastor, Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.—Expository message, Paul L. Mohler, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.
- 1:30-2:45 p.m.—Paper, "The Place of Prophecy in Preaching of Today," Dennis I. Holliday, pastor, First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.
- Open forum led by Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president in charge of public relations, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.
- 7:30 p.m.—Message, Charles W. Turner, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

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fund. More than \$1,700 was given thus to this fund.

This church recently installed a sink in the kitchen.

We are planning preresurrection services April 1-3 at the Meyersdale church. A vacation Bible school is being planned for Summit Mills June 1-12 and for Meyersdale June 8-19. The first mentioned will be held in the evenings, which plan proved successful last year.

James Hoffmeyer, Jr., of the Meyersdale church, a student in the collegiate division of Grace Seminary, and Carol Austin, of Cumberland, Md., were married during the Christmas vacation.—*Leslie Moore, pastor.*

### **Temple City, California**

Our church had a 1-day revival January 4, and thus the Lord blessed us at the beginning of 1953. On this day 10 people made first-time public confessions of Christ and 42 made rededications to the Lord. On the following Wednesday 50 people attended the prayer meeting.

The offering for home missions from this home mission church was \$1,555.55, the largest in our history.

On January 2 the church surprised the pastor and his wife with a party in commemoration of our 32d wedding anniversary.—*Leo Polman, pastor.*

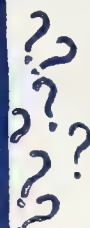
### **GOD'S HAND ON THE HERALD**

"Enclosed find \$2 for renewal of my subscription for the Brethren Missionary Herald. The real blessing I receive from reading the Herald could not easily be put into words. It is as though in reading it one can feel God's guiding hand and approval on each part of the issue. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to read a Christian magazine and to know that it is all true, according to God's Word. May God bless you for your stand upon the Word of God with no reservations. (Signed) Mrs. Frank B. Yeigh."



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## LOVE'S STRENGTHENING

By Dr. Robert D. Culver, Trinity Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

There are 2 general areas of duty for all men: man's duty to God and man's duty to man. Some would add a third: man's duty to self.

It is interesting to observe that the Bible specifically enjoins that love prevail in each one of these areas. As to man's duty to God, Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." As to man's duty to man, Jesus went on to say: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour." The portion of this section in the 22d chapter of Matthew that is often missed is that the measure of love for one's neighbor is one's love for himself, for the whole statement is: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." So though the main emphasis in Jesus' statements is that one should love God and his neighbor also, it is clearly asserted that one must also love himself. "On these two commandments" (and by inference three), said Jesus, "hang all the law and the prophets."

So then basically the thing which the Old Testament required and the thing which Jesus affirmed is the necessity for love in every human relationship. This makes it quite to be expected that the same truth would appear in the writings of Paul, who frequently spoke of the ethical side of Christian doctrine and practice. And it does appear. After a chapter and a half of detailed ethical instructions this appears in the 13th chapter of the Book of Romans: "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" (Rom. 13:8). Observe that the realm of duty treated is man's duty to man—man's treatment of "thy neighbour."

Now a most interesting thing takes place. Paul puts love in such a supreme place that he declares it to be the essential ingredient of all proper human relationships! Hear what he says: "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet" (observe this is the whole 2d table of the Ten Commandments, all relating to man's duty to man); "and if there be any other commandment" (here he surveys all other possible duties of one man to another), "it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:9-10).

If I understand this passage, it is true then that if one desires to do right by his neighbor he *must* love him. This is true of a wife toward her husband and vice versa. This is true of a mother toward her children and vice

versa. This is true of a pastor and his flock and vice versa. Get it! "If there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Now since love of others is to be equal in measure and similar in kind to love of self, the question arises: In what way should one love himself? I think an illustration will answer this question and serve to show that true love for one's self is a necessary thing, and also that love must be of a certain kind. Let us suppose that a young man just out of high school leaves his farm home to go to the distant city to get a job and make his fortune. When he gets to town he must first buy food to eat. If he truly loves his body he will buy good food which will keep flesh and blood and bones in good condition. He will also crave company. If he truly loves himself he will seek and find the company of good men and women, people who will contribute to the welfare of his whole being. If he has no proper love of self he may seek other company and like the prodigal son, who certainly did not have a proper love for himself, waste his substance on "wine and harlots." He will have many choices to make. If he truly loves himself he will always choose that which, to the best of his knowledge, will promote the best interests of his whole person.

This kind of love is more than affection, or passion, or tenderness, or many other feelings or sentiments which people often call love. It is all these coupled with a proper intellectual and rational estimate of true values. It includes insight into the real nature of things.

Only God can supply this kind of love and only God has it perfectly. "God [and only He] is love." As men by new birth become partakers of the divine nature and then by faith embrace and use their new resources, they may begin to live a life ruled by love. When husband and wife can't get along, basically one thing is wrong—not enough love. When mother and children are "out of fix" and harsh and unkind, one thing is wrong—not enough love, at least not enough wisely directed love. Maybe there is not a fine enough quality in that love. So it is in all relations of man to man.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

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How would you like to be an editor who is "fresh out of news"? Your WMC editor is in such a fix. Have you wondered where the news for the column is? So has your editor. Someone suggested that the news from the councils should be put in the Herald fast so as to keep it fresh. Apparently the news about WMC over the country is SO fresh that it is still locked up in the individual councils! As this February issue goes to press the editor has not one line of news from ANY council. Your WMC editor cannot make news—she can only report it.

While we are on the subject, perhaps a little glimpse behind the scenes as to how the WMC Herald is made up might be profitable to all interested in this important part of our national work. Unless there is a sudden emergency in the home of the editor, her copy for the subsequent month leaves her desk by the 20th of each month. In other words, on the 20th of January all copy for the February issue which you are now reading is put in the mail. If some news or letter or business item arrives on the 21st it will NOT be found in the February Herald because it arrived one day too late. Therefore, the news or letter or bit of information will have to wait until the next issue of the WMC Herald. We hope this helps you to understand why something you have written (if you only would) may not appear just as soon as you expect to see it. When we understand some of the problems incident to the printing of a magazine you will want to pray more for the editor.

One thing more. Your WMC editor and the executive WMC board would like to know what you like in your Herald and what you'd like to see omitted. The week after the January issue came out 5 different ladies who are strangers to the editor wrote about the blessings they received from that particular issue. But perhaps you didn't like what was in that issue. We'd like to know. The WMC Herald is YOUR magazine, ladies, and we want it to be a blessing to you. Do you like the devotional articles? How about a word from you if you do *not* like them? Are the editorials worth anything to you, or would that space be better used for something else? If so, what are your ideas? **WE WANT TO KNOW!** If the readers of the WMC Herald would write the editor giving their complaints, appreciation, and suggestions for bettering the Herald and give ideas for helping other councils, then the WMC executive board will be better able to formulate policies and plans for future issues of our issue of the Herald. You will cooperate, I know. We'll be looking for YOUR letter.

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Presenting Your Newly Elected

## WMC PRESIDENT

MRS. KENNETH ASHMAN



It is not easy to say good-bye to a fellow laborer in the Lord's vineyard. National WMC was reluctant to have Mrs. Edward Bowman relinquish her able leadership of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council, though all thanked God for her "fellowship in the gospel" until now. But God in His providence always supplies the needs of His children so that His work will not suffer. According to His leading, Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, is now our national president.

In her early years Harriet Martin Ashman was prepared not only by formal school training but in her heart for her role as pastor's wife and women's leader. Her Christian life began for her personally at the age of 10 when she says she knows she was born again in Burbank, Ohio. After high school young Harriet enrolled at Ashland College, where she received her B. S. degree 4 years later. But all was not study during those years at college. A tall young man who hailed then from the mountains of Pennsylvania cast a very interested eye on this attractive Ohio miss. Harriet's eye returned some interested glances which seemed to be all that was needed for the growth of a special kind of friendship. As a casual friendship blossomed into deep love, the chemistry and biology and all the necessary studies to be mastered in college certainly came easier.

A girl with less determination would have called a halt to studies after receiving her degree in favor of marriage. But Harriet was made of sterner stuff. She wanted an R. N. degree, which she worked toward while her husband-to-be pursued his theological training and degree. During her years at White Cross (Methodist) Hospital at Columbus, Ohio, Kenneth burned up many a gallon of gasoline to go court his girl whenever she had a free hour. At long last the coveted R. N. was Harriet's. From there she went to Akron City Hospital, where for 3 years she was teaching supervisor of the surgical ward. Since her marriage Mrs. Ashman has occasionally done a little nursing in nearby hospitals.

Two daughters have blessed this marriage: Carol Ann, 11, and Linda Jane, 6. With her daughters and the multiplied duties which befall most parsonage "first ladies," Mrs. Ashman has always had plenty to do. In her husband's various pastorates our national president has been active in local and district WMC and SMM. As she assumes the national leadership of WMC Mrs. Ashman covets the prayers of her sister laborers in the Lord. Her favorite verse will make her leadership at once valuable and Christ-centered: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).

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Satan's master stroke in robbing God's own of spiritual strength and vitality is to keep them too busy for the quiet hour with God. He knows they are without power when they are not in touch with the powerhouse. When parents fail to build their own resources through quietly waiting before God they work havoc in more than their own personal lives. God knows that His children are helpless before the onslaught of Satan's attacks unless their souls are garrisoned with the study of His Word and steeped in the sweetness of prayer. That's why He has told us in the Scriptures to "study to be quiet" (I Thess. 4:11). It takes study and thoughtful, purposeful effort to learn the sweet fragrance of quietness. And the reward? Supreme serenity, though all around be chaos; fragrance of refreshment, though overwhelmed with responsibility; the grace that lends a benediction on all whose lives are touched. "Study to be quiet" individually, faithfully, and experience the exhilaration of spiritual and physical strength.

If Satan designs to keep adults and especially parents from the victories wrought on the knees in the quietness of God's presence, be assured that his work never stops in this respect with the children. He has veiled the eyes of all too many professing Christian parents to the need of family fellowship in prayer and Bible learning. Because of lack of *personal devotions*, parents are not awake to this very important need in the lives of their children. How can your child be taught to pray when prayer is a strange and often awkward experience to you, the parent? How can you intelligently read and explain the Bible to your questioning offspring when the Scriptures are unknown to you? Your eyes can be opened to the things of God as told within the pages of His Book if you are born again. Time and again God tells His own: "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren." Only the natural man, the individual still in his sins, cannot comprehend the wisdom of the divine. But you, *Christian* parent, have access to God's Book because He does not want you to be ignorant. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:14). Spiritual discernment is God's gift to every child of His. Why don't you realize this and possess your possession?

The "problem," then, if that is what you call it, of family devotions is largely a matter of the HEART. Hear the command of the Lord to the children of Israel and remember that "all of God's Word is for all of God's people for all of God's time." "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart" (Deut. 6:4-6). If God's Word is in your heart its compelling force will mean your obedience. The Christian who sins by indifference to spiritual matters by worldly walk, by careless conduct, by fruitlessness, is proving to all who know him that God's Word is not in his heart.

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" (Deut. 6:7-9). How clearly the parents' responsibility is taught in this passage. Parents are to teach God's Word to their children *after* they have first experienced it in their own hearts. "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently [with care, faithfully; this implies working at the task] unto thy children." Notice *who* is to teach: "*thou . . . thy children.*" As fine as Bible-teaching Sunday schools and child evangelism classes are, these are not to take the place of parental teaching at home. Yet a vast majority of Christian parents relegate the teaching of the Scriptures to such agencies when they should be the auxiliary which confirms and builds upon what the parents have been taught. Formal Bible training or fine education are not necessary for doing a good job of teaching your children. God gives wisdom when we ask for it (Jas. 1:5). Oh, parents, when will we assume the God-given responsibility and embrace the opportunity of teaching *our own* children?

The whole of life should be saturated with God's Word as taught by the parents to the children from generation to generation. Read this passage again. How often is the Bible the heart of our conversation when in the house with our family? As we walk, be it leisurely or bent on business, on what subject is our conversation centered? At day's end do we rehash its events with a shudder or calmly contemplate His words? As the new day calls us back to the work at hand, what are our first thoughts? The breakfast—I'll have to hurry to get that bus—be sure to make that phone call this morning—don't forget that appointment at 10? "My words . . . a sign upon thy hand"—for what purpose but to keep them in His work. "As frontlets between thine eyes"—to keep the gaze fixed. "On the posts of thy house"—as a witness to "the wayfaring men, though fools [that they] shall not err therein" (Isa. 35:8). First in *thy* heart and then in thy children's hearts. Dare we longer disobey?

Family devotions is a matter of the HOME—every member of that home. The idea, of course, is for the father of the home to take the headship in this matter. In fact, the burden of spiritual teaching is on the father in the home, according to the Word. "For I know him, that he will command [not demand] his children and his household after him" (Gen. 18:19). "And, ye fathers . . . bring them up in the nurture [nurture them in the chastening] and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Mothers by the score have done their utmost to urge the husband and father of the home to take his rightful place and lead out in family devotions, often to no avail. Isn't it strange that the "Beau Brummel" of yesterday, that first-string basketball hero, the leading salesman of his division, is suddenly most unaccountably shy and bashful before his children, especially in spiritual matters? It is hard for me to appreciate how any red-blooded man, a father, can be ashamed to pray before his chil-

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dren! If he were praying in private he certainly would not tremble to pray in the presence of his own offspring.

Any dad who refuses to read the Bible to his children on the grounds that he is not a good reader and not too well educated is not worthy to be called father. Familiarity with the Scriptures will increase one's reading ability. You'll never become either a fair or good reader if you close the Book. For shame, Christian father, if by flimsy excuse you have robbed your children of their rightful heritage—a praying and Bible-believing and reading dad. Find a time every day, take it from something less important if necessary (nothing is so important as your children's spiritual welfare), set a time if possible for family devotions. If you can't set the time then TAKE it at some time each day. Gather your family around you for Bible reading and prayer. Set the children to reading just as soon as they can recognize the simple words. Let each one in the group read at least one verse around. Then pray—from the lisping baby to stalwart dad who takes his rightful leadership.

The family devotional time is the only HOPE on the world's ever-darkening horizon. Christ-centered family fellowship is the hope and strength for overcoming those temptations to sin which are peculiar to every age. Your small children face temptations; those hard-to-understand teen-agers fight them on every hand; you, parent, have temptations peculiar to middle age as well as old age. They tell us that "the family which prays together stays together." How right they are if those prayers and lives are in CHRIST. The Christ-honoring home is invulnerable. Satan knows this and will not cease to deter you from your course. But "he giveth more grace." When Nehemiah returned to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem Satan had his helpers on hand to thwart the work. In his diary he records as follows: "Nevertheless we made our prayer unto God, and set a watch against them [the enemy] day and night" (Neh. 4:9). This, then, is your family secret. Pray faithfully to God for time and wisdom to teach your children, then set a watch that Satan cannot rob you of that fellowship.

"Faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:20).

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Local WMC's over the country are busy filling MISSIONARY HOPE CHESTS about this time of the year. Many ladies do not know what would be appropriate to put in this chest for the missionary ladies who visit us from time to time. Since our missionaries are people just like you and me they can use the same items for living as we, even though they may be in less civilized countries. Sheets, pillow slips, turkish towels, tea towels, wash cloths, thread, adhesive tape, needles, pins, table cloths, material for dresses in 4-yard lengths, hosiery, aprons, smocks, slips—anything and everything you ever saved in your hope chest or which you can use at home. Remember that our missionaries cannot run to a department store as soon as some item of linen or clothing wears out. They have to take supplies for several years. I have a feeling they'd enjoy a box of birthday or general greeting cards, a box or two of stationery, bias binding, tape binding, etc. You fill in the rest and let's make our lady missionaries happy.

Wonderful news from Mrs. Chester McCall, national financial secretary-treasurer: "Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. Home missions offering is \$2,387.80. . . . Thank the ladies through the Herald for their wonderful giving. I know the Lord will bless each one for her part. . . . Also remind them of the need for a real offering for Grace Seminary."

The month of February is the last month of our giving for this year to Grace Seminary. Have you done your best?—Ed.

Mrs. Kenneth Ashman suggests you read Psalms 60 to 90 for your extra Bible reading in the month of March.



Africa—

Miss Edith Geske.....April 9  
Mrs. Robert Williams.....April 15

Argentina—

Rev. Solon Hoyt.....April 2  
Robert Luis Dowdy.....April 26, 1948

Brazil—

Rev. J. Keith Altig.....April 9

In the U. S. A.—

Miss Janice Altig.....April 9  
Miss Marguerite Taber.....April 11  
David George Goodman.....April 21, 1947

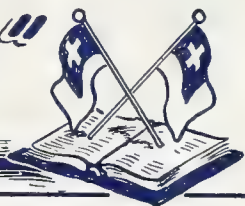


# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20

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## JAMES CHALMERS (MARTYR OF NEW GUINEA)

By Mary Emmert

James Chalmers, a Scotsman like so many of our great missionaries, seemed to be a Livingstone, a Carey, and a Judson all combined. He always chose the most dangerous places he could find, risking his life a thousand times, and finally dying at the hands of the cannibals he had gone to serve.

As a young man James was a good athlete and a very popular student, as he was very active and always fond of a good time. After being soundly converted, he gave himself to be a missionary.

After several years of preparation, James and his wife were sent out to the South Sea Islands in 1866. In their 7-months trip they were in 2 shipwrecks before reaching their destination, and had lost all their goods. So they were glad to settle down on an established mission station in the New Hebrides. There they served faithfully for 10 years.

But James Chalmers longed to get among real heathen where the Gospel had never been preached. He trained many of the native Christians there to go and evangelize the new field with him. The place they had chosen was New Guinea, which is the largest island in the world, being 3 times as large as Great Britain.

The people of New Guinea were cannibals always fighting and devouring those of other villages. They wore necklaces of human bones and decorated their houses with skulls. They were proud of their tattoo marks because that showed they had murdered someone.

Chalmers' life was in great danger as he went everywhere exploring the country and making friends with the fierce tribesmen. He carried on trade with them by means of hoop-iron and tomahawks, as they had been living in the stone age up to that time.

Again and again the savages tried to murder the whole missionary party, but as one chief explained on one

occasion, they were held back by some mysterious power as they were about to step over the low fence around Chalmers' house. In spite of the danger, Mrs. Chalmers showed great bravery in staying alone for weeks at a time as he went on exploring trips.

James went into the most warlike villages unafraid. There was something in his appearance and voice that made the people tremble and obey. He ordered them to give up cannibalism and fighting, and they did. In 5 years time there were great changes for the better.

He preached the Gospel to them, taught them to sing, and established schools. But he said that a missionary's life also consisted of living Christ before them, while one was engaged in building, traveling, and playing.

"We go as man to man to try to live the Gospel," he said, and he always insisted that a missionary should be a real man or woman, not the "namby-pamby sort," as he expressed it.

The climate was very bad in New Guinea. Many of his native teachers died. Later his wife also passed away. Her last message to him, however, was not to abandon the native teachers. So he did not go home to England on furlough until 20 years had passed.

He married again, but lost his second wife after some years, due to the terrible fevers on New Guinea. He, himself, although often stricken with fever, seemed strong in spite of all his hardships. He was destined for another sort of death.

In 1901 James Chalmers and a new missionary named Tomkins went to explore an inlet where they had never been before. They were set upon and killed upon reaching shore, and consumed by the cannibals. So at the age of 60 this hero had finished his course. Doubtless, if he had been given his choice he would have chosen to leave life thus in the midst of action.

The warriors' strongholds and some of their war canoes were destroyed by the governor in punishment for their crime, so that they would never dare to attack another missionary.

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MARCH

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Using prayer suggestions.

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:97-112.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"Tessie's Teacher."

Middlers—"Tessie's Teacher."

Seniors—"Seventh Day Adventism."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Juniors—"James Chalmers, Martyr of New Guinea."

Middlers—"James Chalmers, Martyr of New Guinea."

Seniors—"James Chalmers, Martyr of New Guinea."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

### MEMORIZATION FOR 1952-53

The challenge this year, as a personal project, is the learning of I Peter. The award is an SMM sweater, or \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany, or \$7.50 worth of supplies from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Those already learning the book are Pat Griffith, our national president, and Barbara Saverin, of the SMM at Mundy's Corner, Pa.

If you learn I Peter, fill in the blank found in the December 13 WMC Herald, and send it to the general secretary by June 30 (deadline).

The children in the junior class were reading the Scripture for their lesson aloud. Tessie read Acts 2:1-4. It said, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Jack read John 20:22. It said, "And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

"Now," said Mrs. Nixon, the teacher, "each of you tell what you think the Holy Spirit is like. You have read verses from God's Word. Do they help you?"

The children began to say that the Holy Spirit was like breath, like wind, like a great power come from God. None of them even thought of Him as a person. Of course, Mrs. Nixon knew that this was evidence of the working of Satan in the minds of these young children, for she was convinced that the Devil did not want anyone to think of the Holy Spirit as being a person equal with and as important as the Lord Jesus Christ. She hastily prayed: "Oh Father, help me today to make it clear to the minds of these dear children that the Third Person of the Trinity is a real being and they should appreciate Him and learn to love Him and respect His leading in their lives."

"Well, folks, you have given answers which show how the Spirit appears sometimes, and how He chooses to work, but did you know that the Holy Spirit is a person? We must speak of the Spirit as 'He' and not 'it.' Revelation 2:7 says He speaks. 'He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.'"

Tessie said: "I can remember in Matthew 10:20 it says: 'For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.'"

"Well," said Jack, "then the Spirit *must* be a person. Only people can speak. Animals make a noise, but only humans created by God form sentences and carry on conversations. Thanks, Mrs. Nixon. Now I know the Spirit is a person and not just wind."

"Children, in Acts 13:2 the Spirit is calling out missionaries. We should be thankful for the person who called folk to go preach the Gospel. If they had not been called, and if they had not been willing to trust their lives to the One who called them, perhaps we would not have had the privilege of hearing about Jesus and the opportunity of accepting Him as our personal Saviour. In Acts 16:6-7 He is overseeing the church and instructing the missionaries where to go and where not to go. Do you think a breath could do this?"

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the great needs of foreign missions.
2. Pray that the service of SMM girls will bring honor and glory to our Lord; that souls will be saved.
3. Pray for national, district, and local officers that they might have God's guidance in all things.

"Oh no," said Tom. "Only a person could direct others. My pets do not tell me what to do. I tell them. Just people give me orders and expect me to listen. So the Spirit must be a person."

"Let's turn to Acts 20:28 and read more about the Spirit," said the teacher.

So they read together: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

"Now," said Mrs. Nixon, "do you suppose Jesus would have died on the cross to buy the souls of men and form the church and then turn around and ask the wind, or breath, or some power to take care of His precious purchase? I should say not! You see, boys and girls, we are living in the Age of the Spirit. The Old Testament period is often called the Age of the Father; the period covered by the Gospels, the Age of the Son; from Pentecost until the second coming of Christ, the Age of the Spirit. Jesus bought us, but did not go off and leave us. He told the disciples that another Comforter would come. A comforter is one who comforts, leads, and guides people who need him. So Jesus has placed the Spirit in the world today to live in the hearts of all who have accepted Christ, as a Comforter. He is the One who tells you to take your hand out of the cookie jar, should it get in at the wrong time. The Spirit is the One who causes you to turn in things you find because you know they are not your very own. The Spirit is the One who helps you to pray and gives you peace in your heart when you go to sleep at night in a dark room away from everyone and everything. Surely only a person can do this. Not only that. He can be *grieved*. You can't make an animal, a flower, a tree, a toy sad. Ephesians 4:30 says: 'And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.' He can be *insulted*, too. We read in Hebrews 10:29: 'Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?' In Acts 5:3 we are told He *can be lied to*. I do hope you all know, by now, that the Spirit of God is a person and that you will try daily to please Him and not speak of Him as 'it.' Let us be fair. Let us call Him by His right names and be thankful that Jesus sent Him to help us."

As the missionary circle met later in the week, you could hear the mothers of these children thanking Mrs. Nixon for making the Holy Spirit so clear to their little ones. They truly appreciated her interest in their boys and girls and her desire that these children should not only know the Lord, but be conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They were proud that their children had such a wonderful teacher.

## FIND OUT

1. Things the Spirit does.
2. Things the Spirit feels.
3. Things the Spirit works through.
4. One verse to prove He is a person.



We take up now a cult that is truly on the march. It has a vigorous program. It knows what it believes and does not hesitate to proclaim it. Seventh-Day Adventism has in its several branches over 230,000 members. It appeals to many because of its emphasis upon prophecy, to others because of its mixture of law and grace, and to still others because of its zeal in forwarding its program.

I. *Its Names.* The most prominent name applied to this movement is SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM. This name suggests their 2 outstanding beliefs: (1) the Sabbath as the day of worship and (2) the advent of Christ. This title is often shortened, its advocates being simply called ADVENTISTS. More so formerly than at present, the group was called the MILLERITE MOVEMENT in recognition of its founder, William Miller. The latest Yearbook of American Churches will give the reader the names of the various Adventist bodies along with location of headquarters and numerical status.

II. *Origin.* Seventh-Day Adventism arose out of a "predicament," as Dr. W. E. Biederwolf calls it. William Miller had made certain predictions concerning the coming of the Lord in 1843. He later changed the time to 1844. He did not come on either date, so Miller admitted his error and would have dropped the matter, but Mrs. Ellen G. White claimed to have had visions in which she learned Miller was not wrong after all, and devised a system which made Christ come in 1844, not to the earth but to the "heavenly sanctuary." This is where Christ is now. Much of Seventh-Day Adventism is built around this idea and the further revelation of the importance of Sabbath worship.

III. *History of the Movement.* Adventism is based mainly on the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White, for which inspiration is claimed. The movement has

## AWARD WINNERS AT HARRISBURG



The four girls pictured above are (left to right): Nancy Weber, Janice Weber, Janice Grubb, and Janet Weber. They are all members of the SMM of the Harrisburg, Pa., church. The girls are wearing sweaters awarded to them for memorizing the Book of Philippians last year.

grown moderately fast since its origin, with an accelerated growth in recent years. It has world-wide interests seeking to establish itself everywhere. It has numerous schools, sanitariums, and publishing plants which are devoted to its enlarging ministry. It gives especial attention to the care of the body. Ofttimes Adventists do not reveal their identity by calling themselves Seventh-Day Adventists as, for instance, in their nationwide "Voice of Prophecy" radio broadcast. Thus many are attracted by the cult before they know what it is. Let it be said that it is at present a very aggressive movement.

IV. *Doctrinal Viewpoint.* First, what elements of truth are to be found in Adventism? It claims to believe (1) the Bible as the Word of God, (2) in the deity of Christ and in Him as Saviour (but interprets the latter wrongly), (3) in the second coming of Christ (but with different ideas from the orthodox view), (4) in the resurrection of the just and the unjust, (5) in Satan (but with wrong ideas in relation to sin-bearing), (6) in separated living, and (7) in taking seriously the great commission of our Lord. Other elements of truth might be mentioned, but with the mention of these it will be seen that the movement may easily be deceptive. This fact was largely responsible for Dr. L. S. Bauman, in his tract, "Beware of the Wolf," speaking of Seventh-Day Adventism as "one of the most dangerous wolves that ever sauntered forth in sheep's clothing."

Now, secondly, what in the way of error is to be found in this cult? (1) It is given to date-setting (indicated in the dates 1843 and 1844 given above). (2) It teaches that Christ entered the heavenly sanctuary in 1844 to make an investigation of the sins of His people, with the purpose of completing His atonement for them (cf. Dan. 8:14 with Heb. 8:1-2). (3) It teaches that Satan is made the scapegoat to bear away the sins of God's people. They get this from a totally unwarranted interpretation of Leviticus 16:8. It is a repudiation of the finished work of Christ. (4) It teaches that the souls of the dead are sleeping in the grave. It should be noted that the soul-sleeping texts used by the Adventists always refer to the body, never to the spirit. (5) It affirms that the wicked are annihilated. It is difficult to see their viewpoint in face of such passages as John 3:36, Matthew 25:46, Revelation 22:11, and Mark 9:44. (6) It holds that the 7th day of the week must be kept by the faithful instead of the 1st day. Mrs. White was confirmed in this belief by a vision which she is said to have had. The Adventists are inconsistent, however, in that while they attempt to keep this part of the law, they do not attempt to keep all of it. (7) It is a system of legalism. It mixes law and grace. They hold that the law of Moses was never abrogated.

V. *Conception of Christ.* Much that Adventism says about Christ is true. He is held to be deity. He is presented as the central figure in Scripture. He is coming again. He is set forth as Saviour through the shedding of His blood at Calvary. However, it definitely sets aside His finished work at the cross by saying that Satan, symbolized by the scapegoat of Leviticus 16, will ultimately bear away all the sins of the penitent. Mrs. White clearly presents this shocking matter in her book, "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan."



The Bible teaches that Christ, and He alone, is man's sin-bearer (1 Pet. 2:24, etc.).

VI. *Refutation of Errors.* Space forbids the writer to go into detail in this matter. He would like to suggest that those who are especially interested in this phase of the subject procure one or both of two booklets which are obtainable at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company: "Why You Should Not Be a Seventh-Day Adventist" (40 Bible-supported reasons), by E. B. Jones, who at one time was a Seventh-Day Adventist foreign missionary and publishing house manager; and "Seventh-Day Adventism, the Result of a Predicament," by W. E. Biederwolf. A good book against Seventh-Day Adventism which has recently been republished is "Seventh-Day Adventism Renounced," by D. M. Canright, who had been in the system for 28 years.

## THE SERPENT

### CURSED ABOVE ALL

By Marybeth Munn

"E-e-e-k!" A small black-and-green lizard slithered under the trunk in the storehouse that we were cleaning. At my startled shriek, little Job came running to rescue me from the monster that was after me. Disgust registered on his shiny face when I confessed that it was only a lizard. He was out burning more rubbish when a fat gray mouse scampered between my feet, then behind the stack of boxes in the corner. Again I heard myself squeal, though I'm not afraid of mice in the least. This time Job only called in to see what it was, and he patiently advised me just to kill it. So I resolved to be braver about harmless creatures.

Boxes or sacks of this and that were stacked in every nook and cranny and we were classifying each systematically, tossing much into the category of junk. Then I picked up a long narrow paper sack, which felt like nails. As I peered down into it I saw a wad of rope or something on top of the nails. I began to reach in to remove the rope when for some reason I decided just to shake it out. Just then I saw the rope coil—calmly I laid the whole thing on the floor but I forgot my resolution not to scream as I yelled to Job, "Come kill a snake." He grabbed a stick, danced gingerly about in case it came after him, then he beat it to death.

As we removed it from the sack we discovered it was the most poisonous of all our snakes. Most of its victims die a horrible death if they don't receive serum immediately. All Job could say was, "Truly God held your hand from reaching into that sack." It is wonderful for us to know, too, that our Lord keeps us and holds back our hand from the evil one when in our haste and thoughtlessness we would reach into some wicked snare that Satan has set for us.



Marybeth Munn

## Introducing Your Officers—

EVELYN VNASDALE

Bandage Secretary



*Local Project Suggestion—* from Marybeth Munn: Bed jackets for leper patients confined to bed are needed in Africa. They can be made easily from old shirts. Directions: Remove collar and sleeves. Bind around the sleeve holes and neck edge. They button down the back, so change the pocket to front of the jacket. Send completed jackets to the bandage secretary.

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**SPRING CABINET MEETING:** Had your spring cabinet meeting yet? Don't forget it, for this is the time to check up on your goals so that your SMM will be an honor society.

**APRIL:** Keep in mind that next month is SMM birthday month.

**BIRTHDAY PROJECT:** During the month of April the offering which is taken is given for the higher education of missionaries' children. For many years we have had this as our project, and each year a certain amount is given to each missionary's child that is in college. Those that received a gift this year were Janice Altig, Marguerite Taber, and Kenneth Sheldon. We have set \$400 as our goal for this project this year. Let's all do our best to reach it!

**BIBLE READING:** Remember! Bible reading is a starred Mary goal. The reading which is required for juniors and middleers is Acts and for the seniors it is Acts and 6 of 12 minor prophets.

**READING BOOKS:** Some of the unstarred Mary goals are to read a missionary book, a Christian fiction book, and a devotional book. Books of these types can be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

**Memorization:** Girls, have you been learning your verses? If you want to receive an emerald or diamond award, the juniors and middleers must learn 6 and the seniors 12 of the verses that were listed. Better get after it right away!

**PROJECT BOOKS:** The supply of project books has been replenished now. You can get them from the literature secretary.

## SMM NEWS

The girls at CLEVELAND, OHIO, hold their monthly meeting on a Sunday afternoon. Because of the distance of their homes they make a lunch and eat at the church after the morning services and then have their SMM meeting. Saturdays are their SMM workdays.

Penny partners of the girls in CLAY CITY, IND., are kept busy as they help with the national SMM project.

The girls of HARRAH, WASH., SMM made a nice contact with girls in the local hospitals by making yarn dogs for them to use on their beds. Each girl wrote a testimonial letter and explained the local SMM and sent them with their little doggies.





**BEDTIME DEVOTIONS AT OUR BRETHREN  
NAVAHO MISSION IN NEW MEXICO**



# *As the Editor Sees It — —*

By L. L. Grubb

## **A GREAT JEW DIES**

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel, and one of the chief planners of the Jewish State, died at his home in Rehovoth November 9—just 3 weeks before celebrating his 78th birthday.

This great man was not only a fine statesman but also a scientific genius.

He was largely responsible for the Balfour Declaration. Out of this grew the present Jewish State. At a very critical time in the history of Great Britain, Dr. Weizmann solved the TNT problem and helped to win a war. So great was this service that David Lloyd George gave him special honor.

Possessed with a burning desire to see his people back in Palestine under their own flag, he was one of very few men who have lived to see such a far-reaching aspiration realized.

With the passing of Dr. Weizmann the Jews have indeed lost a world champion.

This brilliant Jew is not the only one who has blessed humanity with various and helpful scientific discoveries. Many others have followed in his train and in all walks of life. Due recognition should be given to each one.

## **ANTI-SEMITISM SWEEPING WORLD**

Recently newspapers and magazines have carried extensive articles on the new Russian purge of Jews. It follows about the same pattern as that of Hitler a decade ago. It is also another fulfillment of God's prophecies of judgments upon the Jews because of their rejection of their Messiah.

Anti-Jewish feeling is definitely on the increase in our own nation. The only force that can effectively stop rabid anti-Semitism is the clear teaching of God's Word on the subject.

Christians are not only failing in their personal testimony to the Jew, but are failing to inform others of the Jew's place in God's plan.

## **AMERICA'S GAUDY WINTER PLAYGROUND**

Most American cities change their complexion after dark. Evil-doers love the darkness because their deeds are evil. Thus Miami changes her complexion after dark and becomes one of the most alluring combinations of entertainment, sin, gambling, and lust to be found anywhere within our coasts.

Perhaps on the credit side of the ledger for Miami it should be said that American dollars by the millions become available to her practitioners especially throughout the winter months. Business of all sorts is quick to sense this fact and "makes hay while the sun shines."

It is natural that big-time gamblers, bawdy-house matrons, criminals of all sorts, and many conventions should gravitate toward this colorful and exciting city. This is exactly what happens.

Even though heavy fines and some jail sentences have been assessed upon bookmakers and gamblers, they still operate with much profit and an almost satisfactory degree of freedom. Uncounted thousands of dollars cross the windows at Hialeah race track and occasionally races are "fixed." Crap games, cards, roulette, etc., all claim their share of the gambler's money.

It is said that a young man by the name of Wingy awoke one morning in his hotel room with a 3-weeks unpaid bill to consider and 30 cents in his pocket. He went to the lobby, bought a Miami Herald, and studied the entries at Hialeah. Dropping his remaining quarter in a slot machine he received \$18. He managed a free ride to Hialeah and, after playing 7 events, left the track with \$30,000 in his pocket. That night in a card game he won another \$10,000. Actually this story has become a legend in Miami.

One would not expect the terrific dollar potential of this city to be overlooked by ungodly, defiled women. They are found from the beaches to the shadiest houses in town. Frequent robbery and often murder go along with this Satanic game.

The Kefauver Committee definitely put a crimp in the style of Miami's gamblers and houses of sin. Many of the "joints" closed under the scrutinizing gaze of these men and some big-time racketeers temporarily moved out of Miami. In addition to this, the Miami citizenry is to be commended for having their own crime commission which digs up evidence on current ill deeds and airs this evidence on the radio or through the local newspapers.

Miami is just one more example of what you find in general in every large American city, an intense concentration of all "civilized" types of sin.

Crime commissions and committees will never stop the march of this Satanic giant, sin! There will simply be periodic lulls in its intensity.

When Paul said that the Gospel is the dynamite of God he prescribed the only real remedy for sin. Pitifully few fundamental testimonies merely scratch the surface of Miami's sea of humanity. It is more of these testimonies that are needed to meet the tide of iniquity.

## **NO BRETHREN CHURCHES IN FLORIDA**

There are no Brethren churches in Florida!

Of course this is a tragic fact, especially in view of the fact that so many of our people travel to this mecca for tourists each winter and could help us in a testimony, at least part of the time.

We would welcome an opportunity to establish a Brethren testimony in one of Florida's populated centers because we believe that God has given us the message which will meet man's spiritual need.

Pray that the Lord will help us to establish a spearhead for Christ and our National Fellowship somewhere down south.



# ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR BRETHREN MINUTE-MEN

This page is to alert every Brethren Minute-Man that a letter is coming your way soon to give you another opportunity to share in the Lord's blessings on a new mission church. This time the help is needed at Findlay, Ohio.

Study the accompanying pictures and then pray for this new church. Notice the fine group of people standing by an old condemned school building where they are meeting at the present time. Do you not think they look worthy of a meeting place of their own? Doesn't a group like this gathered for a regular Sunday morning service indicate a growing work?

Nine accepted Christ in the last 3 months. Isn't that reason enough for the smile on the pastor's face as shown in the picture with his family?

Rev. Forest F. Lance, a J. C. Penney store clerk, waits on a customer. For more than 6 months Brother Lance worked in this store to help support his family. However, just now with the help of the district, church, and Home Missions Council, he is giving his full time to the most important job—being a pastor.

A full-time pastor! A growing congregation! Lots for a church near a new modern school building! Yet, there is still something needed and it is a church building on the vacant lots. This is where your Minute-Man gifts are needed to get this building started at once. Before you make a decision on what you will do with this letter when it arrives, please do this. First, look into this very issue for the pictures of the Navaho mission work and a picture of the new church in Denver, Colo. You had a part in both of these as Minute-Men and certainly you will share in the rewards. Secondly, think about the full-time pastor on the field in Seattle, Wash., the pastor in York, Pa., who will soon be giving his full time to that work, and the blessings of the Lord on the Johnson City, Tenn., church. These are 3 more churches in which you had a part.

Now don't you think you would like to add another church to this fine group? You can do it by just returning a gift in your Minute-Man envelope. If you have never shared in the blessings with the Minute-Men, wouldn't you like to join them?



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BRETHREN NAVAHO MISSION, N. MEX. (Evan Adams, missionary)—

We have had several Navahos accept the Lord recently. One woman came Wednesday night to prayer meeting and accepted the Lord. On Friday night she was again in our meeting and spontaneously gave a testimony without such a thing being suggested. Her testimony was: "I have wanted to be a Christian for a long time but I was afraid of what the people would call me and say about me. I know that it is the only good life. Another reason I hesitated for so long was because I don't speak English and I thought you had to speak it to be a Christian. Finally I told myself that I wanted to be a Christian for myself and not for other people, so it didn't matter what they thought or said about me."

This woman has already willingly joined in prayer at our prayer times during the services. You do not have to teach a Navaho to pray when he is saved. They are not spoiled by the sophistication of the white man, which inhibits any audible participation.

PORTLAND, OREG. (Vernon Harris, pastor)—

On January 18 we held a baptismal service for 11 people, using our own baptistry. Even though the upper auditorium is still unfinished, it was a thrilling sight to see 63 people seated in it for this service. Six of those baptized were adults and 5 were children. Four have already joined the membership of the church and others are planning to do so. Another service is being planned to baptize some who could not be present for this one.

The main auditorium is nearly all lathed and ready for plastering. The men of the church have been working on it in the past few weeks and we are hoping to see it plastered very soon.

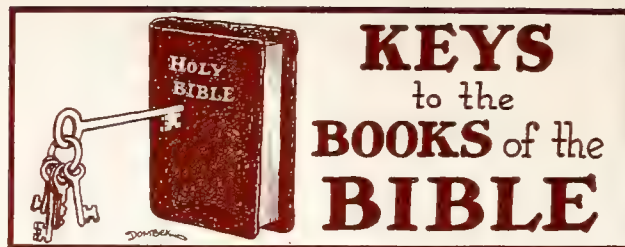
CHICO, CALIF. (J. Ward Tressler, pastor)—

Thank you for the use of the film, "The Forgotten Navaho." There were 80 people present to enjoy the picture January 18 when we had it at our church. A day or two after the film was shown, the city manager called and asked if we still had the film. He said there was so little known about the Navaho and he would like to have it to show at the Rotary Club. We told him to give us a definite date and we could try to arrange for him to have it. We praise the Lord for this opportunity of using the film for an additional testimony in Chico.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. (Leo Polman, pastor)—

The enclosed check for \$1,555.55, our Thanksgiving home mission offering, ought to bring some rejoicing in your office as it did here in Temple City. The Lord certainly has been blessing here. Last Sunday we had a real revival all in 1 day—10 first-time confessions and

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The Book of Ephesians

# I. Presents.

A. To show the Body of Christ in its position and walk.

B. "To set forth the ground, the course, the aim, and end of the Church of the Faithful in Christ" (Alford).

# II. Key Words.

A. Unity—Says Dr. Marcus Dods: "Unity is the key to this epistle: the unity of the church with God, the unity of the two great sections of the Christian church, the unity of the members of the church catholic."

B. Heavenly places (1:3, 20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12).

C. Grace (1:2, 6, 7; 2:5, 7, 8; 3:2, 8; 4:7, 29; 6:24).

D. Riches.

1. Riches of grace (1:7; 2:7).

2. Riches of glory (1:18; 3:16).

3. Riches of Christ (3:8).

E. Mystery (1:9; 3:3, 4, 9; 6:19).

# III. Key verses.

A. 1:10—Unity.

B. Verses on mystery as above.

C. 4:1—concerning our walk.

# IV. Key outline.

A. Doctrinal (1-3).

1. Conception—Redemption.

2. Construction—Reconciliation.

3. Constituents—Revelation—Consummation.

B. Practical (4-6).

4. Walk.

5. Worship.

6. Warfare.

# V. Key thought for the day.

A. The church of God is eternal.

1. It was conceived in eternity in the mind of God.

2. It is being constructed in the present by the power of God.

3. Its consummation in the future will be to fulfill the purposes of God.

B. The church is to make a great confession in time concerning God.

1. Concerning the mind of God.

2. Concerning the purpose of God.

3. Concerning the will of God.

C. We are to walk not only according to the eternal plan, not only appropriating the eternal power, but approaching the eternal purpose.

D. The measure of the power of the church to help this world is the measure of her other-worldliness.



# BRETHREN BOYS AND GIRLS IN NAVAHOLAND

*Playing, praying, eating, and learning* certainly describes much of the daily program of our 29 boys and girls on the Navaho mission compound.

Discipline, regular hours, a carefully kept schedule, good food, spiritual teaching, and the indwelling Christ have all served to make this a new world for these bud-

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

We would like to insert here a special prayer request for Miss Angie Garber, teacher in the Navaho mission school. Miss Garber has been doing a fine job in the Navaho mission work and desires to continue, but her physician says she will have to return to a lower altitude for a period of rest. Please pray for her.

ding children. Once so shy that they could not be approached, now they welcome social contacts and can have just as much fun in as short a time as any white boy.

For the second year our Navaho mission school has carried a full program which could be increased many times over if the facilities were available. Many Navaho parents would like to have their children in our school, but the Government places definite limitations on the number we can accommodate in our quarters.

If you have helped send the Gospel to this American island of paganism, these pictures are evidence that your gifts are at work.

*The pictures identified—top down. The Navaho boys and girls in the schoolroom with the teacher, Miss Angie Garber. Lunch time with the boys and girls enjoying the good food prepared by Mrs. Mary Baer and other members of the staff. On the playground where these boys and girls learn to play like our boys and girls. The entire group enrolled in the school clad in their boots and outdoor clothes.*





# Home Missions Travelog

By the Secretary

## SOME THRILLS AT FINDLAY, OHIO

If only Brethren people as a whole could experience some of the thrills which come to the secretary as we visit our mission churches, the real importance and value of the work would appear as never before. But this is impossible. The best we can do is try to tell you and show you by pictures something of what God is doing through your prayers and gifts.

It was a joyful experience to stay in a home which had recently become a Christian home through the testimony of the Findlay church and to see the blessing in the lives of these new-born souls. This is only one of many homes where lives have been touched and changed spiritually through the ministry of the pastor, Bro. Forrest Lance, and the faithful members of his group.

Lots have been purchased in Findlay and a new meeting place is desperately needed to house this growing

entire support last year. It was indeed a step of definite faith in Christ to meet the need.

Each visit to Fremont furnishes additional evidence that God has rewarded this faith in rich blessing, not only in dollars but in the salvation of souls and splendid growth in the church.

Located in perhaps the most promising new area of the city, this former home mission church enjoys good standing and an effective testimony in the community.

The beautiful tabernacle-type building is serving the congregation admirably. Certainly it has been proved a very practical and functional type of church structure.

We believe that under the leadership of Bro. Lester Pifer, the pastor, this church is the spearhead for fundamental Bible teaching in the entire area.

A New Year's service in this church with a large attendance and many decisions was a great personal blessing to us.

## LOOKING FOR A PROJECT?

Rev. Thomas Hammers, pastor of the new Seattle, Wash., work, writes: "Not having a mimeograph is like not having a right arm." That statement describes the importance of such a piece of equipment in a new work, when publicity must be gotten out in quantities. So, how about making it a project for home missions? A good used A. B. Dick mimeograph is desired, but if you don't have the machine, the money will make it possible for Brother Hammers to purchase one.

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church. Now meeting in an old abandoned school, the Findlay brethren have high hopes of getting into the first unit of their new building sometime this summer.

If Brethren people respond to the Minute-Man appeal, as we believe they will, this hope will be realized.

## COLORED WORK IN FREMONT, OHIO

The same Lord's Day in the evening found us meeting briefly with the new colored group in Fremont, Ohio. They were crowded into 2 small rooms in a dwelling and had to be moved to a nearby church building for photographing.

Bro. Granville Tucker, with the cooperation and assistance of Bro. Lester Pifer, of our Fremont church, has done a fine job in ministering to the spiritual needs of Negroes in the area.

These friends need your earnest prayers that the work may develop and that a suitable building might be found for regular services.

## FORMER MISSION CHURCH GROWING

The Fremont, Ohio, home mission church took a long financial step when they assumed responsibility for their

## OPPORTUNITIES AT WHEATON, ILL.

Our new Sunday school in Wheaton is enjoying the blessing of the Lord as meetings are held each Lord's Day in the little model home in the center of a new housing area.

This work is important in several ways. There are many in the city and surrounding area who need Christ as Saviour. There is also an opportunity to provide Brethren fellowship for many of our young people who attend Wheaton College. Of great importance is the fact that this new church may spearhead Brethren work in the entire State of Illinois. This is the first church of our fellowship in that great area.

We need lots and a church building in Wheaton. Pray earnestly for the members of this church and for its expansion.

## BRETHREN GROUP IN SIDNEY, OHIO

For a number of months several families have been meeting in a lodge hall at Sidney, Ohio, with plans in mind for joining our fellowship.

We certainly enjoyed our recent visit with this group. Plans for the future were considered and we are trusting the Lord to meet our needs in every way.



Sidney, Ohio, Bible Class



# A NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING IN MICHIGAN

About 2 years ago we publicized the fact that a group of people had organized a Brethren church near Alto, Mich. This is just the beginning of a story of God's blessing upon this group.

The original group numbered about 32 and has now grown to 54 members.

Very soon after organization a plot of ground was secured and a basement building constructed. For some months the congregation worshiped here, but recently they have added the upper structure and are now finishing the inside of an attractive frame building 62 feet long and 33 feet wide.

Practically all of the construction work with the exception of the furnace installation was done by the members of the church. No help financially was received from any mission board.

Bro. Earl Funderburg, the pastor, feels that all of this is evidence as to how the Lord will bless in starting a new church if proper faith and confidence are placed in Him. With this we totally agree.

We are happy for these fine new churches which are constantly strengthening our total potential for our blessed Lord.

## H. M. FIELDS TO H. M. FRIENDS

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42 dedications of life. There were 123 in Sunday school without any drive of any kind. Last night at our Wednesday prayer service 50 were present for it. The day school is due for an increase in enrollment, so all in all we are rejoicing.

**MODESTO, CALIF.** (*Harold Painter, pastor*)—

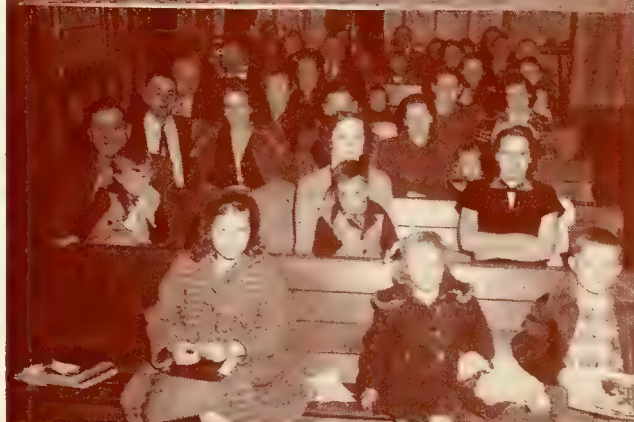
We had a real blessed time last Sunday with 1 decision in the morning, 1 baptized, and 1 new member added at the close of the service. We had 18 people come forward at the invitation on Sunday night. The Sunday before, we baptized an elderly couple and received them into the church.

**FINDLAY, OHIO** (*Forest F. Lance, pastor*)—

We had the first day of our Sunday school attendance drive yesterday. It was very successful, with 55 present and many of our families not present due to sickness. Everyone, including the children, is working, and in another Sunday or two we expect to be coming close to 100. The men's fellowship is calling in homes, and at present we have a list of excellent prospects for the work. Souls are being saved and miracles are being performed in our midst. We praise God for the working of the Holy Spirit in bringing us these blessings.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** (*Kenneth Teague, pastor*)—

God has been very good to us and we do praise Him for every blessing. The present plan is to dedicate our completed church on March 29, 1953. This is being made possible because a special construction fund was started in February 1952, with the members and friends of the church giving \$1 extra each week to complete the church. This was in addition to the regular building fund and regular offerings. During 1952 \$3,905 came in through this fund, making possible the upper auditorium 85 percent complete, with all bills paid. The total local



*Looking at the pictures from the top down, you see the pastor, Rev. Earl Funderburg, and his family, the new Calvary Brethren Church with the Sunday morning congregation outside, and the congregation on the inside with the 2 pictures representing the group on either side of the aisle.*

offerings for 1952 were \$13,437.48. In 1952 the attendance increased 69 percent in Sunday school, 57 percent in the morning worship service, and 44 percent in the evening service. God is still working and giving us souls. We had a fine young man accept Christ as his Saviour this last Sunday night.



## HUNGER!

By Bruce L. Button

While waiting at the bus stop at Fairfax and Rosewood Avenues I was impressed by the look of hunger on the face of every Jewish person that passed me. I do not refer to the hunger brought on by lack of material food. The hunger to which I refer is induced by a far greater need than ordinary food. I am speaking of a spiritual hunger that shows in the faces of all men who passed by the Word of God and who have not come to God by "the Way," Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah of Israel, and the Saviour of the world. The people who passed me this day were trying to mask the evidence of that hunger in many ways, but always the mask either slipped down or was a trifle awry, so the discerning eye could apprehend the hungry, empty look of the soul without God, lost, condemned. I recognized many of these people as those whom I have contacted in their homes. All but a pitiful few continually reject God's way of salvation; some of them have made the request that I never return.

Why does the average Jewish person refuse to give an honest consideration to the Word of God? Even when one sets aside the New Testament and attempts to deal with a Jewish person entirely from the Old Testament, he is met with the expressions, "That is your interpretation," "The Talmud says . . .," "I have God in my heart," "I am not a sinner," and countless like expressions too numerous to mention. And all are used as a shield against the sword of the Lord, which is the Word of God. As I have tried to analyze this attitude I have come to the conclusion that it is the product of a three-fold misunderstanding on the part of Jewish people.

## PROGRESS CONTINUES ON DENVER CHURCH



The Grace Brethren Church of Denver, Colo., is now under roof. The above picture was taken around January 20, or only 3½ months from the date of the ground-breaking service. The work that takes considerable time remains to be done, such as wiring, plumbing, heating, etc. Work will continue toward the completion of the lower auditorium so that it can be used for services at the earliest possible date. You will recall that the contractor for the church is Dr. Thomas Murray, a pastor of a large church in Denver. He is doing an excellent job with a very substantial saving to the church financially. Praise God for His leading in securing Dr. Murray.

First, the average Jew maintains God-knowledge is not the result of divine manifestation; rather it is the finding of men who have been seeking God. Second, the average Jew maintains the Old Testament is not the Word of God; it contains the Word of God, but that Word is set in the midst of the gross errors of the human writers. Third, the average Jew accepts the findings of so-called scientists when they are in direct opposition to the statements of the Old Testament.

If God-knowledge is *not* the result of divine manifestation, then to be logical we must say that the Old Testament misrepresents when it tells of God revealing himself to Abraham; also in the Jacob-Bethel incident; as well as in the experience of Moses with the burning bush and in the Red Sea crossing; and finally in the Mount Sinai revelation. In fact, this is the position taken by many of the Jewish people with whom I have talked. They claim Moses was a man beyond his time. Due to his great knowledge he was able to predict the rolling back of the waters of the Red Sea by the wind. He had the people there at the proper time and so they passed over. He also understood the Mount Sinai incident. It was nothing but a minor eruption and he knew it as such. However, he used the reaction of the people to his own advantage in foisting upon them the law which he, Moses, and not God, had produced. The reason for this sort of action by Moses was the fact he was dealing with an *ignorant* people. Ignorant people always respond much better to driving and deception than to reason. Thus one might well say the high moral and spiritual code of the Old Testament was founded upon lies and misrepresentation. Certainly such reasoning is unworthy of refutation!

When one maintains the Old Testament is not the Word of God, he passes upon man an obligation which he can never fulfill. He holds that man, who is at best imperfect, is able to discern the Word of God in relation to the error of man. And to assume such a position is to set man up as God or equal to God, making any word from God unnecessary.

Also if one accepts the finding of scientists when the finding is in direct opposition to the Word of God, he presupposes the finding as ultimate truth. However, science is changing its assertions daily, while the Word of God has never changed. As science approaches ultimate truth it always aligns itself with the Word of God.

The Old Testament speaks of our Jewish friends as people who have hardened their necks that they might not hear God's words (Neh. 9:16; Jer. 19:15). Is there hope for this heavy-eared and shut-eyed people (Isa. 6:10)? There is hope if these people will but heed God's Word when it states, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and exceedingly wicked" (Jer. 17:9). If they will accept even this small portion of God's truth a transformation can take place in many Jewish hearts with the result that they might recognize Jesus of Nazareth to be the Messiah, the incarnate Son of the most high God, and the eternal glory of the Jewish race.

And the part of the Christian in this transformation?



Prayer, much prayer, for the softening and transforming of Jewish hearts.

Mr. Sharett, Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, described the recent Prague trial of 11 Communist leaders in Czechoslovakia as "a farce in the form of a legal trial . . . that history has already passed judgment upon those regimes which had recourse to the bogey of anti-Semitism in order to divert the attention of the masses of their people from their own troubles and the failure of the rulers and to turn their hatred toward Jews chosen as scapegoats." One of the crimes attributed to these leaders was that of being "Zionists." If the term "Zionist" can condemn one to hanging, then all born-again saints of God stand in danger of being hanged, for we look for the day when Israel will be once more in the land, as the head of nations, and with the law going forth from Zion! Certainly the stirring up of anti-Semitic feeling in Russia and other Iron Curtain countries is but an indication that Satan knows that time is running out and the Day of the Lord is at hand.

The great Jewish nobleman, Baron Montefiore, of London, once visited the Emperor of Austria. At dinner one of the imperial ministers, an anti-Semite, gave an account of his travels in equatorial Africa.

"I didn't see one pig or Jew there," he remarked maliciously.

"In that case," answered Montefiore, "it would be advisable that your excellency and I go there."

## HARRAH, WASHINGTON



This is the congregation of the Harrah Brethren Church as the home mission camera recorded it during the recent trip of the secretary to the Northwest District. The present pastor of the Harrah church is Rev. Jesse Hall, a member of the Brethren Home Missions Council board of directors.

## WMC Exceeds Another Home Mission Goal

The Women's Missionary Council continues its record of exceeding goals for the Thanksgiving home mission offering by going over the top again this year by almost \$200. Their goal this year was \$2,200, to be equally divided between completing the upper auditorium of the Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg., and purchasing lots for a new church in Baltimore, Md.

The goal this year was increased \$200 over the one for the previous year, when it was \$2,000. Needless to say that the \$2,000 goal for purchasing lots in Denver, Colo., was exceeded and that the offering was used for that project. On another page of this issue is a picture of the new Grace Brethren Church of Denver, Colo., and this church was erected on the lots the WMC helped to make possible.

If you care to go back another year, the goal was \$1,800, to be used toward the support of our home missionaries to the Navaho Indians. From these figures you will observe that each year the WMC took an extra step

of faith by raising the goal an additional \$200 and each year the Lord honored their faith and the goal was exceeded. The title of a familiar hymn, "Faith Is the Victory," is sufficient to explain these victories of the WMC.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is indeed grateful to every member of every local WMC organization for every gift that has made possible these contributions to the work of Brethren home missions.

We believe that the faith exercised by the WMC and the victories won because of their faith should be an example for every Brethren and every Brethren organization. Certainly this reminds us of Ephesians 3:20, that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

## COMMUNION SERVICE BLESSES AT CLEVELAND

We have been rejoicing since last Sunday over the blessings of that day. We held our first communion service of the new year and had an attendance of about 35. The real thrill was provided by the fact that 8 of the folks were new and they represented 4 families. These were all young folks and each testified or conveyed to me at the close, of the tremendous blessings of the service. Only 2 of the 8 are members of the church now but we trust the Lord will soon lead the others to make a decision to join us.—Russell M. Ward, pastor.



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Rev. James Hammer, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been appointed a chaplain (1st lieutenant) in the Civil Air Patrol. His work will be with youth and adult groups.

The South Bend, Ind., church was given a small pipe organ by Mr. and Mrs. William Phebus, of that city. Rev. Russell Ogden, pastor, reports that the Phebuses are interested in the church, though not members.

Ten members of the Waynesboro, Pa., church, pastored by Rev. Dennis Holliday, read through the Bible in 1952.

Mr. Lambert Myers, of the Waynesboro, Pa., church, is a member of the Men's Glee Club Chorus at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Beaumont, Calif., church gave its pastor, Rev. Gene Farrell, a unanimous call to continue his ministry there, which will be his 5th year. During 1952 this church gave \$14,584.72, or an average of \$255.87 a member, to all funds.

Mr. Cyrus Augenbaugh, member of the Whittier, Calif., First church, died February 5.

Our Brethren Spanish-American mission at Cordillera, N. Mex., was partially burned by fire recently, due to an overheated wood stove. The damage has been repaired and services resumed.

The Long Beach, Calif., Second church won 4th prize in Class B of the Christian Life Sunday School Contest, in which more than 1,600 Sunday schools participated. Rev. George Peek is pastor of this church.

The new address for Rev. Archie Lynn is 1822 Windsar Ave., Raleigh Ct., Roanoke, Va., c/o J. H. Putt. (Change Annual, p. 70.)

When Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers arrived in Seattle, Wash., to begin their ministry there, they

found the cupboard stocked with groceries, vegetables in the cooler, and the fuel tank filled with 300 gallons of oil.

Mrs. Rose Foster spoke at the South Pasadena, Calif., church on February 4 and showed pictures of our mission work in Africa.

Rev. Walter Overlin preached at the Denver, Colo., church on February 8. Rev. Lowell Hoyt is pastor.

The Ashland, Ohio, church reports that a new all-steel baptistry is being installed. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor of this church.

A Bible training school will be launched on February 26 at the Bible school annex of the Hagerstown, Md., church, at which time registrations will be taken. Classes will begin on March 5, with Rev. Edgar J. Bechley, Rev. Walter A. Lepp, and Rev. Charles B. Bergerson as teachers.



Mr. Virgil Shaw, member of the Glendale, Calif., church, died suddenly on January 29. Rev. George Richardson officiated at the funeral service.

At the Radford, Va., church on February 8 there was 1 confession of faith, 14 rededications, and 1 baby dedicated to the Lord. Rev. K. E. Richardson is pastor of this church.

"A son, Matthew Bryan (for William Jennings Bryan) Mohler, was born in Somerset Community Hospital, Somerset, Pa., on Wednesday, January 28, 1953. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mohler of our Listie Brethren Church are the parents of the new son." (Card received from Pastor Mohler.)

Members of the Bell, Calif., church presented their new pastor, Rev. Harry Sturz, and family with a 7-piece chrome dinette set at a surprise housewarming on February 6.

Rev. Clyde Landrum, pastor of the Uniontown, Pa., church, is to speak at a Youth for Christ meeting near Greensburg, Pa., February 21.

Mrs. Nettie Harvey, charter member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, celebrated her 93d birthday January 31.

Additions to Membership

Beaumont, Calif. ....	1
Clay City, Ind. ....	2
Dayton, Ohio (First) ....	8
Findlay, Ohio ....	7
Long Beach, Calif. (First).....	2
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	2
Spokane, Wash. ....	2
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	2

Public Confessions

Phoenix, Ariz. ....	2
Radford, Va. ....	15
San Bernardino, Calif. ....	9

Dedication of Babies

Findlay, Ohio ....	3
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	3
Radford, Va. ....	1

Eighteen young people from the Bell, Calif., church attended a retreat at Palm Springs, Calif., February 13-15. Rev. Don Svenson brought the morning message at the Bell church on the 15th in the absence of Pastor Harry Sturz, who met with the young people at Palm Springs.

Richard Hammer, 5-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. James D. Hammer, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been stricken with rheumatic fever and will be confined to bed for at least 6 months.

Rev. Charles S. McConnell, head of the Free Tract League of Cleveland, Ohio, and member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church for 35 years, died February 6.

The Fort Wayne, Ind., church has awarded a \$2,074 contract for the renovation of its basement which will add 2 new Sunday school rooms to its present facilities. The men of the church are making other alterations and redecorating the vestibules and rest rooms.

Rev. Jerry Yerian spoke at the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church February 15, and Dr. Robert Schaper will be the messenger on February 22. Rev. James Beatty is pastor of this church.

Peggy Raye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gingrich, and Cathy Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gingrich, were dedicated to the Lord recently. Rev. Joseph L. Gingrich, pastor of the Sterling, Ohio, church, and grandfather of the babies, had the happy privilege of conducting this service.



# 'LIGHT FROM THE CROSS' IS MARCH BOOK CLUB CHOICE

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

There is only one God-forsaken spot in the universe, and that is the place of the Skull, a hill called Calvary. Across the far-flung battlefields of the world there are many famous hills. At those points the destiny of nations were settled. But there is no hill in this wide world where the issues settled were so momentous as those that were settled at Calvary. There they crucified Him. There He gave His life. There the Lord laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. There the world was judged and its great prince. There! There! There, once, only once; never before, never since, never again, God forsook His Son that He might not be forced to forsake humanity.

At this Easter season, when all the saints will be remembering again the events which took place at Calvary, there is need for God's people to let the cross of Calvary search their own hearts. Just as all the ages converge upon the cross, so also ought all of our affections to converge upon that cruel tree. A constant, continuous, consistent attention given to that cross and its meaning will search every heart and bring every believer into a more intimate touch with the one who loved us and gave Himself for us. To that end the book club has made its selections. If you have felt yourself drifting away from Him, or you have been conscious that the tie binding your heart to Him is becoming fragile, you need to meet Him again at the place of the Skull.

The first-choice book for March is "Light From the Cross," by Friedrich August Tholuck. This will be sent to club members unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to the contrary before March 1. In case the second-choice is desired, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute for the first-choice book, just write the company of this change.

The second-choice book is "By Strange Paths," by Sallie Lee Bell. Reviews follow.

As a premium for joining the club we offer you your selection of the following books: Dr. Florence Gribble's "Stranger Than Fiction," Dr.

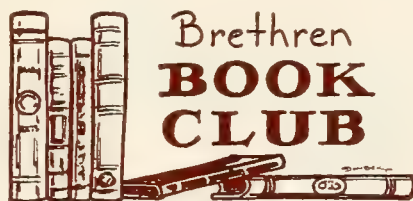
Andrew Bonar's "The Biography of Robert Murray McChesney," and Dr. John R. Rice's "Prayer: Asking and Receiving." By ordering 1 of the 2 books offered for the month of March you become a member and are entitled to one of the above premium books.

To members of the club who will be purchasing books December through March, a dividend book will be sent—"The Potter and the Shepherd," by J. C. Brumfield.

## "LIGHT FROM THE CROSS"

By Friedrich August Tholuck

For a period of some 50 years this man of God labored as professor of theology in the University of Halle. At the time of his appointment, rationalism and unbelief ruled in this great university. Nevertheless, his



influence was so great that the entire complexion of the university changed during those years, and finally became a noted center of evangelicalism.

The deep sense of piety and the burning passion of this man for the souls of his students made him more than an able professor in the classroom. He was actually an evangelist on the campus. "Light From the Cross" contains many of the sermons he preached to the student body. These sermons gather around the cross and search the hearts of men. Many common people gathered to hear him preach these sermons, and so they were adapted to all alike.

Pastors, Bible teachers, and laymen alike will profit from the reading of these messages. As he leads the reader into the presence of Christ, the approaching shadow of the cross, through the garden, the judgment hall, out the Via Dolorosa to Golgotha, every step will lay bare the soul in the presence of a holy God and will set each one aside

anew to live for Him who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. Price of book is \$3.50.—Herman A. Hoyt.

## "BY STRANGE PATHS"

By Sallie Lee Bell

This is a story from the early days of Louisiana history. However, its real beginning took place in the city of Paris. Miss Elsie Demarest was on her way to visit a dying woman who lived in one of the worst sections of the city. Her mind was completely absorbed by her mission when suddenly she was seized by 2 ruffians who forced her into a nearby house where she was detained along with several others who had met a like fate.

Before long the girls who had been captured were bound, blindfolded, and loaded into a ship, destination unknown. The record of the journey across the ocean and the arrival at New Orleans is filled with suspense and interest. The ridicule and rebuffs which Elsie received were hard to take but she had determined to be a Christian whatever her fate. When the way was hard she had a source of comfort about whom none of the other girls knew. In spite of her testimony they took little interest in her faith.

Once in this country life became different for the girls. They soon learned that they had been brought over to become wives for the settlers, but Elsie refused marriage under such terms. From the very first there were 2 men deeply interested in Mlle. Demarest. Their continual struggle to outwit one another and win Elsie's attention will keep you reading till you learn how it all comes out.

Although there might be undue multiplicity of crises in the story, yet here is a book which bears another testimony to God's keeping power of His children. Crossing oceans and continents did not separate Elsie from the protecting hand of her God. If He can do that for her He can do as much for you, too. Those who have read "The Queen's Jest" or "Through Golden Meadows" will look forward to this latest of Mrs. Bell's books.—Blaine Snyder.

# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## II. THE MESSAGE OF CONSOLATION.

"When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son" (John 19:26).

### *Woman*

But why did He call her "woman"? Why did He not call her by the endearing name, "Mother"? When I was a little lad and a boy called his mother "the old woman," it was not regarded as good.

Last words are precious words. We press near and bend low to hear the faintest whisper. My grandfather became ill. A daughter in a distant State was notified, but could she arrive in time? Finally the word came that she was at the railroad station, 5 miles away. A horse and buggy were pressed into service. All hearts beat with anxiety as Grandfather grew weaker and weaker.

Finally the horse turned the corner and raced up the lane. My aunt sprang out, dashed into the house, and threw herself across the bed, just as he breathed his last. But did he know her? Some thought there was a glint of recognition across his face. Last moments are precious moments.

And so with Mary. She had heard the howling of the angry mob and knew it was thirsting for the blood of her Son. She had followed, laboring up the long hill to Calvary; she had heard the dull thud of the mallets as they drove the spikes through the tender flesh; she heard the taunting of the Jews, and saw the face, so bruised and forlorn.

She had stationed herself as near the cross as she was permitted to come, and there she waited. Oh, if He only knew that she was there; if He would only look in her direction and give her a parting word. Breathlessly she waited, and then the head moved around, the tired eyes opened, the bruised lips parted: "Mother, I am so glad you are near; it is a great comfort to have you here; you are the best woman in all the world."

We might expect such words, but no, just a common word, "woman,"

the same word He had used for the woman at the well.

But why did He thus address His mother? Did He not know her heart was beating with sympathy for Him in His sufferings? Did He not know her heart was bursting with sorrow for Him in His sorrow? Did He not know that she longed for a word from His lips? And then it came, but it was just the common word, "woman." Why did He not call her "mother"?

### *Protection of Mary*

Oft have I heard a message on this text, but they did not satisfy. Rather did I turn away with disappointment,



feeling that Mary did not get her due. But I do not like to be disappointed with anything our Lord does, so I asked Him what He meant, and it was only a few weeks ago that my heart came to rest on the subject.

How carefully our Lord guarded every reference to His mother. Oft did He use strange and even harsh words when He spoke of Her. But did He not know that a false religious system would arise that would worship Mary? Did He not know that they would grasp at every word He uttered? And did He not thus destroy every foundation upon which they might erect such a blasphemous system?

Once a certain woman would honor the "Blessed Virgin" as she cried, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked."

Quickly our Lord retorted, "Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:27-28). Let those who would unduly honor Mary receive this rebuke at the hands of the Lord Himself.

### *Honor for Mary*

Why should we honor Mary? True, she was the mother of our Lord, but were there not 10,000 other women in Israel who longed to be the mother of the promised Redeemer? Would they not have showered their love upon Him, and have given Him the best they had?

Then why honor Mary because she was the one so highly favored? (Luke 1:28). Rather, let Mary "magnify the Lord," and rejoice that God had thus "regarded the low estate of his handmaiden" (Luke 1:46-48).

Once the multitude informed Him that His mother and brethren stood without, but He answered, "My mother and my brethren are those which hear the word of God, and do it" (Luke 8:21).

That was all that Mary did—she heard the word of God and did it. When the angel announced the will of God for her life she said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), and tens of thousands of other earnest souls have done the same, and it is not God's purpose to honor one above another.

God has a purpose for every life, and thus He will not unduly honor Mary simply because "the purpose of God according to election" brought her into such prominence among men (Rom. 9:11). From our viewpoint, Mary performed the greatest possible service; God does not look upon the outward appearance, but upon the heart, and "if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (II Cor. 8:12).



## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### VIII. "SON OF DAVID."

#### CLAYTON YOUTH GROUP GROWS

Thursday night is the meeting time of the Clayton, Ohio, BYF, and average attendance of the group is nearly 20. A game time, refreshments, and a junior choir practice are included along with their devotional program in these Thursday-night meetings. The junior choir occasionally sings at the Sunday church services.

Currently, these young people are raising funds to fix up a small barn on the parsonage property into a game room and meeting place. Almost enough funds are now on hand for putting in a cement floor. Eventual plans include lining the building, putting in a ping-pong table and other game equipment, and even fixing it up for a future boys club building.

At present, ages in this group range from 9 to 18, but it is hoped that they'll be able to divide into junior and senior groups soon.

#### ALTOONA BYF PUBLISHES PAPER

Jim Myers was chosen as editor of a new BYF weekly paper at the BYF of the Altoona, Pa., First church. The sheet is small in size, but contains artwork, a short devotional article, the week's program, and important news items and announcements for the young people's group. The BYF procured a hectograph on which the paper is published.

#### ATLANTIC DISTRICT YOUTH MEET

Harrisburg, Pa., was host to more than 100 young people of the Atlantic District January 16-17 in an enthusiastic overnight rally. Featured speaker both Friday night and Saturday was a layman, a building contractor from Carlisle, Pa. Singing was led by Evangelist Bill Smith, with Rev. Charles Bergerson at the piano.

On Saturday morning Marjorie Lepp presided over the district Sis-

The New Testament is full of various names given to our Lord. Some of the more repeated ones we recognize quickly, others not so quickly. All are rich in meaning. In the very first verse of Matthew there are 3 such names. "Jesus," which means "Saviour"; "Christ," which means "Anointed One"; and "the Son of David." Jesus and Christ are names blessed to every responsive ear and they will never cease to thrill the Christian with their beauty.

But Jesus Christ is as well "the Son of David." How is that? He, according to God's Word, was the lineal descendant of David, whose descendant was promised the everlasting kingdom. Christ is entitled to David's eternal kingdom by a twofold lineage. (1) Joseph, His legal but not natural father, was of the Davidic regal line and by that token Christ was the legal heir to the throne. (2) Mary, His mother, was of the royal line of David and by that token Christ had birthright to this promised never-ending kingdom.

Isaiah's Messianic prophecy of 9: 6-7 gives us the full Biblical basis for our belief that Christ is the ful-

fillment not only of the sinner's dream—full and free salvation—but as well the hopes of Israel, the Messiah who would reign over a kingdom "with justice and with righteousness from henceforth, even for ever."

Though you and I may not be a member of God's chosen nation, Israel, we shall enjoy the inheritance of the blessings of the promises to that nation. And we, as God's chosen bride for His Son, shall share in the very rule and reign over that Davidic kingdom and throne. God's promises to Israel never failed and never will fail. Christ may not be King yet, either in the hearts of men or in the nations of men, but some day—soon, we hope—the prophetic promises of God will find fulfillment and we shall enjoy a kingdom of perfect righteousness forever.

Son of David, God's Ruler to be,  
All to Him must bow the knee.  
Yet you today refuse and say,  
"I will not have His rule and sway."  
Someday in judgment God will call  
And without mercy you will fall,  
Admitting the Christ of Calvary  
Was the Son of David, God's ruler  
to be.

terhood meeting. The boys organized, with James Custer, of Martinsburg, W. Va., elected president; Frank Gardner, of Alexandria, Va., vice president; and Charles Stoner, of Harrisburg, Pa., secretary-treasurer. John Degenhardt, of Martinsburg, was selected as district BBC advisor.

The entire group toured the State capitol building, then returned to a high school cafeteria for a banquet. The fellowship was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

#### WATERLOO BBC STARTS AGAIN

The church bus garage has been converted into a BBC clubhouse at Waterloo, Iowa, and equipped with fine workbenches, power tools, and hand tools, by the men of the church. Clyde Stitt is the new club chief, and

enthusiasm is running high for the group. We'll be expecting to hear good things from them!

#### TROY BOYS ENTHUSED ABOUT BBC

For some time Troy, Ohio, has had a boys club, with mostly a recreational program. Occasionally these boys have helped with some of the chores around their church building, such as moving bricks, helping clean up debris from the building, etc.

But at a recent meeting with the youth director they expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for getting into the full BBC program, with hobbies, ranks, etc. Eighteen boys and three men were present at the meeting, and a good time was enjoyed in the games, and with refreshments, as well as in the devotional period.



### Findlay, Ohio

We had a dedicatory service for 3 babies January 25. On February 1 we witnessed 3 public confessions, 1 of which was a first-time decision. In the afternoon 32 of us drove 40 miles to Fremont, where 7 people of our group were baptized. These united with the church that evening.

On January 21 it was the privilege of 21 from Findlay to participate in the threefold communion service with the Fremont brethren—only 1 besides the pastor's family having before participated in a communion service in a Brethren church.

The average attendance was 55 people in our Sunday school during January.

We have secured an architect to draw plans for our new church building.—*Forest Lance, pastor.*

### Camden, Ohio

A singspiration was held at our church February 1 under the direction of Bro. Alden Craig, our adviser of adult gospel team work. Our pastor, Rev. Robert Betz, extended the welcome of the church to the visitors.

Rev. Charles Flowers, pastor of the Sampleville Mission, was in charge of the music, with Mrs. Flowers at the piano. Special numbers were given by groups from both churches and by a girls' trio from Hamilton, Ohio.—*Warren A. Craig, secretary.*

### Kittanning, Pennsylvania (1st)

The Armstrong County public protest rally opposing and exposing the modernism of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible was held at our church January 30. There were 400 people, mostly adults, present. To each of these people a copy of "The R. S. V.—A Friend or a Traitor to the Faith," by Rev. Clayton H. Gray, was given.

The special speaker for the occasion was Rev. Henry Kulp, of Altoona, Pa. Other preachers who took part were Irvin Johnson, Bap-

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS			
Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Whittier, Calif.			
(First) .....	Feb. 8-22.....	Carl Sisson.....	Cedric Sears.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	Feb. 22.....	Charles Mayes....	Russell Humberd.
Berne, Ind. ....	Feb. 22-March 8.	Ord Gehman.....	Pat Henry.
Phoenix, Ariz....	Feb. 24-March 1.	J. C. McKillen....	Russell Humberd.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	March 1-15.....	Charles Mayes....	R. Paul Miller.
Conemaugh, Pa..	March 8-22.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser.
Johnstown, Pa.			
(First) .....	March 8-12.....	W. A. Ogden.....	William Mierop.
Spokane, Wash...	March 8-22.....	William Schaffer..	Robert Ashman.
Canton, Ohio....	March 9-15.....	John Dilling.....	Anthony Zeoli.
Clay City, Ind....	March 9-22.....	Ralph Burns.....	William Steffler.
Uniontown, Pa...	March 9-22.....	Clyde Landrum...	Russell Weber.
Allentown, Pa....	March 10-22....	William Gray.....	Miles Taber.

tist; Ralph Burns, Baptist; Rudolph Panciera, evangelist; Henry Shilling, founder and president of Transylvania College; Harry Stevic, Free Methodist; Donald Rossman, Brethren; George Sickenberger, Christian and Missionary Alliance; David Martin, Baptist; and Leslie B. Baltz, Nazarene.—*Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.*

### San Bernardino, California

We have just completed a 10-day Bible conference with Rev. R. I. Humberd and his charts. This is our 2d conference with him and we look forward to our 3d, scheduled for next winter.

There was a gradual increase in attendance each night, though there was an interdenominational Bible conference in town. There were 9 decisions during the conference, 4 of which were first-time confessions of faith in Christ. We have been praying for 2 years for one elderly man who accepted Christ.

When 3 people made public decisions on February 1 it made the 6th straight Sunday we have had public decisions.—*Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.*

### Kittanning, Pennsylvania (North Buffalo)

The Lord has been doing great things here at North Buffalo in the few weeks since we arrived. For all that He has done we are very grateful. Two persons made public confessions on Sunday, January 25, and several have expressed a desire to follow the Lord in baptism. Still

others have expressed a desire to unite with our church by letter.

On Thursday evening, February 5, the members and friends of the church gave us a reception at the parsonage. About 40 persons were present and many thoughtful and useful gifts were presented.

We are looking forward to great things from the Lord in the future. Please continue to pray for the work here at North Buffalo.—*Donald W. Rossman, pastor.*

### Hopewell, Pennsylvania (Yellow Creek)

Following are a few of the blessings that God has given us here at Yellow Creek. Sunday, January 25, there were 5 public decisions. Wednesday, February 4, we shared the prayer and praise service with the Martinsburg, Pa., church and its good pastor, Gerald Teeter. Following that service 7 were baptized. On February 8 we accepted 9 into membership at the worship service.

Attendance at all services is better than ever. The Sunday school averages more than 30 percent above last year, for which we truly praise the Lord.—*Sheldon W. Snyder, pastor.*

### Sterling, Ohio

A very profitable 2 weeks was recently spent with Bro. J. L. Gingrich and the congregation of the Sterling Brethren Church in revival endeavors. We were thrilled with the sustained interest and prayer support



of the people. There was a willingness to serve and a desire for victories. Especially commendable was the faithfulness of the choir in the ministry of music. We appreciated the time of visitation with Pastor Gingrich, learning much from his years of experience. The hospitality of the Sterling Brethren was not hard to enjoy. We praise the Lord for the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel to those who were so eager to hear.—*Kenneth Ashman, evangelist.*

A 2-weeks victorious revival was conducted at Sterling with Rev. Kenneth Ashman conducting the meetings. It surely was a privilege to be a colaborer with a pronounced sympathetic pastor-evangelist. The revival, officially, became history only too rapidly according to the testimony of everyone who attended, and many never missed a single night. We believe the meetings left nothing to be desired.

Brother Ashman did a splendid job of conducting the music program, interesting young children in short special services before the sermons, and also presenting challenging Spirit-moving messages each service. Victories accompanied faithful praying and testimony. There were 28 definite decisions classified as follows: 4 first-time, 2 to transfer church affiliations to our fellowship, and 22 reconsecrations. The spirit of revival will continue and a definite visitation program is about to be launched.

As soon as the new baptistry is ready there perhaps will be about 12 persons to obey their Lord in baptism and unite with the church. We covet special prayer that Satan may not get the advantage since this is another defeat to his program. Brethren, pray for us.—*J. L. Gingrich, pastor.*

## LIKES FOREIGN MISSION NUMBER

"It has just recently come to my mind that my subscription to the Herald is out this month and I do not want to miss it. . . . Hoping the Herald may continue to be published as I do love the foreign mission number. I am not a Brethren . . . but I've read letters from your older missionaries since a girl. I've kept track of the newer ones going out and like to read about them all. (Signed) Miss Florence Decker."

## THY LOVELY HARPS

By Rev. Charles Bergerson, Hagerstown, Md.

Dear God:

Somewhere I hear the plucking of Thy lovely harps;  
Though silence reigns, I hear their joyous stops and starts.  
Thy music claimed my heart a God-made psaltery,  
Thy seal of love has marked the path of victory.  
The calmed, peaceful brightness of Thy Morning Star  
Awakes my feeble dimmed eyes, lest I stray far;  
The soaring of Thine everlasting wings of hope  
Invoke Thy winds of wisdom o'er my human scope.  
The fragrance of this holy sweat upon my brow,  
O Lord, I shan't forget through every time from now.

Dear God:

Perchance, when I behold Thee on Thy royal throne,  
I may with holy hands in that eternal home  
Take up Thy lovely harps and swell the heaven above  
With music of the Christ of mercy, grace, and love;  
And with the great and grand Redemption Symphony  
All seated by the throne in thrilling ecstasy,  
I'll join with perfect instruments in perfect key  
To send the chords of love throughout eternity.  
The angels know no song of Thy redeeming grace;  
Yet, I, in higher place, shall sing Thee face to face!

## THE PRESIDENT AT PRAYER

Millions of believers were deeply moved when President Eisenhower chose to pray for divine guidance as his first official act. One Congressman said: "I could not help thinking whatever he does or does not do, his regime will be marked by the sincerity of a deeply religious man."

Add to this that the President and Mrs. Eisenhower quietly joined an evangelical church on the first Sunday she was able to be away from the White House and the fact that the President accepted the invitation of Abraham Verheide to breakfast with the International Committee for Christian Leadership and at that gathering in the presence of members of the Supreme Court, Senate, and House, gave a good testimony to his faith.

We have learned that President Eisenhower has counseled with Billy Graham several times before the inaugural and that Mrs. Eisenhower

has borne testimony to her personal, vital faith in Christ. Christians have cause to rejoice and all the more reason to obey I Timothy 2:1-5 with respect to our own President.—*NAE news release.*

## YFC HELPS IN HOLLAND RELIEF

Youth for Christ International has started channeling clothing and food relief to people in Holland to help alleviate the hardships caused by the recent storms.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president, says that the first packages already have been sent on their way.

## DO NOT WANT TO MISS A COPY

"Enclosed find \$2 to pay for the Missionary Herald for another year. We do not want to miss a copy of it. (Signed) Mrs. D. J. Kliever."

## MOVE OVER!

"Where will Althea sit when she gets too big for that stool? Will we sell the stool?" Kent sat wiggling on the bench by his daddy as he asked the question.

A long, not-too-narrow table, flanked by 2 equally long benches, provide the eating facilities of this clan. The little children sit in the middle sections of the benches so they can be helped and watched by the older members of the family. Althea sits at the open end of the table on a kitchen stool which has definitely seen its best days. Kent sat on it until Althea left the high chair in favor of baby Ardyth. A member of the high-chair crowd is ever with us!

"Althea will sit on the bench with us, Paul Kent," Daddy explained. "If we sold the stool where would Ardyth sit when she's too big for the high chair?"

"Let's get a new stool. This one is awful old."

"It is more battered and used than old." Mother spoke out of experience in teaching the children to handle furniture with care.

"There's no room for Althea on the bench. We'll be crowded."

"Who cares if we are crowded a little? We'll just move over and make room." Daddy was thinking of how they had made room at home when he was growing up, the oldest of 10. This business of moving over to make room is something Mother has had to learn from scratch since her acquisition of 8 children. And though the children do not realize it now, it is easier to learn to move over while the patterns of their lives are a-forming.

"I don't want to move over. I don't like to be crowded," pouted a truthful 5-year-old.

"It will be fun; just wait and see."

"We're already crowded, if you ask me," added an older son whose desire for privacy has seemed to have gone unfulfilled in rather close quarters under this roof.

After this discussion the bedtime routine seemed to carry a melody

which held a staccato "move over." Mother couldn't throw it off. The Word of God enjoins believers to live "in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). This admonition must be needed, else God would not have given it to us. God never wastes words. There are times when self is hard pressed to yield in gracious love even to another believer.

Mr. and Mrs. New Members were found to be very talented along certain lines. Mrs. N. M.'s especial talent is with the children and she'd be so happy to serve the Lord as a helper in that department. But Mrs. Pillar-of-the-Church takes a deep breath and a tighter hold on the reins of her department. After all,



she has run this end of the church work for many years. They were hard years, too. No one wanted to help her then. Now that the department is on its feet and a credit to the church, thanks to her tireless efforts, no new upstart is going to usurp her rightful place. By the set of Mrs. P.'s lips one would think Mrs. N. M. wants to work against her labor of years. The "green-eyed monster" has blinded Mrs. P.'s eyes to the sweetness and real spiritual character of Mrs. N. M. Oh, Mrs. Pillar, *move over*, and enjoy the fellowship of labor with your new sister in the Lord.

Have you heard about that new pastor in the district? He is "tops" in organizing and keeping people busy and happy. He just makes everyone feel so important. Some of Pastor Not-So-New's congregation have cast a wishful eye in the direction of Pastor New. Take courage,

Pastor Not-So-New, and give God *your* best. You will only have to give an account of your own stewardship. Perhaps you are stronger in the pulpit than he, or a bit more steady when the winds blow fierce on your bark. Of course a new broom sweeps clean, but an old broom is unexcelled for getting into corners. Be gracious and *move over!* There is room and need for you both.

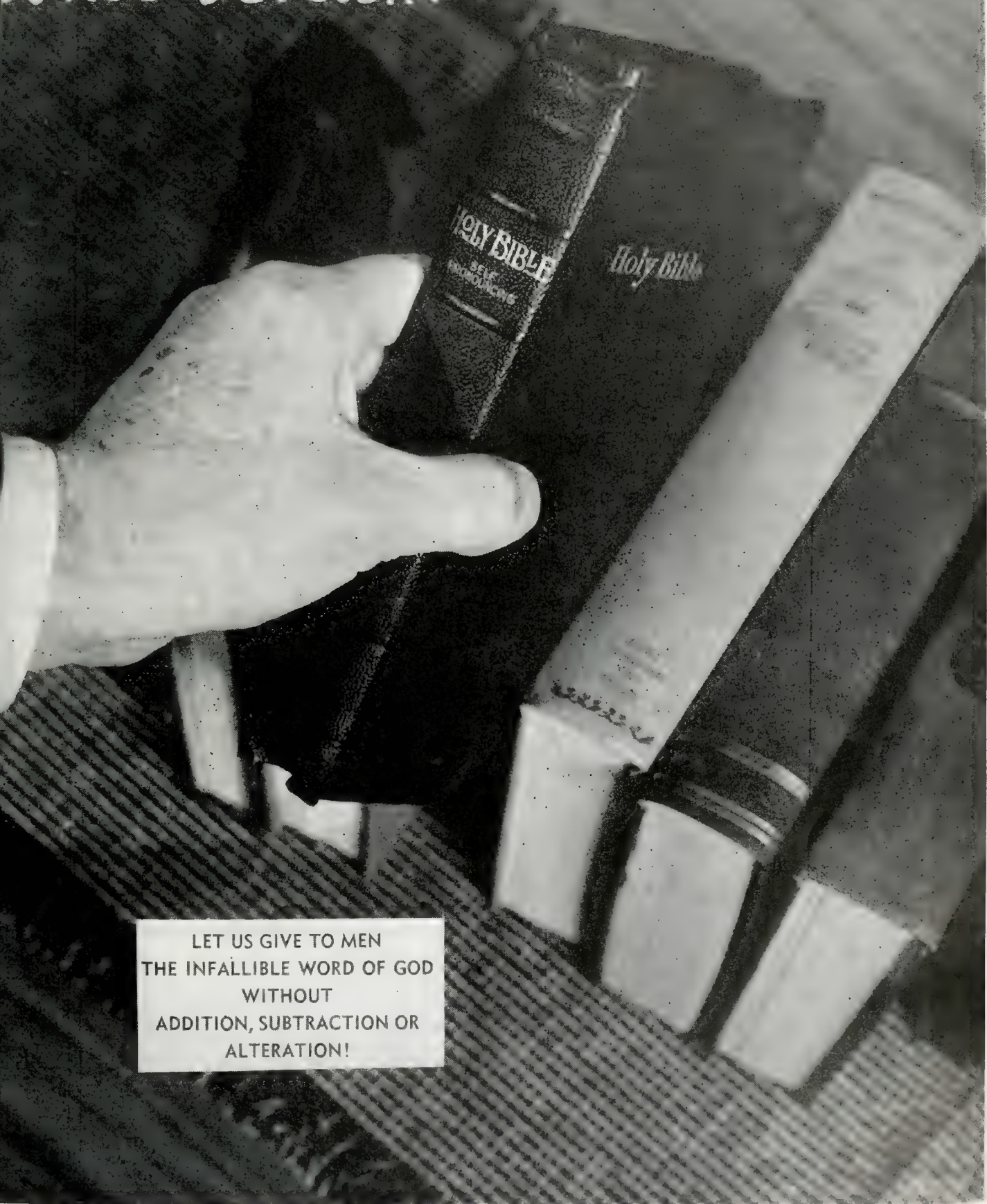
A lovely Mistress-of-the-Manse sat down one day to take some personal inventory. "The muscles of my face ache from having to smile so much when there are times when I'd rather tell them off! So much is expected of me here. Believe me, they don't get away with such tactics on Mrs. Pastor's Wife in that other church. What *does* she have that I don't have? She seems to know exactly how to get along with all her husband's 'bosses.' She is so talented, too. Well, she ought to be useful. After all, she's not nearly as tied down as I am. I just don't seem to make a ripple in the pond, while her accomplishments for God are phenomenal. And I must admit she's sweet and humble about her successes. Guess I'm cut out to be a little nobody." Relax, dear Mistress-of-the-Manse, and *move over!* There is room for you both in your Father's vineyard. Each in your own way and according to your talents bears fruit. Why not leave the end results unto Him? "Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20).

*Move over*, Paul Kent. Your sister is just as necessary to the heartbeat of this home as you are. *Move over*, saint of God. The influence of your life will go out in ever-widening testimony as you pull *with* others in the work of Christ. *Move over*, undershepherd! "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (I Cor. 12:4). *Move over*, shepherdess! "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand . . . And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye . . . And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body" (I Cor. 12:14-20).

"And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way . . . And now abideth faith, hope, charity [love], these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love]" (I Cor. 12:31; 13:13). Love and MOVE OVER.



# What Version?



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# EDITORIALS

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## **A Suggestion to Pastors**

Probably for the first time in the history of the church people are gathering by the thousands to consider manuscripts and textual problems of the Bible. The fact that so many people all over the country will listen to all these technical discussions is encouraging, for it shows they are interested in the history and text of the Bible. Pastors should take advantage of this interest and offer their people a brief course in the history of the English Bible.—P. B.

## **Books on the History of the Bible**

Probably the best inexpensive book for the layman on the story of the English Bible is "Our Bible: How We Got It," by Dr. Charles Leach. This book includes "Ten Reasons Why I Believe the Bible Is the Word of God," by Dr. R. A. Torrey, a helpful addition to Christian workers' libraries. The cost is 35c. For a more extended study, "General Biblical Introduction," by Rev. H. S. Miller, is the most complete nontechnical discussion available. This book is especially valuable for pastors and teachers. It contains over 400 pages and sells for \$3.75. While it is a bit too early to recommend books or brochures dealing with the Revised Standard Version, the best book available thus far, of which we have knowledge, is "Revision or New Translation?" by Dr. Oswald T. Allis. This book deals with the New Testament only and sells for \$2 a copy. A second volume on the Old Testament is now in the course of preparation. Each of these books may be secured through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. As others are available they will be mentioned in these columns.—P. B.

## **Seminary Staff Member to Take Part in Archeological Expedition**

Mr. John Rea, instructor in Bible and archeology at Grace Seminary, has been invited by Dr. Joseph Free, of Wheaton College, to participate this spring in the archeological excavations at the site of the ancient Biblical city of Dothan. Mr. Rea joins the staff as a surveyor, and has a unique background of training that well qualifies him for his task. In 1948 he graduated from Princeton University, with Phi Beta Kappa honors, in the field of mechanical engineering. In 1951 he graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, receiving the B. D. degree, after which he attended the Wheaton College Graduate School of Religion, receiving his M. A. in the field of Biblical archeology in 1952. Mr. Rea left New York February 15 with the Wheaton Bible Cruise. The party, under the direction of Dr. Free, will first proceed to Naples, Italy, for a visit to the ruins of the ancient city

## **A FACULTY STATEMENT REGARDING THE NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

Numerous inquiries have come to members of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary for an evaluation of the new translation of the Bible named, "The Revised Standard Version," and sponsored by the National Council of Churches. In response we desire to say that the entire faculty is uniting in a thorough examination of this version, and plan to devote a large part of an early issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald to a series of articles dealing with various aspects of this important matter. However, on the basis of our study thus far we are convinced that several things can be said immediately with assurance.

First, while we recognize that the Revised Standard Version does have some values, nevertheless we feel strongly that its demerits far outweigh these values and indicate a gravely serious bias in the direction of modern religious liberalism. This bias is very clearly apparent in the treatment of passages which deal with the deity and virgin birth of our Lord.

Second, we recommend that the churches continue to use the translation commonly known as the "King James Version" in both public worship and private study. Where help is desired in making clearer any obscure passages, we urge the use of the well-known American Standard Version of 1901, and also Biblical notes prepared by men who have a reputation for devout and believing Christian scholarship.

Third, we cannot do other than deplore the manner in which the new version was introduced to the general public, the attempts made to secure its approval before there was opportunity for even a casual examination, and the determined drive to make it an "authorized" translation for Protestant churches. In saying this, we gladly recognize the right of any man or group of men to issue a translation of the Scriptures, but any such translation should win approval in the churches and among Christians on its merits, not by any ecclesiastical mandate.

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*Grace Theological Seminary.*

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of Pompeii. From there they go to Alexandria, Egypt and then to Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. After visiting Damascus the party's headquarters will be at Jerusalem. The archeological work will be undertaken from the middle of March to the middle of June. They expect to arrive home about June 16 from England.—P. B.

## **NOTE ON ABBREVIATIONS**

In the following articles KJV refers to our well-known King James Version of 1611. The letters ASV refer to the American Standard Version of 1901. The letters RSV refer to the new Revised Standard Version recently issued by the National Council of Churches.



# Should the Churches Accept the Revised Standard Version?

Introduction by Dr. Alva J. McClain, President of Grace Theological Seminary

## Freedom of Speech

We do not question the right of any man or group of men to make a translation of the Bible. Of all the citizens of this country, we who believe in the infallible Word of God should be the first to resist any abridgement of liberty. For, if this precious freedom should ever be lost, we would be the first to suffer, because the children of God are still a minority group even in free America.

But if the National Council of Churches had a right to sponsor the publication of a new version of the Scriptures, then the rest of us outside that religious organization also have some rights—we have a right to evaluate and criticize their work. And we sincerely believe, after careful consideration, that the Revised Standard Version contains a great deal that should be criticized. As a matter of fact, the translators of this version seem to have expected that their work would be criticized, judging from the second paragraph of their Preface.

## Danger of Hasty Evaluation

In some of the earliest evaluations of the new version, the faculty of Grace Seminary feel that sometimes opinions were expressed hastily, both by defenders and critics, without sufficient study of the material. This was probably to be expected, since no opportunity whatever was given by the sponsors for examination of the new version in its completed form before final release to the public. And the moment it appeared, readers began to press for opinions as to its value. Even many of those who most staunchly defended it had to speak their initial praise before they had read it.

As soon as copies could be secured, the entire version was read quickly by the seminary faculty as a body, and a general Preliminary Statement was issued. Then certain aspects of the version were assigned to individual teachers, in accordance with the particular field of interest and specialization as far as possible. The following articles represent the results of these studies, and more than justify the Preliminary Statement, which is being reprinted in this issue of the Herald for the benefit of any who may not have read it before.

## The Great Protestant Division

It is no secret that the Protestant world today is sharply divided into two absolutely different theological camps. On the one side we have those who hold firmly to all the great fundamental truths of Biblical Christianity, called by various names—Conservatives, Evangelicals, Fundamentalists. On the other side are those who either reject one or more of these great truths or regard them as nonessential opinions, called Liberals, Modernists, Barthians, Neo-Orthodox. Between these two theological camps there is a gulf so deep and vast that it cannot be bridged by soft words or slogans of peace and unity. The editor of the liberal Christian Century put the matter very clearly when he said several years ago that the differences were so great that the two camps did not even worship the same God! In this opinion, I think, this modernistic editor was right, for once.

Now it is an astounding fact that the overwhelming majority of the translation committee were men who by

their own profession belong to the Modernistic Liberal camp. Nothing like this ever happened before in all the long history of the great English translations of the Bible. In the well-known versions of 1611, 1886, and 1901, the sponsors took great pains to assemble large translation committees with scholars *representing all important religious parties and viewpoints*. But on the translation committee of the recent RSV conservative scholarship had practically no voice at all; certainly no effective voice. Of the two members who might have spoken for Christian orthodoxy, one died in 1934 and the other resigned in 1938; and since the work on the RSV began in 1930, was suspended in 1932 for lack of money, and was not resumed until 1937, it is clear that neither of these men could have had much to do with the final product. Furthermore, the total committee was 32, and decisions were made by a two-thirds vote. Hence no one can deny that this new version was made by just *one theological party* in Christendom.

## This Version Will Deepen the Division

The "loading" of the translation committee with Modernists must have been deliberate. On any other basis it is impossible to account for such a lopsided committee. One wonders about the ethics involved, especially in the light of a statement made by Dr. Irwin, of the University of Chicago, on behalf of the translation committee, who said, "*There is no place for theology in Bible translation. . . . Linguistic science knows no theology; those of most contradictory views can meet on common ground.*" Personally, I do not think this is true. But if Dr. Irwin and his colleagues believed it was true, then we may ask how it happened that his committee almost to a man was made up of the bitterest kind of partisans on one side of the greatest division that Protestantism has ever seen? Things like that do not happen by accident. Of course, the sponsors of the RSV will probably reply that conservative Protestantism has no scholars. And such a reply is the best evidence of their unreasonable partisanship.

With these facts as a background, we may wonder what becomes of the impassioned pleas of the Liberals for unity in the churches! Does anyone suppose that the way to create unity is to kick your opponent in the face? If the sponsors of the new version had been genuinely interested in spiritual unity, they have missed the greatest opportunity they ever had really to do something that would count in that direction. For it has been historically demonstrated that the general use of one common version of the Bible can do more for the cause of genuine Christian unity than all the shouting and organizations to further the cause of ecumenics. On the other hand, there is nothing which can possibly do more to deepen and make permanent the existing division than the adoption of a Bible translation which the conservatives can never accept. It is very likely that the sponsors of the RSV knew exactly what they were doing.

The prophet Micah has a way of describing such religious leaders: "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err, *that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace*" (3:5). You should see what the RSV has done to this text!

# The Theological Bias of the RSV Translators

By Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

When, on September 30, 1952, the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of the Bible was released to the public with much ado by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., Prof. W. A. Irwin, of the University of Chicago, speaking for the translation committee, made this astonishing statement: "The fact must be stressed that there is no place for theology in Bible translation. . . . Linguistic science knows no theology" (Intro. to RSV of O. T., p. 14). Anyone who has done the very simplest kind of translation work, even in the classroom, must realize that such a statement is both misleading and false. That this indictment is not too severe will be clearly realized as one considers the way some of the important doctrinal passages of the Bible were translated by them. It is not the purpose of this article to deal with such passages which reveal the theological bias of the RSV translation. That task has been accomplished by others whose articles appear in this paper. It is, rather, my task to tell who these men are, and to show from their mouths something of their theological bias so that the reader may decide for himself why they translated as they did.



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While it should be recognized that in certain cases the RSV translators faced a choice between two English words, either of which might properly represent the meaning of the particular word in the original language, the question arises: Just why did they sometimes choose the words that rob many precious passages of the meaning they have carried for centuries, especially when the choice of one of the other allowable words would preserve the harmony between an Old Testament passage of Scripture and its quotation by a New Testament writer? The answer is, they are not interested in the unity of Scripture, for they neither believe it to be fully and verbally inspired, nor do they accept some of its precious doctrines. As a result, they chose not the words that would maintain the harmony of Scripture, but rather those which most nearly harmonize with their own liberal theological views. A few quotations from some of their writings will serve to show where they stand doctrinally. Then let us judge them "out of their own mouths" and as we have occasion elsewhere to examine some of their translations.

One of the well-known revisers listed on the committee is Edgar J. Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago. The following quotations from his book entitled, "How to Read the Bible," will suffice to show his attitude toward its inspiration.

Concerning the possibility of predictive prophecy, Goodspeed says, "The prophets were not predictors of future events but spokesmen for morality and reformation" (p. 11).

Concerning the Book of Ruth, Goodspeed says, "The little idyl of Ruth followed Judges in the Bible, only

because its story falls in the days of the Judges. But it belongs to Israel's fiction, rather than to its history, and should be read among its tales and stories" (p. 51).

Concerning Job, Goodspeed says, "We must think of the books of the Bible which are fiction, that is, short stories" (p. 147). Again, "This must at once inform every reader that he (Job) is an ideal figure, and the setting of the drama is religious fiction" (p. 147).

Concerning Jonah, Goodspeed says, "Jonah is the first missionary book in the world. If people would recognize it as fiction, they might get from it its meaning, which was never more needed than today" (p. 149).

Another member of the committee was James Moffatt (now deceased), of Union Theological Seminary, and translator of the well-known Moffatt Bible in modern speech. A single quotation will reveal his attitude toward inspiration: "We also know that the New Testament writers attached a meaning to some Old Testament prophecies which was unhistorical. . . . Historical criticism has rendered a true service to Christianity by relieving it of the necessity of accepting literally such attempts. . . . Predictions . . . like that of the millennium in the Book of the Revelation are due to some passing mood of faith in a particular age" (The Approach to the N. T., London, 1922, pp. 85-86).

A third reviser was Prof. William A. Irwin, of Chicago University. In his book, "The Prophets and Their Times," he boldly manifests his rank infidelity by placing the inspiration of pagan writers on a par with those of the Bible. He says: "Our study has sufficed to show how commonplace—in the better sense of this much-abused term—was the experience from which they came with flaming certitude to announce, 'Thus saith the Lord.' They heard and saw God in the common things of every day. But so have hosts of men done in all ages and all races; only bigotry could bring us to deny an equal validity with the prophets of Israel in the religious vision of men such as Zoroaster or Ikhнатon or on a lower level, the unnamed thinkers of ancient Babylon." Again: "The prophets were forced by the disasters that befell to do some hard and painful thinking. They were forced by the history of their own times to revise their messages again and again in order to keep with the progress of the age. The Assyrians and Babylonians forced them to revise their conception of Yehweh (Jehovah) from time to time until they finally made him God of the universe" (p. 325).

Frederick C. Eiselen, late president of Garrett Biblical Institute, wrote in Christianity Today: "Modern investigators . . . have marshaled too many facts to permit any longer the use of the Bible as an infallible guide in matters of science and history. . . . The writers did the best of which they were capable under the intellectual limitations of the age in which they lived" (pp. 42-43).

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Theological Seminary, New York, in his book, "The Literature of the Old Testament," says concerning the chronology of Moses in the Pentateuch: "However accurate they may seem to be, they turn out to be altogether unreliable . . . not handed down by any reliable tradition but . . . as an adaptation of an early Babylonian chronological scheme" (p. 265).

Millar Burrows, professor of Bible, Yale University Divinity School, in his "Outline of Biblical Theology," says: "The distinction between religious and nonreligious areas of truth does not dispose of all the errors in the Bible. Even in matters of religious concern the Bible is by no means of uniform value throughout. Not only are false ideas expressed, wrong practices are sanctioned. . . . We cannot take the Bible as a whole and in every part as stating with divine authority what we must believe and do" (pp. 47, 50).

A perusal of the books written by other members of the committee would produce similar testimony. One of the number, Harry M. Orlinsky, a professor at the Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, is not a professing Christian at all. An adherent to the Jewish religion, he is a Unitarian and, as such, would never be expected to favor a translation which would point to an organic unity between the Old and New Testaments.

What is true of the attitude of most of the members of the committee toward inspiration is likewise true of their attitude toward many of the precious doctrines of the Bible, including the Person of Christ, His Virgin Birth, His Atonement, and His Resurrection. Quotations

could be multiplied but space forbids. The following statement, however, from the pen of Prof. Henry J. Cadbury, of Harvard University, will show that at least one translator either questions the sanity of Christ or the inspiration of some of the things that He said: "Much of the most appreciative writing about Him (Jesus) runs the risk of putting Him into the introvert class. Indeed, as is well-known, the emphasis of orthodoxy upon his messianic claims and messianic consciousness led some psychiatrists to doubt his sanity" (p. 8).

Such quotations reveal the true heart of the men who composed the translation committee of the RSV. What can be expected of them but a version which will conform as nearly as possible to their perverted theological views. Long ago, God directed Jeremiah to characterize the false prophets of his day and to warn his people to avoid them. This ancient warning is as greatly needed today as it was 2,500 years ago: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. . . . he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. . . . Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. . . . for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God" (Jer. 23:16, 28-31, 36).

## The Attitude of the RSV Translators Toward the Holy Scriptures

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean and Professor of New Testament and Greek

Regarding the worth of the Bible, the makers of the new Revised Standard Version (RSV) undoubtedly believe some things with which we can agree. For instance, they believe that the Bible is a historical document worth preserving, a very great literary heritage, a unique spiritual contribution to society, and a moral factor of vast influence in human history.

But this is far from the whole story. To get the more complete picture of their view of Scripture, it is necessary to go beyond the rather pious language used in the Preface and Introductions to their new translation. This picture appears clearly in their various writings through the years. The following quotations are a few specimens from some of the translators: James Moffatt says, "The New Testament writers attached a meaning to some Old Testament prophecies which was unhistorical." Julius A. Bewer says that some things in the Old Testament "are altogether unreliable." Frederick C. Eiselen says that we now have "marshalled too many facts to permit any longer the use of the Bible as an infallible guide." Millar Burrows speaks of "Errors in the Bible" and that in the Bible "Not only are false ideas expressed, wrong practices are sanctioned." These quotations are representative of the attitude of by far the large majority of the RSV committee.



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It should not be surprising, therefore, to find in the new RSV many indications of the very low opinion of Biblical inspiration held by most of these men who translated it. What they have *done* in their translation is the surest key to the meaning of their fair words uttered in the Preface to it. Let us consider:

### I. THEIR VARIOUS LITERARY DEVICES

One of the innovations of the RSV is the introduction of *quotation marks* to indicate where there is a direct quotation from some speaker whether God or man. Although quotation marks can be an aid to interpretation, sometimes there is a difference of opinion in certain passages as to whether the writer of Scripture is speaking or whether he is quoting someone else. And, of course, there are no quotation marks in the original Biblical documents. In the case of the much-beloved passage in John 3:16 which most of us have always regarded as coming from the lips of our Lord Jesus Himself, the RSV, by the introduction of quotation marks, has ended the speech of our Lord at the end of verse 15. Thus, in the RSV, John 3:16 is simply from the pen of John. Of course this does not mean that the words are not inspired, but there does seem to be a distinct loss in thinking of them as not having been spoken originally by our Lord Himself.

By changes in the *use of pronouns* the RSV translators have also raised questions as to the deity of Christ in the case of many New Testament passages. The translators of the RSV inform us that they will change

the older pronouns "thee" and "thou" to the more modern forms of "you" and "your" "except in language addressed to God." Then we find that with very few exceptions they use "you" and "your" in connection with our Lord Jesus Christ, thus raising a very serious question as to His deity.

By the device of *paraphrase* (a roundabout way of saying something) the RSV translators were able in places to weave their own ideas into the Scriptures. For example, in Matthew 1:2 (KJV) the words "Abraham begat Isaac," are rendered by the new version, "Abraham was the father of Isaac." Here it is obvious that four English words are used by the RSV to translate a single Greek word where one English word would have been enough as in the KJV. But what is worse, the four English words in the RSV do not accurately represent the original Greek. The original Greek in this place, and throughout the entire genealogy, does not contain the word "was," nor the word "father," nor the preposition "of." More than that, these four words "was the father of" do not convey the precise meaning of the Greek verb for "begat."

Furthermore, *marginal notes* have been introduced into the RSV which may throw the average reader into mental confusion. This is certainly true of the footnote appended to Matthew 1:16 which reads "other ancient authorities read *Joseph, to whom was betrothed the virgin Mary, was the father of Jesus who is called Christ.*" This footnote is practically without any important basis in textual evidence (for a full discussion of this footnote see Dr. McClain's article on "The Virgin Birth in the Revised Standard Version" on page 138).

## II. DELETION OF DISPUTED PASSAGES

Certainly a great number of devout Christian readers of the Bible will be puzzled and disappointed to find the very familiar passages in Mark 16:9-20 and in John 7:53-8:11 have been removed entirely from the text of the new RSV. It is true, of course, that scholars have held various attitudes toward these two passages.

The more conservative scholars have never been convinced that these passages do not belong to the original text of the Bible. Therefore they have left them as they appear in our KJV with or without marginal note, for the reason that they found in these passages much precious truth and also nothing contrary to the other Scriptures.

Less conservative scholars have felt that these two passages should be bracketed with some note in the margin. For example, the translators of the American Standard Version (ASV) of 1901 followed this procedure in the case of the passage in John, but with only a note in the case of the Mark passage.

The more liberal scholars felt that these two passages should be removed from the regular Bible text and placed in the margin with an explanatory note. This scheme has been followed by the RSV.

The most radical position would be to remove the passages both from the text of Scripture and also from any marginal reference. This has not yet been done but it may be the next thing in order by modernistic scholarship.

If the textual evidence were absolutely conclusive that these two passages are not parts of the original Scriptures, then no translator would have any hesita-

tion in removing them from the Bible. But if the Bible is only the word of man, of course such conclusive evidence is not necessary. And knowing the modernistic viewpoint of the RSV translators it is understandable how they might be influenced by evidence that is not conclusive.

## III. CREATION OF THEIR OWN ORIGINAL TEXT

Perhaps the clearest evidence that the RSV translators do not believe the Scriptures to be the verbally inspired Word of God is the way they have treated the *Hebrew text* of the Old Testament. In 1,027 cases, where the Hebrew text was before them, these translators deliberately chose to follow some other text. These particular cases have been noted in the margin of the RSV. But some other cases have already been discovered where the Hebrew text has been wholly set aside in favor of some other reading, but with no marginal note to indicate the source of it. Only careful investigation will finally reveal the number of places in the Old Testament where this has happened. Dr. Allan A. MacRae, presi-

Within this awful volume lies  
The mystery of mysteries:  
Happiest they of human race,  
To whom their God has given grace  
To read, to fear, to hope, to pray,  
To lift the latch, to force the way;  
But better had they ne'er been born  
Who read to doubt, or read to scorn.

—Sir Walter Scott.

dent of Faith Theological Seminary, a very competent Old Testament scholar, has declared: "I cannot trust a single passage in the RSV Old Testament unless I have before me also my Hebrew Bible."

It is interesting to notice where *other versions* have been followed by the RSV, even so far as going to one of the apocryphal books. In 10 cases the apocryphal book of I Esdras has been followed. One hundred times the RSV translators resorted to the Syriac, Vulgate, Targums, etc. In no less than 279 instances the Septuagint is followed when it is supported by other versions. And 291 times the Septuagint alone was the basis of the RSV translation.

Conjectural changes in the Hebrew text is the most amazing phenomenon. In 347 places the RSV translators followed neither the Hebrew nor any version, but simply guessed at what the text should be, and then translated their own guesswork. In these particular 347 places the RSV has placed in the margin a mark "cn" which indicates what they have done. By their own admission, however, there are other places where they have resorted to conjecture and placed no note in the margin to inform the readers.

The large freedom with which these men went about their task, interpolating, correcting, ignoring, removing, paraphrasing, and perverting important and sometimes great sections of Scripture, indicates clearly the low view these men held of Holy Scripture.

## IV. NOW WE KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN

With the above facts in mind, the reader of the RSV will better understand the meaning of the words which



appear in the Preface to the new version on page 10: "It (the Bible) is a record of God's dealing with men, of God's revelation of Himself and His will. It records the life and work of Him in whom the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. . . . It is our hope and our earnest prayer that this Revised Standard Version of the Bible may be used by God to speak to men in these momentous times, and to help them to understand and believe and obey His Word."

If the translators were something other than scholars one could pass by the above quoted words as the imperfect attempt to say something good about the Bible as the written Word of God. But knowing them as scholars whose liberal leanings are so pronounced, it must be concluded that they wrote precisely what they meant, and they did not mean that the Bible is the Word of God. It is "a record," and only a record, a record of God's dealings with men, of God's revelation of Himself and His will, of Christ who became flesh. But to them it is not the *written revelation* of God to men. In short, to them, it is not the Word of God. Within this record you will find the Word of God, but it may not be the same to

you as to someone else, nor will it always be the same to you in every place. And you will never be quite sure when it is the Word of God. This is evidently what they mean.

Therefore, the most the translators can do as they send the new version forth is hope and pray that the new translation will help the reader "to understand and believe and obey His Word." By this they did not mean that the Bible is the Word of God. They merely meant that the new translation may become an aid whereby the reader will be able to discern the Word of God, or recognize the Word of God in some very abstract sense as he reads the new version. What is wrong with this? Well, if in his reading he does not find the Word of God, then he cannot obey it. And if he does not obey it, he must continue to grope his way along ever hoping that in some mysterious way God will reveal His Word and His will to him. By means of this clever stratagem, if indeed it may be called clever, the translators have maneuvered themselves and all those who follow them into the perilous position of being unable to find the Word of God, and being unable to recognize it if they did.

## The Deity of Christ in the RSV Old Testament

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Assistant Professor in Old Testament

The Lord Jesus Christ said that the entire Old Testament is filled with teachings concerning Himself (Luke 24:27, 44). As we examine the Old Testament passages that point to the coming Messiah, we see that one of the most vital truths revealed about the Messiah was the fact of His deity. Many Old Testament passages clearly teach that the Messiah was GOD, sharing all the attributes of Jehovah.

But it is a mistake to think that the precious truth of Christ's deity in the Old Testament is confined to a few "proof texts." The fact is that this doctrine is woven into the very fabric of the Old Testament. It may be seen in the line of prophecy concerning the Messiah from Genesis to Malachi; in the entire sacrificial system of the Jews; in the mysterious appearances of the Angel of Jehovah; and in the unfulfilled history and destiny of the Jewish nation. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Old Testament is a meaningless puzzle if the Messiah, Jesus Christ, be not GOD in human flesh.

The apparent attempt, therefore, on the part of the translators of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) to eliminate the deity of Christ from the Old Testament by twisting certain "proof texts," not only fails utterly in its purpose, but serves to reveal most strikingly the liberal theology of these translators. A few examples will show how the RSV treats the Eternal Son of God in the Old Testament.

### TEXTS WHERE CHRIST IS CALLED GOD

There are four Old Testament passages where Christ is spoken of as GOD, which the RSV has translated in such a way as to make Christ a mere man:



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*Psalm 2:7* in the King James Version (KJV) reads: "The LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." This verse is quoted in Hebrews 1:5 to show that Christ is GOD. But the RSV changes *Psalm 2:7* to read: "He said to me, 'You are my son, today I have begotten you.'" Notice that "thou" and "thee" have been changed to "you." The reason for the change of pronoun forms is stated by the RSV committee in their *Introduction to the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament*, as follows: "It was decided to abandon these forms ["thee" and "thou"] and to follow modern usage, except in language addressed to God" (p. 56). When the new version translates Hebrews 1:5, however, it uses the words "thee" and "thou," because it is obvious that the author of Hebrews intended to use *Psalm 2:7* as a proof of the deity of Christ. The reader is thus left with the impression that the author of Hebrews misquoted and misapplied *Psalm 2:7*!

*Psalm 45:6* in the KJV reads: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." In Hebrews 1:8 this verse is quoted to show that Christ is the ETERNAL GOD. But the RSV translates *Psalm 45:6* to read: "Your divine throne endures for ever and ever." In this way, the RSV attempts to remove Christ's deity from the verse by changing the possessive pronoun from "thy" to "your," and by changing the title "God" into the adjective "divine" and applying it to the throne instead of to Christ Himself!

*Psalm 110:1* in the KJV reads: "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." This is quoted by our Saviour in Matthew 22:45 to show that He is not only the seed of David, but also the Lord and God of David. But the RSV changes *Psalm 110:1* to read: "The LORD says to my lord: 'Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool.'" Notice that the second "lord" is begun with a small letter! Here again, with absolutely no basis in the Hebrew text for such a change, the RSV translators assume that we have the words of an un-

known psalmist assuring *David* ("my lord") that God will give *him* protection and victory! If the RSV is *right*, then our Lord Jesus Christ was *wrong* in using this verse as an Old Testament prophecy of His own deity!

*Psalm 110:4* in the KJV reads: "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." This text is quoted in *Hebrews 7:17* to show that Christ is the ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST. But the RSV changes *Psalm 110:4* to read: "The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'" Here again the change from "thou" to "you" removes from the verse our Lord's deity.

#### TEXTS WHICH TEACH CHRIST'S ETERNITY

There are *two* Old Testament passages which teach the *eternal existence* of Christ, which the RSV has changed so that they now teach, in the new version, that Christ was *created* and had an *origin* in time!

*Micah 5:2* in the KJV reads: "Out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." But the RSV changes the meaning to read: "From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." Here the

RSV changes "goings forth" to "origin"; and it changes "from everlasting" to "from ancient days." This is an obvious attempt to rob Christ of His eternal preexistence, and to present Him as a mere creature!

*Proverbs 8:22* in the K. J. V. reads: "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old." But the RSV changes the translation to: "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old." Here the RSV changes "possessed" to "created"; and changes "before his works of old" to "the first of his acts of old," thus making the verse to teach that Christ is a mere creature, the product of the first of God's acts! In neither *Micah 5:2* nor in *Proverbs 8:22* is there a basis in the Hebrew text for such changes.

Finally, the deity of Christ has been attacked in *Zechariah 12:10*, *Psalm 2:11*, *Jeremiah 23:6*, and *Isaiah 48:16* by mistranslations in the RSV. It should be clear to any honest student of the Scriptures that this version is *utterly biased and undependable* in its translation of the Old Testament messianic passages. Therefore, it should not be used by those who desire to know what the Word of God actually says in its original languages. In spite of the RSV, however, Christians may rejoice in the assurance that the truth of our Lord's words still remains: "The scripture cannot be broken" (*John 10:35*).

## The Deity of Christ in the RSV New Testament

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Has the deity of Jesus Christ been removed from the New Testament by those who produced the Revised Standard Version? (N. T. section, 1946; reissued with 80 changes, 1952.) This question has been frequently asked in recent months, and the conflicting answers reveal a problem demanding our attention.

The teaching that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God does not depend on a few isolated passages here and there, but is reflected throughout the New Testament. In spite of numerous Bible revisions and modern speech versions which have appeared during the last 50 years, prepared chiefly by men whose views are at least questionable, the devout Christian need not fear an ultimate eradication of Christ's deity. No translation can remove that which is woven in countless ways into the narrative. As long as the version remains a translation, that doctrine is secure, for only a completely new book could destroy this matchless Person.

However, the attitude of the translators toward the deity of Christ is undoubtedly reflected in their treatment of certain passages.



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sion (KJV). In order to make the Bible conform to modern speech, these forms presented a problem. After much debate, the RSV adopted the policy of abandoning all these pronoun forms *except in language addressed to God*. (The plural form "ye" was eliminated altogether.)

But what was to be done when the pronoun refers to Christ? Was our Lord to be treated as God or man? Or was the translator to interpret the mind of the speaker in each case (a difficult task, to say the least) to determine how much of Christ's divine nature was comprehended? The policy as finally adopted uses the form "you" for all references to the incarnate Son of God (i. e. Jesus Christ during His earthly life), in order to safeguard His true humanity, and "thou" when He is referred to as the eternal Son apart from His incarnation.

There is some question, however, as to the pronoun "thou" being a merely outworn word, left over from the days of the King James Version. According to many grammarians, this pronoun was not in use in common speech even then, and had been declining for several hundred years before. However, it was retained in the KJV because it so perfectly expressed the reverential spirit which the Bible maintains. That this "reverential spirit" is conveyed by these older pronouns is tacitly admitted even by RSV, since its translators themselves retained these same pronouns where "God" is spoken of in the New Testament.

#### I. THE "PRONOUN" PROBLEM

The translators of RSV were confronted with the problem of the second personal pronoun forms "thou, thy, thee, thine." These forms have largely disappeared from modern English, and exist chiefly in the religious realm because of the influence of the King James Ver-

#### II. SOME PASSAGES AFFECTED

1. *Matthew 16:16* provides one of the more notable instances where Jesus Christ is very clearly recognized by the speaker as deity, although the RSV translators have not so indicated. Hence Peter is made to say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yet in an-



other text God the Father is made to say to this same incarnate Christ, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11 RSV). The revisers excuse themselves by saying that other passages are close to Matthew 16:16 in thought, and hence the line between humanity and deity must be drawn somewhere, but the inconsistency of any such arbitrary ruling appears when Mark 1:11 is compared.

2. *Matthew 14:33*, in the account of Jesus walking on the water and stilling the storm, records, "And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'" Such distinction between God the Father who may be addressed by the reverential "thou," and the Son who may be worshiped by men and yet addressed as "you" cannot be expected to create a proper recognition of Christ's deity by the average reader.

3. *Mark 15:39* (cf. *Matt. 27:54*) records the statement of the centurion at the crucifixion, "Truly this man was a son of God." The reader will recognize the change from the KJV which states "the Son of God." In the Greek this passage is ambiguous. There are no definite articles present, and therefore the translator must decide whether the term is a proper name (which would need no articles in the Greek) or is to be rendered with the English indefinite article "a." The translators of RSV have assumed that the centurion was a polytheist and thus his testimony amounts to little. To be consistently literal, they should have translated "a son of a god." But this man was not necessarily a raw heathen whose comments rose no higher. He could have been brought to a recognition of Christ's true person from the events which had occurred. At least his statement must have had profound significance because it was recorded by two Gospel writers. To be fair and escape making an arbitrary decision on an ambiguous passage, the rendering could have been "God's Son" and no articles would be necessary.

3. *Romans 9:5* is an instance where the RSV translators interpreted Paul's mind and altered a text which in the KJV attributes deity to Christ. Our KJV translates Paul's description: "... Christ came, who is over all,

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God blessed for ever." The RSV repunctuates the sentence as a doxology: "... and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed forever." Since the RSV is called a revision, one would not expect an arbitrary change unless the Greek text demanded it, and such is not the case here.

In all fairness to the RSV, it should be stated that two other passages which clearly attribute deity to Christ, *Titus 2:13* and *II Peter 1:1*, are left untouched by the translators.

## III. THE CONFUSION INTRODUCED

The policy of RSV, although producing a Bible in modern speech, nevertheless does leave itself vulnerable to the following criticisms:

1. A distinction in rank or reverence is suggested by the alternating of pronouns between the incarnate Christ and the Eternal Son of God, and between the Father and the Son.

2. Old Testament passages which are quoted by the New Testament writers to prove the deity of Christ are translated inconsistently in certain instances. *Hebrews 1:5* (RSV), "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee," is a quotation of *Psalms 2:7*, "You are my son, today I have begotten you" (RSV).

3. The lack of complete application of RSV policy has produced some renderings which can only be termed "confusing." In *Mark 5:7* the demons, who recognize Christ's deity and submit completely to his power, are made to say by the RSV, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" Yet in *Revelation 18:14*, where Babylon is addressed as a wicked woman with whom kings have committed fornication, the RSV reads: "The fruit for which thy soul longed has gone from thee, and all thy dainties and thy splendor are lost to thee." Since the RSV itself has established its own standard of reserving the reverential "thou" for God only, the confusion in these passages is astounding. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is addressed by the ordinary "you," while the reverential "thou" is applied to a harlot! Such confusion of principle reflects an inexact treatment of the New Testament text, and makes the RSV undependable.



Above—Speakers at the Bible rally in the seminary building, from left to right: Dr. J. Barton Payne, professor of Old Testament at Bob Jones University; Dr. David Otis Fuller, pastor of the Wealthy Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary.



# The Virgin Birth in the Revised Standard Version

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The great historic fact that our Lord Jesus Christ was "conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary," entirely apart from any generation on the part of man, has been one of the fundamental truths of Christianity from the very beginning of Christian history. The so-called "Apostles' Creed" has borne witness to this fact continuously throughout at least 1,800 years of church history; and belief in the Virgin Birth is affirmed by repetition of the "Creed" every Lord's Day throughout wide areas of Christendom, even in religious bodies whose leaders have rejected it as an essential truth.

As to the Biblical basis for the truth of the Virgin Birth, there is considerable material. Although some of this material is more or less indirect in its testimony, there are at least three main passages which bear witness very clearly and directly: First, there is the account in Matthew 1:18-25 giving the story from the standpoint of Joseph. Second, there is the account in Luke 1:26-38 written evidently from Mary's standpoint. Third, there is the great prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 quoted by Matthew as having been fulfilled by the Virgin Birth of Christ.

Now what has the RSV done with this important material? In answer, first, let it be said that the makers of this recent version apparently made no attempt to remove or alter either the received *Hebrew text* in Isaiah 7:14 or the *Greek text* in the Virgin Birth stories of Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38. As a matter of fact, no group of men with any pretense of responsible scholarship dared attack any of these passages on textual grounds. But while these revisers could not attack directly on *textual* grounds the truth of our Lord's Virgin Birth in the crucial passages, they did move against the doctrine by what might be called *indirect* assault. The evidence is as follows:

## I. IN THE ISAIAH PASSAGE THE RSV MOVED AGAINST THE VIRGIN BIRTH BY MISTRANSLATION

In the King James Version (KJV) Isaiah 7:14 reads, "Behold, a *virgin* shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

In the American Standard Version (ASV) the passage is translated exactly as above, but the word "maiden" is put in the margin as an alternative translation. But since English dictionaries define "maiden" as "a virgin," the meaning is not changed.

The new RSV takes the word "*virgin*" out of Isaiah 7:14 and translates as follows: "Behold, a *young woman* shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The word "virgin" is then relegated to a footnote as a secondary alternate translation. Thus the revisers raised a serious question at least about any reference in the prophecy to our Lord's Virgin Birth, and revealed clearly their own attitude toward that great



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truth. For if they believed that Christ was born of a virgin, and if the word "virgin" was a possible translation, then there could be no valid reason for not leaving the word "virgin" in the verse, unless they were determined to exclude from the prophecy any reference to the birth of Christ. Let us now consider the evidence against the RSV translation of Isaiah 7:14.

First, the Gospel of Matthew declares in unmistakable terms that Isaiah 7:14 was a prophecy of the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, and the makers of the RSV were well aware of this fact, for when they came to translate Matthew's account they could do nothing else but translate it as follows: "*All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel'*" (1:22-23 RSV, *italics mine*). Certainly if the makers of the RSV believed in the inspiration of the Bible in any real sense of the term, they would have felt compelled to pay some attention to Matthew's declaration on this important point.

Second, the Hebrew word "*almah*," translated "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14 by the KJV, is used at least seven times in the Old Testament. Four times it is rendered "virgin," twice "maid," and once "damsel" (KJV). No one has ever been able to prove in any one of these occurrences that "*almah*" ever means anything else than "virgin." Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, probably the greatest scholar of his generation in languages related to Biblical history, after prolonged research of all the evidence, gave his unqualified support to the KJV translation of "virgin." It was also supported by the late Dr. James Orr, a scholar of immense learning. And the challenge of Luther still stands, "If any Jew or Christian can prove to me that in any passage of Scripture '*almah*' means 'a married woman' I will give him 100 florins, although God alone knows where I might find them!"

Third, the theological bias of the makers of the RSV is clearly seen in the fact that in no less than *four* out of the seven occurrences of the word "*almah*" *they* have translated it by the word "*maiden*" which is still perfectly good English for "virgin." Yet when they came to Isaiah 7:14, after rejecting the word "virgin," they refuse to put in its place the word "maiden" which they had already used as a proper translation of the Hebrew "*almah*" in four other texts! Why was the great prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 selected as a place where neither "virgin" nor "maiden" would be allowed, but instead they translate "a young woman"? Does this not provide very clear evidence that in the thinking of these revisers the "young woman" in question was not a "virgin"?

Fourth, about 200 B. C. some Jewish scholars made a translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek for the benefit of the dispersed Jews who could no longer either speak or read the Hebrew. This translation is called the Septuagint. Now it is a remarkable fact that in this translation the Hebrew "*almah*" is translated by the Greek word "*parthenos*," the meaning of which cannot be disputed. It means "virgin." To any person with a fair share of common sense it would seem that those Jewish scholars living 200 years before Christ should have known better how to translate their own language, and specifically the Book of Isaiah, than men far re-



moved in time by 2,000 years from them. And if there should be any remaining doubt about the proper translation of the Hebrew "almah" in Isaiah 7:14, it should be settled forever by the fact that Matthew in his account of the Virgin Birth quotes the prophecy in Greek using the term "*parthenos*" (Matt. 1:23). *And Matthew wrote by immediate inspiration of the Holy Ghost.* But even this does not settle the matter for the RSV translation committee. One of these gentlemen, Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, a Jewish scholar who of course rejects Jesus as the Christ, when faced by the fact that scholars of his own race and religion used the proper Greek word for "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14 2,000 years ago, actually argued that "the Christians" were responsible for changing the text of the Septuagint and inserting the word for "virgin" (see Intro. to RSV of O. T., p. 30). But the Septuagint was made by Jewish scholars 200 years before there were any Christians! When recently I pointed out Orlinsky's curious argument to a scholar who was inclined to defend the new version in a mild sort of way, he did not hesitate to characterize it as "sheer idiocy"! Certainly it could not be called "scholarship."

Finally, on the assumption accepted by the destructive critics, namely, that the "almah" of Isaiah 7:14 was not a "virgin" but only a "young woman" who in the days of the prophet bore a child by natural generation of a human father, it is difficult to see how this event could possibly have been any kind of a "sign" of unusual significance to "the house of David." The words of Isaiah 7:11 indicate that the "sign" to be given by "the Lord himself" would be something beyond and above anything in the ordinary world. How could such a sign be fulfilled by the birth of a child as the result of a man and a woman coming together? One might argue, with some justification, it would be a much greater sign if *no child* were conceived and born in such an event!

## II. IN THE MATTHEW ACCOUNT OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH, THE RSV HAS INSINUATED A DOUBT BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A MISLEADING FOOTNOTE

For this particular piece of skullduggery (not an unfair characterization) the makers of the RSV kept outside the actual Virgin Birth passage which appears in Matthew 1:18-25, and centered their attention on verse 16. In both the KJV and ASV this verse is translated, "And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ." And this is exactly what the Greek says. The RSV, with its much publicized antipathy to the verb "begat," omits this word and puts in three words, "the father of," which have nothing to represent them in the Greek. But otherwise the verse is left intact, reading in part, "Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ." In English the pronoun "*whom*" is ambiguous and might be singular or plural, masculine or feminine. But the Greek pronoun is singular and feminine, pointing clearly to Mary *alone*.

But consider now a very curious footnote which the RSV has placed in the margin in connection with verse 16. This footnote reads as follows: "Other ancient authorities read *Joseph, to whom was betrothed the virgin Mary, was the father of Jesus who is called Christ.*" This reading, of course, clearly asserts that Joseph was the father of Jesus. Let us examine this specimen of modernistic scholarship.

First, they say that this reading occurs in "*other ancient authorities.*" This sounds very impressive. But what are these "ancient authorities"? And how many are there? Well, the answer is that there is not even so much as *one* manuscript of the Greek New Testament that contains the above reading! It is found only in an old version, the Sinaitic Syriac discovered in 1892.

Second, it should be pointed out that if all the insignificant variant readings which may be found in the ancient versions, to say nothing of the more important ancient manuscripts, had been included in the footnotes of the RSV New Testament, most of it would be footnotes! As any reader can easily see, very few of these variants are included in the footnotes. Why then, out of all the many thousands of variants, did the makers of the RSV put *this one* in, a reading with almost a complete lack of worth-while evidence? Again there is no answer except the stubborn theological bias of the translators against the Virgin Birth.

Third, worst of all for the revisers committee, this particular footnote was not in the RSV New Testament which was published in 1946, but it was slipped into the final product when the entire Bible was published in 1952. Again one cannot help wondering just why it happened this way. Could it be that the restraint which kept it out of the New Testament in 1946 was the fear of having such a shocking footnote appear on the first page of the first book which the readers would meet when they opened the RSV New Testament? Certainly it was easier to put it into the 1952 publication of the entire RSV Bible after the earlier 1946 New Testament had been examined critically, and when the attention of readers would be concentrated on the Old Testament. As a matter of fact, its presence was not known to some men who thought they knew what was in the RSV New Testament because they had examined it with great care when first issued in 1946. A great deal has been made of the so-called willingness of the revisers to make suggested changes of any of their work that needs correction, as indicated by some 80 alleged changes made between the 1946 and 1952 editions of the New Testament. Well, the introduction of this unbelieving and unwarranted footnote is one change which does not augur well for future changes.

## III. IN THE LUKE ACCOUNT OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH, THE RSV HAS WEAKENED THE TESTIMONY OF MARY BY PUTTING IN HER MOUTH WORDS SHE DID NOT SPEAK

As I have already shown above, the RSV has sometimes rejected grammatically possible translations which would have been in harmony with the clearly taught general doctrine of the Word of God on some subjects. In Isaiah 7:14 they rejected "virgin" which by every rule of scholarship was a *possible* translation. But in Luke 1:34 they actually violate the ordinary rules of grammar to insert a translation which seriously weakens the testimony for the Virgin Birth on the part of the one person in the world who knew the most about what actually happened. I refer to the Virgin Mary.

When the angel Gabriel came to announce to Mary the coming conception and birth of our Lord, she in her chaste innocence asks the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34, KJV and ASV). What did the makers of the RSV do to this question?

They change it as follows: "How can this be, since I have no husband?"

Now as anyone can see, there is a world of difference between these two translations. Many a woman, unfortunately, has become the mother of a child *when she had no husband*. There is nothing new about this, tragic as the case may be. But in all the history of the world, no woman, save Mary alone, ever bore a child when she had not previously known a man.

Worst of all for the reputation of the RSV translators, almost any first-year Greek student can easily see that Mary did not say, "I have no husband." She did say, "I know not a man." The Greek language has verbs which express possession with no ambiguity, but Mary did not use one of these. She used the verb "*ginosko*," which occurs 223 times in the New Testament and in the KJV is translated 196 times by the English word "know." Never once is it translated with the idea of "*have*." Furthermore, such lexicographers as Thayer and Green do not even mention such a possible meaning. Generally the verb "*ginosko*" means "to know" intellectually or spiritually. A secondary meaning is to know carnally in the sense of sexual experience, which is the way Mary used the term, a very well-known usage throughout the Bible. See Genesis 4:1, "Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived."

Why did the RSV change the verb from "know" to "have," in defiance of all lexicographic authority? Two

answers have been suggested by its defenders. One is that ordinary readers might not understand the secondary meaning of "know." The other is that, assuming that readers *might* understand the sexual meaning of "know," the revisers wanted to use terms which would be in better taste! Both these suggested answers are demolished by the simple fact that the RSV itself used the word "know" in its carnal sense both in the Old Testament and the New (see Gen. 4:1 and Matt. 1:25)!

Of course, it is possible that the revisers felt at liberty to cut loose from mere grammar and make what is called an "idiomatic" translation. But any such translation dare not cut loose from the original *meaning* of the passage. And when Mary said, "I know not a man," these revisers had no right to put into her mouth the words, "I have no husband." Of course, Mary had no husband when the angel came to her, as any fool would understand who reads the story. But that is not the point of her testimony. What she said was that she had not known any man sexually. I am very much in favor of discussing such matters in the language of good taste, but I insist in this case that Mary's personal testimony regarding her own good reputation is vastly more important than literary good taste.

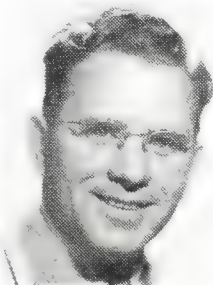
The RSV translation of Mary's words is utterly indefensible on any grounds of grammar. And it should be condemned without reservation on moral grounds, to say nothing of its possible theological implications.

## Does the Revised Standard Version Accurately Translate the Hebrew Old Testament?

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Much has been said about the "readability" of this new version. It is so much easier to read than the older versions, its promoters say, that many more people will read the Word of God with understanding and pleasure than heretofore. The present writer does not minimize the need for readability, but he insists that there is one consideration far more important than mere ease of reading. The paramount question is, Does the version faithfully translate what is given in the original language?

It is the claim of the Revised Standard Version that it is a faithful rendition of the original. Its translators assert that it is the most accurate translation yet given to the English-speaking world. The purpose of this article is to test this assertion, and to show that the claim is false.



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### ARBITRARY RECONSTRUCTIONS OF THE HEBREW TEXT

There are cases in which the original Hebrew text clearly said what the translators of the RSV apparently felt that it ought not to say. In such cases they sometimes arbitrarily rearranged the Hebrew text to make it say something different, after which they translated their own reconstruction. Such a procedure is not translation of the Hebrew Old Testament at all, but

merely the translation of a text of one's own devising. A glaring example may be found in Psalm 2:11-12. The King James Version (KJV) had rendered the portion in question as: "*and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son . . .*" The new RSV changes this to, "*with trembling kiss his feet.*"

Through what process did the translators arrive at such a major change? I think it can be demonstrated for you. It will first be necessary to explain that in ancient Hebrew only the consonants of the language were written; the vowels were not indicated. Now in the portion of the verse just quoted, the Hebrew Bible employs 16 letters, written in the following order: WGYLW BR'DH NSQW BR. For the moment let us assign each of these letters a number in the order in which they stand, from 1 to 16. Next, let us entirely reshuffle the order of these consonants, throwing No. 1 away, and arranging the rest in the order of 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 2, 4, 3, 5. Our consonants now will stand like this: BR'DH NSQW BRGLYW. The translators of the RSV went through all of this maneuvering before they were able to make the words say, "with trembling kiss his feet." Is this faithful translation? Let the reader judge for himself.

A reader needs only to leaf through the Old Testament in the new version and look at the footnotes to see what great use has been made of the Greek version called the Septuagint (a translation made from the original Hebrew in the 3d and 2d centuries B. C.). Such free use is made of this Greek version that it would



seem the translators of the RSV assigned to it more authority than the original Hebrew. However, in the case of Psalm 2:11-12, which I have just discussed, the translators juggled the consonants and rearranged the text in spite of the clear testimony of the Greek. To be sure, the Greek translation was also quite incorrect, but the very nature of their error indicates that the Greek translators found the Hebrew text in substantially the same condition that we have it today.

### OMISSIONS FROM THE HEBREW TEXT

There are numerous instances in which the translators decided to omit certain Hebrew words and leave them untranslated, apparently on the assumption that they were unnecessary to the sense. Such a case is to be found in Zephaniah 1:4. The KJV had translated the latter part of this verse with the words: "and the name of the Chemarims with the priests." The RSV reads: "and the name of the idolatrous priests."

The RSV offers one improvement here, because the word "Chemarims," found in the KJV, is a Hebrew word left untranslated. The RSV translated the word as "idolatrous priests," and this surely means much more to the English reader than "Chemarims." However, the expression "with the priests" is also a part of the Hebrew text, but it is omitted entirely by the RSV. Why was it omitted? The reason is to be found in the fact that the Greek version did not have the phrase. It was another case of preferring the Greek version above the Hebrew original, but here it is a poor choice indeed. The context of the passage makes it clear that it was the sin of religious syncretism which was being denounced. Judah was mixing the corrupt religious practices of her neighbors in with that religion she had received by revelation. Both the idolatrous priests and the priests of the Levitical order were to be cut off.

A great array of such omissions could be cited, but economy of space limits me to only one example. This is also true, of course, of those arbitrary reconstructions of the Hebrew text.

### UGARITIC MYTHOLOGY IN PLACE OF THE HEBREW TEXT

Within the past 25 years a large body of cuneiform literature was unearthed at the site of an ancient heathen city named Ugarit. The language closely resembles Hebrew, and some scholars have sought to use this literature to explain difficult passages of the Bible. There is some legitimate use of this material, but there is a great danger in overemphasizing the similarities between this literature and the Bible, while ignoring the vast differences; for the religion of Ugarit was polytheistic. In one instance, at least, the religion of Ugarit was employed by the RSV to "correct" the Hebrew text and to put into David's mouth words that are difficult to harmonize with the doctrine of verbal inspiration.

In II Samuel 1:21 the KJV reads: "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings." The RSV reads: "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor upsurging of the deep!"

It is to be admitted that the Hebrew of this portion is difficult; it has been a problem with interpreters for many years. The RSV is not warranted, however, in substituting a reading from heathen mythology, just because it finds a clause in Ugaritic literature which shows

some similarities to the Hebrew text. Furthermore, the substitution does not fit so easily as it might appear at first glance. Two or three consonants of the Hebrew text must be changed and others substituted in their place to make the new reading possible. This the translators of the RSV have not hesitated to do!

Not only so, but to allow the new reading to stand we must suppose that David held the same misconceptions about the subterranean ocean which were held by his heathen contemporaries. So much is tacitly acknowledged by the translators in their *Introduction to the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament*, page 55. Of course, the religious liberalist will merely answer that David was only the product of his times. But that will not satisfy those of us who believe that the Bible is God's revelation of Himself to man.

### IGNORING NEW TESTAMENT TESTIMONY IN TRANSLATING THE HEBREW TEXT

The consistent Bible reader is well aware of the fact that the New Testament frequently quotes from the Old Testament. When this is done the New Testament then serves as a divinely inspired commentary on the Old Testament passage being quoted, and must be understood to accurately convey the meaning of that passage. It is a glaring fault of the RSV that in several places it translates Old Testament passages in such a way as to

#### THE BIBLE STANDS

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted  
'Mid the raging storms of time;  
Its pages burn with a truth eternal,  
And they glow with a light sublime.

The Bible stands and it will forever,  
When the world has passed away;  
By inspiration it has been given,  
All its precepts I will obey.

make out that the New Testament is in error where it comments on these passages in question. Following are some examples.

*Genesis 12:3.* The KJV concludes this verse with the clause: "and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." The RSV translates it: "and by you all the families of the earth will bless themselves."

On the basis of Hebrew grammar it might be argued that the RSV translation of this verse is possible. It is possible, all right, but most improbable. While the Hebrew verb to "bless" as it is found here might be translated either "be blessed" or "bless themselves," the former is certainly the most frequent meaning. There is a separate form for saying "bless themselves," and this form is found in Jeremiah 4:2. If Moses had clearly wished to say "bless themselves" in Genesis 12:3, he would have used the form of the verb later used in Jeremiah 4:2.

Whether or not one is convinced on the basis of Hebrew grammar, the New Testament comment on this passage is decisive. The Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:8 quotes Genesis 12:3 as saying, "In thee shall all nations be blessed." There is no possibility of misunderstanding the New Testament comment on this point.

Why did the RSV translators ignore the testimony of

the New Testament when deciding on the translation of Genesis 12:3? Did they think that the New Testament comment was irrelevant? Did they think the New Testament was in error? There is a third possibility: Did they wish to make the Old Testament and the New Testament contradict each other?

*Psalm 16:10.* The latter part of this verse reads in the KJV: "neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." The RSV translates: "or let thy godly one see the Pit." The question here is over the word translated "corruption" in KJV and "Pit" in the RSV.

A careful study of the Hebrew word found here reveals that the word can be translated "corruption" in some places and "pit" in other places, depending on whether the scholar derives the noun from the word "*shachath*," to corrupt, or from "*shuach*," to sink down. In either case the word would look exactly the same, and one cannot tell by merely looking at the word whether it should be translated "corruption" or "pit."

How then should the question be decided in the case

of Psalm 16:10? The New Testament again should decide the issue. The verse is quoted twice in the New Testament, both times as an Old Testament proof text for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and His preservation from the corruption of the grave. In Acts 2:27 and again in Acts 13:35, the New Testament says the word in question means corruption. It was against the explicit testimony of the New Testament that the RSV elected to translate the word "Pit."

The title of this article asks the question: Does the RSV accurately translate the Hebrew Old Testament? The answer must be an emphatic no! It does, of course, translate the Hebrew in the majority of places. In other places it translates inferior versions, departing from the Hebrew text. In still other places the translators depart from all texts, whether they be the Hebrew or the ancient versions, and give us nothing but wild guesses based on no textual authority whatever. Finally, in several instances it so construes the Hebrew text that the Old and the New Testaments are made to disagree with each other.

## Inconsistencies in the RSV New Testament

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The promoters of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) try to create the impression that it is a "more accurate" version. In their Introduction they make much of certain inaccuracies and weaknesses of the King James Version (KJV), thereby naturally implying that their version has corrected them. But let us see how consistently they have carried out their own standards of judgment.

### JUDGED BY THEIR OWN STANDARDS

One of the translators, Dr. Clarence T. Craig, tells how he catches up the students in his Greek classes by asking them to translate I John 4:19. When they read it, "We love *him*, because he first loved us," as it is written in the KJV, he asks, "Where is the word for *him*?" Of course it is not in the original. The recital of this incident by Dr. Craig seems intended to create the impression that the RSV will be extremely careful about such matters, and stick more accurately to the exact reading of the original Greek. But instead, turning to II Thessalonians 2:6 in the new version, we read: "And you know what is restraining *him* now." They have put in without any authority from the Greek the very same word "*him*" for which they find fault with the KJV. What becomes of Dr. Craig's pretty little story? Should not someone say to him, "Where is the word for *him*?"

It should be noted that in I John 4:19 the KJV was based on a Greek text which contained the word "*him*," and that the American Standard Version (ASV) corrected it with the better text which omits the word. But in the Thessalonians passage there is no Greek text which contains the word "*him*." This is but one of innumerable places where the RSV has added or left out

words—pronouns, proper names, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, particles, even whole phrases—simply according to the supposed requirements of modern speech. In fact, one of the chief characteristics of this version is its freedom in paraphrase, that is, rewriting the idea of the Greek text in modern phraseology rather than actually translating it.

In their Introduction the makers of the RSV accuse the KJV of mistranslation because it uses the phrase "God forbid" to translate a very strong Greek expression of denial in which the word "God" does not appear. After such criticism we should expect that they would translate the phrase very accurately as "May it not be" or something similar. And indeed they do use several expressions which clearly portray the idea, such as "By all means!" "Never!" "Certainly not!" and "Far be it from me." But to our amazement they actually use this very same so-called mistranslation, "God forbid," in Luke 20:16. Also they have inserted the word "God" into another similar phrase in Matthew 16:22, where neither the Greek nor the KJV has it. Thus by their own standards they are both less consistent and less accurate than the version they criticize.

Another fault of our KJV, according to the RSV Introduction, is its tendency to use several words of similar meaning to translate one Greek word, so that the English reader cannot recognize the word relationships of the original. Again the deeds of the revisers belie their words, for they constantly disregard this principle in their own translation. For example, the Greek word which the KJV translates "walk" 92 out of the 95 times it occurs in the New Testament has been translated 15 different ways in the RSV: usually "walk," but also "live," "follow," "go about," "go," "lead a life," "conduct oneself," "act," "observe," "behave," "practice," "command," "prowl around," "move," and even "adherents."

There seems to be no evident reason for their selection of these various synonyms, for they use "walk" both when the meaning is literal and when it is metaphorical.



Dr. Boyer





*The picture above shows a portion of a crowd of approximately 1,000 people who on February 6 attended in the lower auditorium of the seminary building a rally for a consideration of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The rally was sponsored by a sizeable group of Indiana ministers. In the afternoon a panel discussion was conducted in the seminary chapel, with about 200 ministers and laymen in attendance.*

and so also with the others. To further complicate the situation, the first time they use a different word they put a marginal note indicating that the Greek says "walk," thus suggesting that they are going to warn us where they depart from the usual translation. But after that first instance there is not another marginal note in the whole list!

In one context, Romans 9:3-5, they translate two identical Greek phrases in entirely different ways: "by race" (vs. 3) and "according to the flesh" (vs. 5). Elsewhere the same Greek phrase is translated, "in worldly fashion," "like a worldly man," "according to worldly standards," "worldly," "earthly," and once it is omitted entirely.

The ordinary word for "worship" is often, although not always, changed to "kneel before" when it describes the action of one who came to Jesus.

Another usage of the KJV which the RSV committee criticizes is the use of the relative pronoun "which" to refer to persons. In the light of their purpose to correct this archaic form of expression it is interesting to look at Ephesians 1:14, where the RSV uses "which" in referring to the Holy Spirit. Is not the Holy Spirit a Person?

#### SOMETIMES USES INFERIOR TEXT

Especially significant in the passage just mentioned is the fact that there are two different readings in the Greek manuscripts. The RSV rendering uses the one with the lesser authority, which is rejected by the ASV.

Again, in Acts 12:20, the best Greek reading omits the name "Herod," as is shown in the ASV. The RSV has gone back to the KJV, in spite of their argument that one of the reasons for a new version was to give us one based on an improved Greek text.

#### MISLEADING MARGINAL NOTES

Often the RSV marginal notes give the impression

that the revisers are very careful even of little unimportant details, thus lending a semblance of accuracy and faithfulness to the new version. But in countless passages where they have dealt very severely with the original text there is no hint of that fact in the margin. For example, in Matthew 3:17 they translate "This is my beloved Son" and add a note saying, "or 'my Son, my (or the) Beloved.'" Certainly this is a little point, yet they extend the note to get the exact, literal rendering. But in John 3:16 they translate, "his only Son" without any note to tell us that they have left out the very important word "begotten."

#### STYLE CHANGES

Six times the Apostle Paul uses the expression, "I would not have you to be ignorant." This is a perfectly correct, acceptable, and well-understood figure of speech either in English or in Greek. Evidently the translators did not like it, or wanted to improve *Paul's* style, for twice they change this around to the positive form of expression, "I want you to know," or "I want you to understand." But in the other places they leave it in the negative, either in the very words of the KJV or, for the sake of variety, "I do not want you to be uninformed." If it were so incorrect or so objectionable that it needed changing twice, why not the other times?

#### EXAMPLES OF INACCURATE TRANSLATIONS

It is inaccurate to translate the word "tares" by "weeds" (Matt. 13:24-30). Even though some English reader might have to look in a dictionary to find the meaning of "tares," that is better than to conceal the meaning behind a well-known word that means something different.

"He came to his own home" is a mistranslation of John 1:11. There is no word for "home," and that word is the wrong gender and number. Also, when it is so

translated it states a falsehood, for this world was not His home.

An amazing illustration of nonsense in translation is to be seen in their rendering of Matthew 6:27 (and Luke 12:25), "And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life?" The Greek word which they translate "span of life" is used frequently in the New Testament and may mean either "length of life" or "stature," a measure of either time or size, according to the requirements of the context. For example, in Luke 19:3 Zacchaeus climbs a tree "because he was small of stature." Unless we want to think that he acted so because he was "small of age," or a young boy, we must admit that the word *can* mean stature. The RSV itself recognizes this and translates it "stature" in Luke 2:52, 19:3, and Ephesians 4:13. Why then do they

use "span of life" in Matthew 6:27? Such a rendering hopelessly mixes the metaphors, for a cubit is a measure of length, not age. It is like adding an hour to one's height, or an inch to one's weight! Not only so, but such a translation makes an untruth out of Jesus' statement, for many have added to their span of life by taking thought.

#### CANNOT BE TRUSTED

Of course there are many places where the translation is accurate, apt, and beautiful. It removes those few instances where the old English of the KJV might be misleading. But the RSV introduces so many inaccurate and careless renderings that it takes a Greek student to know where it is good and where it is bad. It simply cannot be trusted by itself.

## Inconsistencies in the RSV Old Testament

By John Rea, Instructor in Bible and Archeology

Most conservative Biblical scholars agree that the members of the Old Testament committee of revisers for the Revised Standard Version (RSV) have done great damage to certain theological passages. These revisers have also failed to produce a reliable translation where theological issues are not involved. Certainly we shall grant that many needed corrections of the King James Version (KJV) and also of the American Standard Version (ASV) have been made. Enough time and care was not taken, however, to give the church a uniformly adequate version of the Old Testament. Therefore the student of the English Bible dare not use the RSV *by itself* as his study edition of the Old Testament. A few of its inconsistencies will illustrate the untrustworthiness of this new version.



John Rea

#### OBSOLETE WORDS

The revisers claim to have substituted modern words for those which have become obsolete or have changed their meaning. Yet they did not replace the word "firmament" (Gen. 1:6, etc.) by the much more readily understood word "expanse." They have tried to get rid of the translation "beget" by using some expression such as "is the father of," yet the word "begets" is used by the RSV in Proverbs 23:24, and in other passages.

In modernizing the frequent term in Leviticus, "meat-offering," the RSV has itself become misleading by translating it "cereal offering." The ASV gives the right idea in "meal offering," in the sense of coarsely ground grain.

#### PARALLEL PASSAGES

While the revisers made use of parallel passages in the historical books of the Old Testament to make certain corrections which they felt were needed (cf. II Sam. 24:2 with I Chron. 21:2; I Ki. 12:2 with II Chron. 10:2), they did not consistently follow this procedure. One obvious difference they left unnoticed. I Kings 4:26 tells

that Solomon had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots: II Chronicles 9:25 states that he had 4,000. Probably the Chronicles statement is the correct one, yet the RSV does not even have a footnote at the verse in I Kings.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

The revision committee has attempted to make uniform the rendering and the spelling of the geographical place names in the Old Testament. In most cases they have succeeded. They failed, however, in their use of the Hebrew term "Shephelah." This is the name for the region of low hills and valleys between the Plain of Philistia and the high central range of mountains in Judea. While the RSV uses the term, "the Shephelah," as a proper name elsewhere, it does not do so in Joshua and Judges. In these two books the confusing translation "the lowlands" is retained (cf. Josh. 10:40; Judg. 1:9).

#### PROBLEM PASSAGES

Where an alternate and equally valid translation of a Hebrew word would have cleared up a problem, the revisers did not always make the change. By translating Numbers 11:31 as follows: "two cubits high *upon* the face of the earth," our KJV intimates that the quail for the children of Israel were piled three feet high on the ground! The RSV says that the Lord let the birds fall "about two cubits *deep on* the face of the earth," whereas the version should have expressed the correct idea that the Lord scattered or caused the quail to *fly over* the camp about waist high so the Israelites could easily strike them to the ground. The Hebrew preposition can just as well be translated to convey the sense of "over" or "above," and the ASV so translates.

The moral problem involved in II Kings 2:23, the story of Elisha and the she-bears, had been cleared up to a large extent by the 1901 ASV translation of "young lads," possibly teen-agers. The RSV, nevertheless, reverts to "small boys," making us think that little children were too severely punished for mocking the prophet.

#### OBSCURE OR FAULTY TRANSLATIONS

In other instances the meaning has been made more



obscure, or the wrong idea altogether is left with the reader of the RSV. In Psalm 118:27 (KJV and ASV) "sacrifice" and "cords" have been changed to "festal procession" and "branches," respectively, for no good textual reason. In changing "his Spirit" to "his wind" in Job 26:13 (KJV and ASV) the translators have not only robbed us of a choice verse about God's Spirit but also have violated the context which deals with definite attributes of God.

The whole point of the casting out of Hagar and her son is missed if the word for Ishmael's "mocking" in Genesis 21:9 is given its other possible translation of his "playing" with little Isaac, as is done in the RSV.

If all these changes seem relatively unimportant to you, see what has happened to that precious verse on soul-winning, Proverbs 11:30. The second half of the verse has been altered, with no adequate grounds for doing so, from "he that winneth [or delivereth] souls is wise" (KJV) to the following: "but lawlessness takes away lives."

#### SUMMARY

A more extensive study will reveal many, many more inconsistencies in the RSV. The Bible student will be convinced that the ASV, not the RSV, is still the most reliable English translation of the Old Testament.

## The Revised Standard Version in Its Practical Aspects

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Professor of Practical Theology and Church History

The introduction of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) into the church poses some very practical problems. For instance, what about its effect in public worship? The writer believes that its tendency will be to cause confusion in the pew. Even now some are confused by reason of the two great versions already in common usage. To introduce another version which wants to be recognized as an "authorized" version but which is greatly different from the King James (KJV) and American Standard (ASV) versions in many respects, will add to the confusion already existing.



Dr. Kent

Suppose the preacher reads his Scripture lesson on Sunday morning from the RSV. Probably most of his congregation will have the old King James Version. Others may have an American Standard Version. As the preacher reads, some in the audience will have difficulty in following the variant translations or in keeping pace with the reader. Or, suppose the preacher asks for the Scripture to be read responsively. With three different translations represented in the congregation, some will find it next to impossible to read with the group without seeming to be out of step with those next to him. They are likely to refrain from reading at all and close their Bibles.

Then, sooner or later, the ordinary reader is certain to notice some distinct differences between the RSV and the version he has been accustomed to, and serious questions may arise in his mind as to the true meaning of Scripture. Or, he may observe some conflicting note at the bottom of the page in the new version, such as the shocking footnote to Matthew 1:16, which is likely to generate serious doubts regarding some precious truth of God's Word. (For a discussion of this footnote, see Dr. McClain's article on page 138.)

Furthermore, we believe that the use of the RSV in the pew will tend to lower the proper conception of Christ as deity in the minds of its readers due to its Unitarian bias. This is seriously reflected in the RSV use of the ordinary personal pronouns, such as "you" and "your" in reference to the incarnate Christ, whereas the more reverential pronouns such as "thee" and "thou" are used when referring to the first person of

the Godhead. Thus there is evident an insidious effort on the part of the RSV translators to bring Christ down from his rightful position as equal with the Father. (See article by Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., on page 136.)

There is also just reason to fear that the language of this self-styled "authorized" version will contribute toward the growing attitude of irreverence so evident in the church and the world during these latter days. The avowed endeavor on the part of the translators to make their version readable has tended to diminish the exalted character of the Scripture such as is found in the language of the KJV. And what right, may we ask, do the sponsors of this new Bible have to force this new version upon Christendom as an authorized standard version without its having had an opportunity to prove itself as the other two great versions have done? This is an unwarranted presumption. Even in the beginning the canonical Scriptures were not forced into public usage until they had proved themselves to the Christian consciousness as the unique Word of God by the very weight of their value. No council or hierarchy did this. Nor has the RSV any right to force its way into our churches until it has had abundant opportunity to prove itself.

#### MEMORIZATION OF SCRIPTURE

Another practical matter to be taken into consideration in relation to the new version has to do with the memorization of Scripture. The Bible exhorts believers to hide the Word of God in their hearts as a sure aid to the resistance of the evil one. Preachers and teachers down through the years have urged those to whom they have ministered to memorize many passages of Scripture. Prizes have been offered in Sunday school, daily vacation Bible school, and elsewhere for committing Scripture to memory. It has long been considered one of the best things that can be done in the way of Christian training. Often in the prayer service or some other service in the church, pastors have found it helpful to call upon those in attendance to quote precious promises from the Bible. But with the introduction of the new version, it will be discovered that there are many differences between it and the KJV which is most often quoted. For instance, Romans 8:28 is quite different in the RSV: "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according

to his purpose." The one so quoting might conceivably be charged with misquotation. Aside from the correctness or incorrectness of the translation, the introduction of a new rendering is bound to cause confusion in many minds as to which after all is the proper translation. The result is likely to be a lack of zeal for the memorization of the precious promises of God's Word. Variety of rendition will tend toward hesitation as to which version ought to be memorized. Such hesitation will likely end in no memorization at all.

The confines of this article forbid our consideration of

other practical aspects of the introduction of the new version such as the confusion that will be introduced in connection with the production of Sunday school literature and the study of the Sunday school lessons in the various classes. Thus in view of all the deficiencies to be found in the RSV, the writer feels that its introduction into public worship and teaching will prove a detriment rather than a help. Therefore, let us cling to the King James Version in our public services and private study, using also the American Standard Version for comparison.



### Whittier, California (Community)

Three more people were baptized and received into the membership of the church, bringing the total to 69 members.

The WMC is sponsoring a supper for the families of the ladies in the organization. This will be the first time to use the dishes given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Messerschmidt. The Albert Balzers, missionaries on furlough from Africa, will speak.

The Men's Brotherhood will hold its first meeting February 24.

The SMM has been reorganized with 15 girls at the first meeting. Mrs. Vernon Stanfield is patroness of the junior girls and Mrs. Wayne Flory of the middleers.

The men of the church gave 2 days to landscaping the grounds and laying "blacktop" that was donated by Bro. John Richardson for the parking area.

The first communion service of this church was held in November, with 36 people in attendance, the first such service for several of them. —Mrs. Wayne Flory, reporter.

### Chico, California

We rejoiced in the excellent Bible studies that Bro. R. I. Humbert gave us with the use of charts the week of January 11. On January 18 Bro. Herbert Seal brought the morning message and we saw "The Forgotten Navaho" in the evening. The members of the Rotary Club want us to get this film back so they can see it at their club meeting.

The men and boys of the church

have added 2 classrooms in the basement.

The average attendance in the Sunday school in January was 68, in the morning worship the average was 64, in the evening service it was 49, and in prayer meeting it was 22.

We are now looking forward to a return visit of Dr. Vincent Bennett March 2-9, and our 5th anniversary March 29.—J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

### Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)

This church had an increase in the average attendance in all of its services during 1952. The most noticeable increase was in the evening evangelistic service, with an increase of 14 a Sunday.

Rev. Ralph Colburn was our speaker February 8.

Rev. John Evans, our pastor, is now serving the church on a full-time basis since January 1, at the request of the congregation and with an increase in salary. Correspondence concerning the church should be addressed to him at 921 Tvson Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.—Doris Hapner, secretary.

### Dryhill, Kentucky

Rev. Sewell Landrum and family, of Clayhole, Ky., conducted the Sunday evening service for us in the new chapel February 8.

Rev. Ralph Colburn, Winona Lake, Ind., spent 1½ days here working on the chapel. The platform was built during this time.

Rev. and Mrs. Luther L. Grubb, of Winona Lake, Ind., spent the week end of February 14-15 here. Brother Grubb preached on Sunday and took many pictures of the chapel.—Evelyn Fuqua, missionary.

### Los Angeles, California (First)

Our church building was burglarized during the last week of January, some \$40 of day school money being taken; office doors and desks were damaged.

John Robert Reich, one of our day school pupils, died January 27.

The Fuller Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet and Rudy Atwood gave us a special musical program the evening of February 15.—Glenn O'Neal, pastor.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Berne, Ind.....	Feb. 22-March 8.	Ord Gehman.....	Pat Henry.
Phoenix, Ariz....	Feb. 24-March 1.	J. C. McKillen....	Russell Humbert.
New Troy, Mich..	Feb. 27-March 1.	Richard Jackson..	Herman Hoyt.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	March 1-15.....	Charles Mayes....	R. Paul Miller.
Chico, Calif.....	March 2-9.....	Ward Tressler....	Vincent Bennett
Conemaugh, Pa..	March 8-22.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser
Johnstown, Pa.			
(First) .....	March 8-12.....	W. A. Ogden.....	William Mierop.
Spokane, Wash...	March 8-22.....	William Schaffer..	Robert Ashman
Canton, Ohio....	March 9-15.....	John Dilling.....	Anthony Zeoli.
Clay City, Ind....	March 9-22.....	Ralph Burns.....	William Steffler.
Uniontown, Pa...	March 9-22.....	Clyde Landrum...	Russell Weber.
Allentown, Pa....	March 10-22....	William Gray.....	Miles Taber.
Osceola, Ind.....	March 15-29....	Ward Miller.....	Walter Lepp.



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The *Glendale, Calif.*, church purchased a house for a parsonage at 517 Glenwood Road. It will be occupied by Rev. Charles M. Underwood and family when Brother Underwood begins his pastorate there March 1. (Add both name and address to Annual, p. 72.)

Mrs. *Fitzhugh (Verniece) Davis*, of the *Glendale, Calif.*, church, died February 7. Rev. Archie Lynn conducted the funeral.

The *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church, pastored by Rev. Richard Burch, held a Bible conference February 8-15 under the leadership of Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary.

The National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church has designated the months of March and April as *Instruction Months* in which the new pupils are to be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian faith, so that they will be conserved to the work of the church.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church held a Sunday school rally February 13 with Rev. James Dixon, Washington, D. C., as the speaker.

The *Atlantic Fellowship* of Brethren Ministers held a 2-day retreat at Allentown, Pa., February 16-17, where Rev. William Gray acted as host.

Evangelist W. A. Green was the speaker at the *Osceola, Ind.*, church February 15.

While Dr. Charles W. Mayes was absent from his pulpit at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, to attend the midyear meeting of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church in session at Winona Lake, Ind., Dr. Charles L. Feinberg and Mrs. Rose Foster brought the messages February 8 and 15.

Mr. *Ferdinand Giese*, of the *Whittier, Calif.*, First church, died February 12.

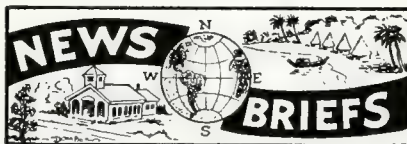
Mrs. *J. B. Wingard*, of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church, died February 9 after a 9-year illness.

The *Fort Wayne, Ind.*, church is in the process of adding to the facilities of the building by increasing the size of the basement and completing a room in the north part of the building.

The Gospel Mariners Men's Quartet were in charge of the evening service at the *Clayton, Ohio*, church February 15.

Mark E. Beech, member of the *Listie, Pa.*, church, is on the dean's list for the fall term of the 1952-53 school year at Juniata College. The list is composed of the names of 16 of the 604 students in the college.

Mrs. *Galen Lingenfelter*, wife of the pastor at Buena Vista, Va., injured her back in an accident in the home February 12.



The *Compton, Calif.*, church was host to the Child Evangelism Fellowship Chapter of Compton February 19, with Dr. Reider M. Kalland as speaker. The pastor of the church, Rev. Norman A. Nelson, and Rev. Eugene Holler, who once was supply pastor of the Compton church, exchanged pulpits February 8.

Mr. *Benjamin M. Keller*, member and deacon of the Accident, Md., church, died February 7 at the age of 89 years. The funeral was held at the church by his pastor, Rev. Wayne Baker.

The *Southeast District* has announced its next overnight youth rally for April 10-11 at the *Limestone, Tenn.*, church with Rev. William Smith and Rev. Ralph Colburn as the speakers.

Robert Miller, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, Roanoke, Va., is home from the hospital but must spend several months in bed. He is suffering from a kidney disorder.

Rev. *Richard Jackson*, New Troy, Mich., is writing a weekly devotional column for the *Bridgman, Mich.*, Community Enterprise.

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Spokane, Wash. .... 3  
Whittier, Calif. (Community) .... 3

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Clay City, Ind. .... 1  
Compton, Calif. .... 1  
Conemaugh, Pa. .... 2  
Hagerstown, Md. .... 2  
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .... 1

Bro. Mason Cooper is supplying the pulpit at the *Covington, Va.*, church.

The *New Troy, Mich.*, church is sponsoring a rally in protest of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, for the southwest area of Michigan February 28. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt is the scheduled speaker, using as his theme: "That Bible: Version or Perversion?"

Dr. *Elias D. White*, dean of Brookes Bible Institute of St. Louis, Mo., is featured by his picture and brief biographical sketch on the back page of the February 12 issue of *Youth on the March*.

The *East District* youth rally was held at the *Meyersdale, Pa.*, church February 13-14 with 190 registrants. The speakers were Prof. John Whitcomb, of Winona Lake, Ind., and Rev. Stanley Hauser, of Conemaugh, Pa. The next rally is scheduled for the Altoona, Pa., First church in May.

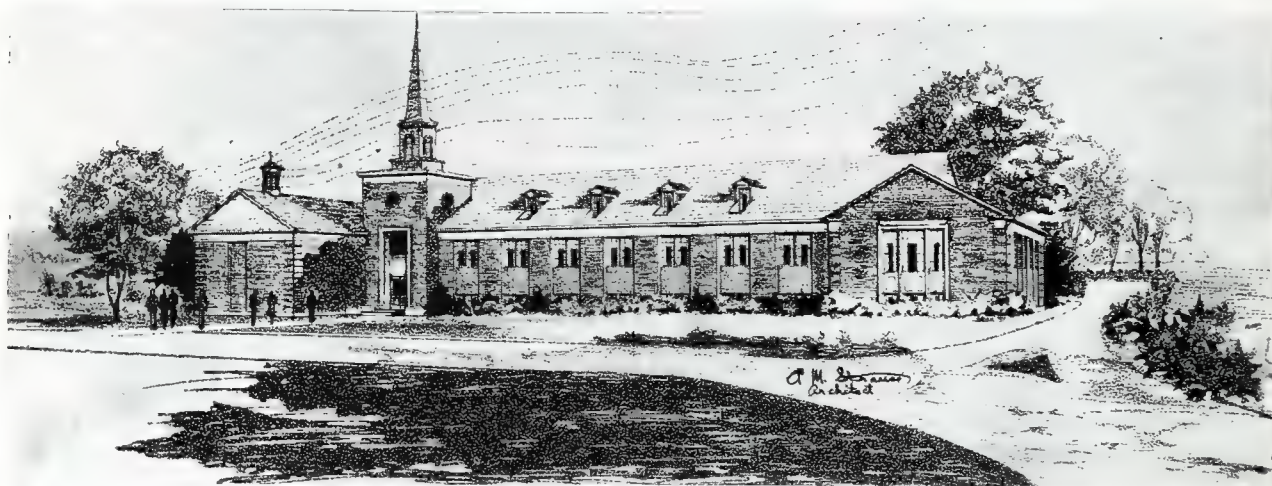
Work is in progress on a new building at the *Brethren High School* of Long Beach, Calif. A banquet was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Coon February 13 in honor of the students with the highest grades in each of the 4 high school classes.

Fayth Ann Conner, Roanoke, Va., Jesse Deloe, Winona Lake, Ind., and Robert Clouse, Mansfield, Ohio, are 3 Brethren students at William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., who made the honor roll for the first quarter of the 1952-53 school year.

Rev. *John Evans*, now the full-time pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Bethany church, has moved to 921 Tyson Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio (change Annual, p. 68).

Are you moving? If you plan to move, please notify us 15 days in advance of new address.

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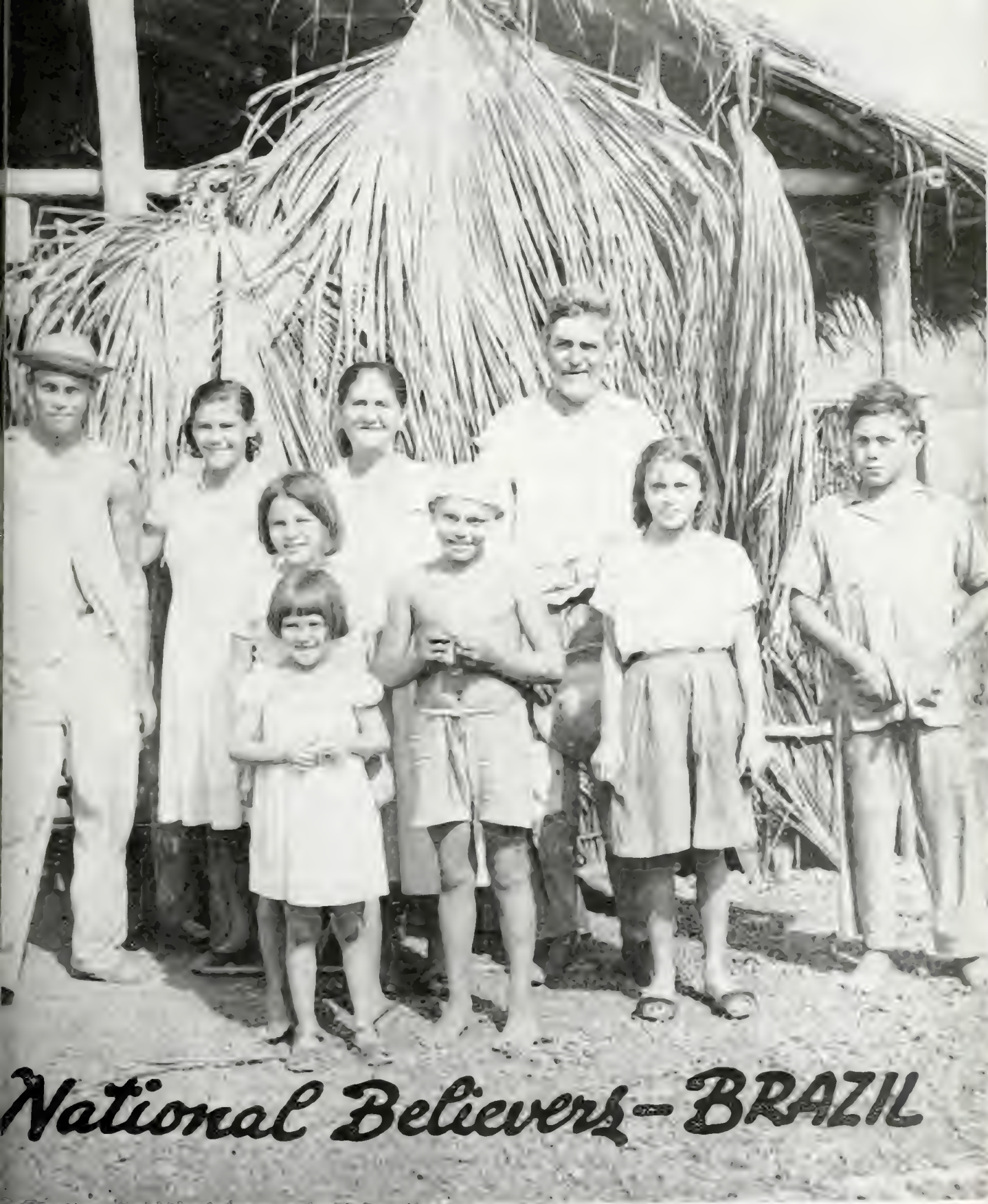
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# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard  
*Editor, Foreign Mission Number*

## ***Society Trustees Meet***

The board of trustees met from February 10 to 13 in one of the shortest yet one of the best of such meetings in many years. Those members present were Charles W. Mayes, Alva J. McClain, Bernard Schneider, Kenneth Ashman, Ward Miller, Homer A. Kent, Herman Koontz, and Russell D. Barnard. Brethren W. A. Ogden and Glenn O'Neal were not able to be present. Many hours were spent in reviewing the correspondence from the various fields and in acting on recommendations.

## ***Concerning Honolulu, Hawaii***

Read further concerning this on page 153. Suffice it to say here, the board believes the time opportune and the situation so urgent that action must be taken immediately. You will note that the plan of operation for this new work will *not* increase our expenses annually.

## ***Germany—A Timely Opportunity***

Your attention is called to the article in this issue by Rev. Bernard Schneider, and to the general action taken by our board as announced by the general secretary. Just now we are asking only that you pray very much about Germany as a possible field for gospel testimony by the Brethren people.

## ***Will More Missionaries Be Appointed This Year?***

At least 8 or 12 more young people will have finished their seminary training and be ready and anxious to receive appointment at the August meeting of our society. Our board met with most of them. "When will we get to go?" This is the question each one asked, and it is uppermost in their thinking. Some of them have planned for our Brethren mission fields since they were children—oh, how they want to go!

But there is a delay—we have no assurance they can be appointed this fall. If the Lord supplies sufficient

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*Our apologies to you, Fort Wayne Brethren!* Last month, in the foreign mission number of the Herald, we completely omitted the name of the Fort Wayne church in the list of 15 churches having the highest per-capita giving for foreign missions. The First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., gave \$17.90 per member last year, and should have 10th place in this list.—*Russell D. Barnard.*

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funds during this year, and especially during the coming Easter season, the board will be most happy to recommend their appointment. To care for our present missionary program \$223,000 will be needed. New missionaries can be appointed only on the basis of such funds as are over that amount. We solicit your earnest prayers.

## ***Limited Building and Equipment***

Requests from our mission fields have been less this year as far as buildings and equipment are concerned. In Africa building will be limited to some enlargement of residences and dispensaries. If funds are sufficient during the next 4 years, there is a need for 3 additional residences, a missionary children's dormitory, and a new wing on 1 or 2 of the present dispensaries. One new 1-ton pickup truck will be sent to arrive in June of this year. A small appropriation was made by the board toward the building of a chapel in Brazil. In our other fields this type of expenditure will be limited chiefly to upkeep and repair.

## ***Most Easter Materials Sent***

Most of the foreign mission Easter materials have been sent to the pastors. One semibulletin, a letter, and offering envelopes are yet to be sent. There has been unexpected delay in the manufacture and shipment of the "African Hut" banks. All should receive these shortly. If yours are late, why not delay the date of ingathering until during the month of May?

## ***Thanks for Cooperating***

We now have Missionary Outfit Clubs in 28 of our Brethren churches, and those in these clubs have given a total of \$622 toward the outfit for Brother and Sister John Zielasko. Quite a number of pastors and churches have assured us that it is their purpose to cooperate, but there have been unavoidable delays. We wish we might have 100-percent cooperation among all of our churches, in that the people might have an opportunity to help toward the outfit of each new missionary appointed. You may use the plan we have suggested, or arrange for a plan of your own. We urge only one thing—that people might have an opportunity to contribute at least \$1 toward the outfit fund of every new missionary family. We want the giving to be entirely voluntary on the part of missionary-minded people.

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## 27 TO 87 MISSIONARIES IN 10 YEARS!

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Missionaries</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
1943 .....	27	\$88,043.22	\$69,905.48
1944 .....	28	106,537.71	84,065.99
1945 .....	30	119,116.21	76,445.88
1946 .....	36	125,740.68	96,869.91
1947 .....	43	120,124.87	136,125.43
1948 .....	44	120,560.41	103,945.75
1949 .....	44	133,582.14	150,630.80
1950 .....	55	144,796.33	162,846.74
1951 .....	59	145,225.72	141,123.49
1952 .....	66	180,167.88	230,424.44
1953 .....	87	(Pray - Give)	223,000.00

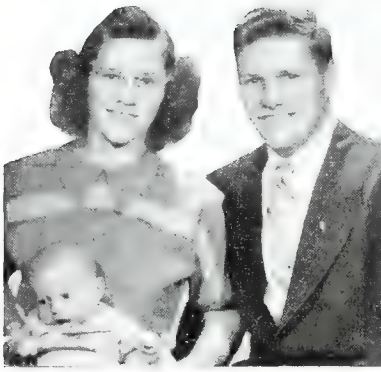
Estimated amount needed with no further expansion and no new missionaries.

1953 .....	97	(Pray - Give)	273,000.00
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Estimated amount needed for present work plus 10 additional missionaries who will be ready for appointment in August 1953.

**A 222-Percent Increase in the Number of Missionaries  
But Only**

**A 104-Percent Increase in Offerings in 10 Years**



## The Teeters

JOHN

MAURINE

JOHNNIE

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter and Johnnie are now on their way to Brazil, having sailed from New York on February 27. Brother Teeter is a member of the Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa., and Mrs. Teeter is a member of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif. They are your missionaries—pray for them!)

## THE NEED IS GREAT

Today is the "day of the Bible" in Brazil—tomorrow may be too late. The door is wide open in this great country, but how long it will be open we do not know. This country just recently has begun to climb the ladder of success in the social and political world. It is growing politically and spiritually. People are flocking there by the hundreds, especially businessmen or men of like character who wish to tap the immeasurable resources of the country. In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post we read how there is a movement on foot to immigrate a colony of Japanese into the Amazon River area.

In the midst of thirst and forlornness, of sharp pain and agony, Brazil seems crying for aid and demanding strong arms to help her. Rushing to her side are 2 forces—communism and catholicism. Communism with its atheism and agnosticism is ruining hundreds of lives. For hundreds of years the Roman clergy has tried to preach peace and love. Instead of peace and love, despair and hate are the fruit of their doctrines. While these 2 great powers are battling for men's souls, where is true evangelical Christianity?

Thank God the Brethren Church is in the fight. The Lord has called us as soldiers to go to the battlefield in Brazil. We are only following the orders of the great Commander and we trust that you, too, will follow His orders by remembering us in your prayers so that we will have the spiritual ammunition and strength to do battle with our spiritual archenemy.

The Lord has answered this prayer in my life:

"Lord, send me; oh, send me forth I pray.  
The need is great, Thy call I will obey.  
Thy love compels me; I must go;  
I'm willing, ready, longing to go."

—John S. Teeter (Rom. 15:21).

## THE BRAZILIAN CALL

We have often heard missionary messages preached on "The Macedonian Call," yet Scripture never becomes "old" or "worn-out." As we read once again the words of Acts 16:10, we are stirred anew as we think of the privilege that will be ours in just a few days. The Scripture says, "And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Just as certain are we of the call of the Lord to the land of Brazil. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door," and as we seek to enter this door at a truly opportune time when it is thrust wide open for the Gospel, we cannot but praise Him for His grace and great faithfulness in the way He has led. It has not been one momentous unfolding of His will for our lives a number of years ago, but it has been a step-by-step, day-by-day leading.

I was in high school in Los Angeles, Calif., when the Lord spoke to my heart and called for my life as a missionary. In the years that have followed He led me to the Brethren Church, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Grace Seminary, and now to Brazil.

I confess that I would be fearful of going did I not believe firmly in my heart that you, as fellow laborers with us, will be upholding us daily in prayer before the throne of grace. We are thankful that we have the assurance that "He goeth before," and pray that He might use our lives to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Maurine Teeter (Phil. 3:10).

## OUTFIT FOR THE TEETERS

Our second appeal for outfit funds is now being made—for Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter and little Johnnie. Information will soon be received by your Missionary Outfit Club chairman or your pastor.

As mentioned above, the Teeters sailed for Brazil on February 27. Our board has advanced funds to the Teeters for the purchase of their outfit in anticipation of your gifts. Any amount you give above the amount which we have advanced to them will become an additional part of their fund.

The minimum which we feel a family with one child must have is \$2,200, and the amount which we wish they might have is \$3,700. Why so much, you ask? Just remember that one-half of this amount is for transportation of the outfit and customs paid to the country where they go to live. These amounts are reasonable when you consider the cost of "setting up housekeeping" in the homeland.

Pray and give through your Missionary Outfit Club!

*One-half has been supplied!* Since presenting the need for a motor generator for our missionaries in Brazil, one-half of the amount needed has been supplied by 2 families. We still need from \$150 to \$200 to complete the purchase and care for transportation and customs. If you desire to help, please contact the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church at Winona Lake, Ind.



# COME OVER INTO HAWAII AND HELP US!

It was in May 1952 that we first heard of the Brethren testimony which had been established by T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones in the Hawaiian Islands. As so many true believers have done, they gathered people together for Bible study and prayer, but these folks went a step farther and followed their teaching with action—20 have been baptized and received into the fellowship of the Brethren Church, with many more than that now in Sunday school and church attendance.

For most of the time that this work has been in progress the Joneses have known that they would not be able to stay at their present post longer than July 1953. Hence, they sent their plea to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church: "Send someone over to help us, to continue the work when we must leave."

At the present time our society has no funds with which to start in any new area. We might possibly be able to give some help in passage and transportation to the islands for those who might go. Our plea, therefore, was for self-supporting missionaries—those who would go to Hawaii, earn their own livelihood, pastor this group of believers, and seek at the earliest possible time to have a self-supporting Brethren testimony in the islands. The needs and the possibilities were presented at the annual meeting of our society last August, and the society authorized the board of trustees to proceed with a work in Hawaii, when workers were available and in the judgment of the board the opportune time had come.

A number of our Brethren families have expressed interest in the work and we anticipate that 2 or 3 families of workers may be in the islands in the not-far-distant future, if further investigation reveals such to be advisable. The board has chosen one family to proceed to Hawaii, assume the pastorate of the group of believers, investigate further the possibilities, and be ready to give us a written report next August. Final action will probably be taken at that time.

Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise, of Los Angeles, Calif., have been asked by the board to undertake these responsibilities and, if all plans carry as seem wise at the present time, they will leave for the islands just as soon as all arrangements have been completed. The society is making an appropriation toward their passage and transportation, but they will assume full responsibility for their own support on the field.

Brother and Sister Tresise are both graduates of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Tresise is a graduate nurse. Until recently Brother Tresise served as pastor of the First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif. These dear folk realize that this is a venture by faith—they are undertaking a type of foreign missionary activity which is entirely new in the Brethren Church.

We most earnestly invite the prayer interest of all missionary-minded people for this endeavor. We can see great possibilities, not only for an expanded work on the same basis, but also the possibility of work on the same basis in any or all of our United States territorial possessions—in fact, in any land where the person is permitted to work for profit and is not forbidden to give out a gospel witness at the same time.

There are some 21 islands in the Hawaiian group, with 3 of these as more prominent islands. There are 2 vol-



*T/Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones with a Sunday school group in Honolulu.*

canoes on the island of Hawaii, both above 13,500 feet, and one on the island of Maui, the crater of which is 20 miles in circumference. The island group is located about 2,100 miles southwest of San Francisco; they occupy about 7,000 square miles and have a population of approximately 500,000. Density of population is 78 per square mile as compared to 50 in the United States, 16 in both Argentina and Brazil, 4.5 in French Equatorial Africa, 33.6 in Mexico, 195 in France, and 503 in Germany. Honolulu is the largest city, with a population of nearly 235,000; Hilo follows with about 100,000.

The climate is most pleasant, especially near sea level, with a range of between 55 to 88 degrees. The rainfall varies from 25 to 400 inches per year. The soil is very fertile and there is an abundance of fruit, as well as much forest land.

The native Hawaiian people are the most intelligent of the Polynesians. There are large numbers of Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, and Caucasians, including Portuguese. Of course, there are now great numbers of United States citizens, both civilian and military. Very soon, possibly even before you read this presentation, Hawaii may be admitted to Statehood in the United States.

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## CLOSED COUNTRIES

It is one of the most startling facts of our time that there are more countries closed to the Christian missionary today than at any time in living memory. Something like one-third of the human family is cut off from Christian contacts with the outer world.

Some of these countries, like Afghanistan and Tibet, have always been closed to the Gospel. Some, like Arabia, have been partly closed. Others, like Eastern Turkestan or Mongolia, have been closed in fairly recent times, while yet others, like the U. S. S. R. and China, have only lately closed their doors.

Such a lamentable state of affairs is a direct challenge to the Christian church and should lie heavily on its conscience.—*The Flame*.



France—

Miss Mary Ann Habegger recently made a trip to Belgium to look for a place for the 4 nurses—Miss Edith Geske, Miss Gail Jones, Miss Marian Thurston, and herself—to live while attending the School of Tropical Nursing from March to July. A letter dated February 16 tells of her experience. “The Lord does exceeding abundantly above that which we would even ask or think. The Lord has not rewarded me according to my faith, but He has rewarded a thousand times over. I left for Brussels Friday afternoon and arrived there exactly 4 hours later.

“We will have 2 single rooms and 1 double room all to ourselves (located in the city of Anvers). What is more wonderful, it is only a 5- to 7-minute walk from the school. It hardly seems possible that the Lord could give us something so wonderful and so reasonable. We will be going to school all morning and a greater share of the afternoon, and can take our noon meals where we live since the lady prepares meals for her roomers if they care to eat there.

“Regarding the flood in that area, Anvers didn’t suffer much in the city itself—what happened near there is a different matter. The city looks clean and very neat. It is a city that has more American cars in it than European ones. Belgium is a wealthier country than France, and you can tell it in every way. Regarding the language spoken in Anvers, the people on the street definitely speak Flemish. If you don’t understand what they say, and you ask them in French to repeat, they will reply in English in many cases.”

—Mary Ann Habegger.

Bekoro, Africa—

“At last we can see our way clear to have a real junior Bible school on the station. Up until now it has been impossible because when we bring the men and their families in for that length of time, we have to work with them while they are here, and one cannot be out in the field where the people are and run a station school at the same time. We still do not have that long longed-for pastor for this field—and oh, how we do need one—but we do have some faithful medical workers who are willing to help make this school possible by helping with the teaching when we cannot be on the station.

“This morning (February 5) Jake presented the junior Bible school plan to the men and made it plain to them that it was only for those who are planning on going to the Bible institute next year. The men and their families will come and live on the station for a year. This will really get them in shape for the Bible institute at Bozoum. They have to come and build their own houses and take care of all their food. All we give them is the training. Did they still want to come? After the classes were over this morning 13 fellows came to Jake and said they wanted to come. I’m sure you will rejoice with us, and the more so when you realize we have not made it

easy for them. There will be about the same number coming from Laka land, a few local fellows and some, I am sure, from Beandje, so we ought to have a real good group with which to work.

“The Lord has given us health and strength for the work and joy in it as we see His hand working. We are looking forward to further blessing during the rest of this dry season.

—Jake and Freda Kliever.

Brazil—

“We have been so busy since Christmas time that I hardly know where to start in telling you of the events that have happened. As you know, we started the building in Mazagao the first of December, and by the 25th it was ready for our first services. The building is



The new chapel at Mazagao, Brazil.

very nice and people have certainly taken notice of it since it is the only church of the believers so far in that town.

“The first night in Mazagao (December 25) it rained, but we had almost 150 in attendance. The second night we had a regular preaching service, with almost 200 present. They filled windows and everything else that was available. Pray with us that the Lord will use our worker there to His glory. His name is Jose Paulino Feitoso, and he is having regular services every Sunday morning and evening and a Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

—Eddie Miller.

Rio Tercero, Argentina—

“Today (December 3) we began our D. V. B. S. here in Rio Tercero and had 24 youngsters out for it, which we consider a good start. Two of the institute girls, Nelida Zanetti and Sara Siccardi, are directing the school. What a blessing these young people trained in the institute are to the work! Several weeks ago we had some special meetings, with Bro. Lynn Schrock





PICTURES FROM ARGENTINA—(Left) Hugo Di Nardo, of Tancacha, a graduate of the Bible institute. (Center) The church at Tancacha. (Right) Elena Wagner, of Cabrera, another graduate of the Bible institute.

present to bring the messages. Rain cut down our attendance quite a bit, especially as far as getting new folks in. This Saturday and Sunday we are having a Christian medical doctor from Villa Maria here for meetings. We realize that just holding meetings is not the secret, but they have their place if we get out and make personal contacts. Hundreds of folks walk past our gate in the evenings to go to a big open-air dance pavilion a block from here. How can we get them to think seriously of eternal things?

"On Sunday mornings, with the help of one of the capable lay members here, we give out the Gospel over a loudspeaker system, playing records and reading short

messages of an evangelistic nature. When the air is still folks within a radius of 5 or 6 blocks around us can hear and understand the message. While we have seen no visible results as yet, we do know that a number of folks are hearing the Gospel—many of whom would be very hesitant to come to a meeting. A number of Catholics have said of some of the messages, "Why that is the same thing that we believe!" They are told so often that our teachings are of the Devil that it surprises some to hear us talk of Christ and salvation. The fact that some of these folks are learning that we do not oppose everything that they hold to helps break down prejudices."

—Jack B. Churchill.

## GIVE GERMANY WHAT GERMANY GAVE US

Those familiar with the history of the Brethren Church will know that our fellowship of believers began in Germany about 1708. The practices of the Brethren with respect to baptism and the communion service were so different and our attitude against infant baptism so uncommon that the Brethren were not wanted in Germany at that time. Persecution followed and the Brethren made their way to America in different migrations, until by 1725 there were few, if any, Brethren people left in Germany. There has been no effective gospel testimony given in Germany by the Brethren since that time.

Through 2 world wars and the occupations following, the eyes of the American people have been turned to Germany and, strange as it may seem, the peoples of these 2 great lands are friends. Brethren have had longing eyes—eyes longing to give the gospel message in all of its purity back to those who first gave it to us.

A year ago we began a Brethren testimony in France, but France is only a stepping stone to Europe—and to Germany, we hope. Then, during last summer, Rev. and Mrs. Bernard N. Schneider and daughter, Lucie, made an extended visit in Germany, the land of Brother Schneider's birth. As a member of our foreign board, Brother Schneider was asked to make every possible investigation and evaluate Germany as a possible field of testimony for the Brethren Church.

Presented in this issue of the Herald is an article by Brother Schneider—we trust this is the first of others which will follow. During 2 board meetings, the one last August and the one which just closed on February 13, the board gave consideration to Germany. The fol-

lowing items represent the thinking of our board, and they are presented to you of the Brethren Church for your thought, suggestions, and prayer.

1. The land of Germany is a most opportune field for testimony for the Brethren Church today. It is a land filled with young people—young people who are reaching out for something. They have not yet made decisions. It is the strategic time to give them the simple gospel message.

2. There is much organized religion in Germany, but very little of the evangelistic appeal or message. It is almost impossible to secure a Bible or Testament in Germany, although prayer books are everywhere in evidence.

3. Germany would not be an expensive field to enter. Thousands of young people, when they have been saved and trained, will carry the gospel message to their own people.

4. Our foreign board is pleading that the Brethren people will pray with them that the Lord will lay His hand on those whom He would have to serve in Germany for the Brethren Church, such leaders as can pioneer in this great field. It would be such a great advantage if such leaders could be of German descent and already speak the German language fluently.

5. Pray with us that the Lord will indicate the man or men and supply the needed amount, in addition to the funds that we need for our present large foreign missionary program, in order that we may enter into Germany while the season is opportune and the doors are open.



# THE NEED OF THE GOSPEL IN GERMANY

By Rev. Bernard N. Schneider

Vice President of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

Last summer it was my privilege to spend 4 weeks in Germany, the land where I was born and where I spent the first 22 years of my life. Though some time was spent visiting my own people, I was very much interested in the spiritual condition of Germany. I did everything possible to find out about it first-hand. In order to be able to go when and where we wanted to, I rented one of those "drive-it-yourself" cars, in which we traveled nearly 2,500 miles in Germany. Whenever possible I went to church—every kind of church—in order to get a first-hand picture of the spiritual situation. As a result, I came away greatly saddened at the lack of true gospel preaching and with the conviction that Germany, at the present moment, is one of the most needy and most promising mission fields for the Gospel of salvation.

Basically, there are 3 kinds of churches in western Germany. The Roman Catholic Church differs little from the Roman Catholic Church in this country. Close to two-fifths of western Germany is nominally Roman Catholic. The church is state-supported. The salaries are paid by the state, somewhat like school teachers here at home. The people pay a special church tax to the government. There is the Evangelische Kirche, which is the old-line German Protestant Church, mostly Lutheran. This church is about equal in size to the Roman Catholic group in western Germany. It is also state-supported, the same as the Roman Catholic. Then there is the "Freie Kirche," or Free Church. This designation is used of all organizations which are not supported by the state and it includes many groups, such as Independents, Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, Seventh-Day Adventists, and others. I even found some independent Catholic churches among them. This group includes both fundamental and liberal organizations. These churches have to support themselves by free-will offerings, the same as here in the United States of America, where we have complete separation of church and state.

There are a few outstanding gospel testimonies scattered over Germany. On the whole, however, the average person in Germany has no idea of the Gospel, as we understand it. Existing churches are well filled with reverent people who are spiritually hungry. The preaching consists mostly of well-planned sermons on human goodness and church loyalty. It is directed to people who have been born into the church (I do not mean the new birth), duly catechized, and confirmed. In talking with many, I found that they were trusting the church to

save them. There seemed to be an almost complete absence, in most places, of evangelism in the old-line churches and personal soul-winning was an unheard-of idea. This seemed to me to be the greatest lack. Certainly there can be no question as to the need of the Gospel in Germany today.

Not only did Germany appeal to me as a needy field but also as a promising mission field. There are several reasons for this. First of all, western Germany is a land of young people. Everywhere there seemed to be crowds of children and young people in their teens. These young people are not a despondent, timid group, but full of life, hard-working, and much more open-minded than in some other lands. They have seen Germany collapse, old ideas and prides come to ruin, and they are questioning and watching. I believe that a positive, challenging evangelism would win great numbers of them for the Lord today. It also seems to me that native talent could be trained and used more quickly and successfully there than in most places. We found the young people aggressive and studious. If captivated by the zeal of the Lord, they would make fine preachers and evangelists. Germany is overrun with foreign people, foreign ideas, and foreign laws. Many old fences and prejudices are gone. The land is wide open for new spiritual ideas, too. This is not just my own idea, but I heard this thought expressed by a number of Christian workers in Europe, some of them American missionaries in other lands. Their conclusion ran something like this: "The greatest opportunity for Christ in Europe today is, doubtless, in western Germany."

Our foreign mission board is greatly interested in expanding its mission fields. The Brethren Church originated in Germany. Could it be that our Lord is calling us to go back there and preach the Gospel to the present generation, before He comes again? I am sure that the members of our foreign board will greatly appreciate your prayers, for great fields are white unto harvest and the time is short. We must work "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."



Brother Schneider  
in front of his  
birthplace (left).

The church he  
attended as a  
boy (right).

Both in Haselunne,  
Germany.







Miss Grace Byron

# Miss Grace Byron Writes of Ocean Voyage As She Returns for 6th Time to Africa

At Sea on Board *S. S. Bandama*,  
January 21, 1953.

Dear Friends,

I am on my way to Africa for the 6th time. We 3, Miss Myers, Miss Bickel, and myself, boarded the *S. S. Bandama*, a French freighter, in New York on January 14. We were surprised to learn we would be stopping the next day in Philadelphia to unload cocoa beans. Because of a strike on the Philadelphia waterfront they could not be unloaded on the way to New York. We had a time of fellowship and prayer with the Aebys, Crokers, and Maconaghys on shipboard while the cocoa beans were unloaded.

We set sail again January 16. Our next port will be Dakar. The Lord willing we will reach there January 26, and 10 days later we will disembark at Douala. Our course took us about 200 miles north of Bermuda and continues southeast to Dakar. We are traveling about 16 knots an hour.

As we left New York a stiff breeze was blowing, but the sea was calm and the weather was mild for January. The boat rolls considerably because we have only 1,000 tons of cargo—the capacity of the ship is 7,000 tons. We are now in a warmer climate and have seen bunches of sargasso seaweed riding the waves.

Yesterday I was on the bridge watching the wheelman guide the boat. His eyes were fixed on the dial which indicates the course set and his hands were on the wheel. The wind and the waves changed the course of the boat constantly. Sometimes only a slight turn of the

## DIVINELY PROTECTED

Dr. Paton tells us how often the savages of Tanna assembled to take his life, and in a critical moment some chief would stand up and, by an unlooked-for suggestion, turn them aside from their plan. They would disperse without hurting a hair of the missionary's head. He went through armed and furious crowds of naked savages determined to murder him, and escaped their hands. Sometimes he turned to them and commanded them, in the name of the God of heaven, to desist and disperse. At other times he saw them with their weapons pointed and their spears poised. In a few minutes they fell unused to the ground, and his life was miraculously spared.

Our blessed Christ has still this power in every place where His servants need His protecting presence, for He has "all power" on earth. Kings' hearts are in His hands, and He can still say to all our foes, "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm."—A. B. Simpson.

wheel brought it back in its course, other times it took a strong arm and much turning of the wheel to bring the boat back. If it were not for the constant watch and strong guiding hand of the wheelman, the ship would toss to and fro and drift far from the course, and never arrive at its destination.

Our lives were much like that, on a restless sea of fear and doubt, tossing to and fro and drifting far from the course set, until Christ found us and set our feet upon the Rock and whispered, "This is the way, walk ye in it." The Holy Spirit is ever watchful, faithfully guiding and keeping us in the right way.

It was grand renewing old friendships and making new ones while on furlough. I spent much time at the Brethren Missionary Residence and praise the Lord for each one that makes the residence a place of rest and relaxation. I enjoyed the fellowship with missionaries, the Winona Lake church, and the seminary.

A number of new missionaries worked in the basement, packing, making boxes and crates, and often working far into the night. They asked me if the noise annoyed me. It did not. The hammering and sawing was music in my ears. It was as the sound of marching feet of soldiers of the cross going forth to battle to loose the chains of the slaves of Satan. Will this army of new missionaries increase and continue to march forth, or will it be halted by lack of funds? New candidates are ready. He is faithful in calling them out. He has entrusted the funds in your hands; II Corinthians 8:11 tells you what to do. We are looking forward to seeing the candidates going to the fields of service.

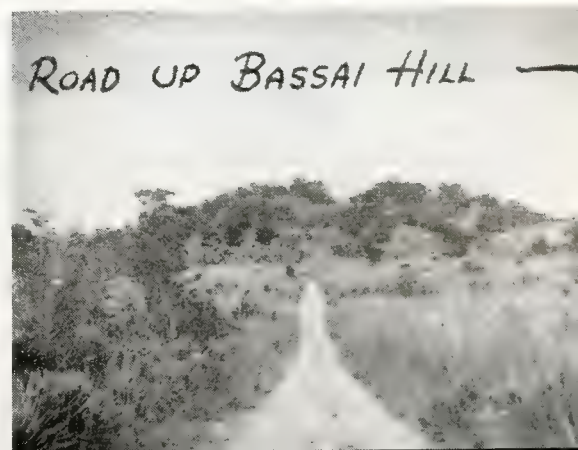
I am praising the Lord for allowing me to return again to Africa that I may point boys and girls, men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ, that they may cease from their drifting and find the Way through their sea of fear and superstition.

We are depending upon your continued prayers and upon hearing from you.

Yours in His service,

Grace Byron.

Miss  
Byron's  
home is  
at the  
top of  
this hill.



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SMM.....Miss Helen Small  
Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Home Missions.....Luther L. Grubb  
Box 395, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Grace Seminary.....Paul R. Bauman  
Winona Lake, Ind.

Rev. Orville A. Lorenz has been asked to continue to supply the pulpit of the La Verne, Calif., church until a pastor is secured, though his resignation was effective January 1. He has moved to 203 E. Willow St., Pomona, Calif., and his new phone number is Lycoming 9-2789 (change Annual, p. 70).

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church, pastored by Rev. Glenn O'Neal, has secured Bro. William Bower to have charge of the church's musical program.

The Jenners, Pa., church had an average attendance of 120 people in Sunday school during the last quarter of 1952, is the report of the pastor, Rev. Victor Rogers.

Guest preachers at the Kittanning, Pa., First church during the absence of Pastor Gordon W. Bracker, February 22, were Bro. Bob Dain and Bro. Harry Fink.

Bro. Ray Britenbucher, of the Ashland, Ohio, church, died February 2.

The branch Sunday school of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, meeting in the Cornell Heights elementary school building, had 66 people present February 15.

A daughter, Christine Anne, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber in France February 11.

The Misses Edith Geske, Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston, now studying at the School of Tropical Nursing in Belgium, should be addressed at 54 Amerikalie, Anvers, Belgique.

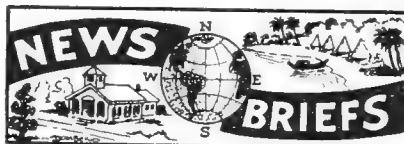
Rev. Charles Taber, studying in France, passed the superior diploma examinations and is now in the professor's course—a graduate class. At the request of the director, Brother Taber is class representative—a go-between between the students and

the administration, which is considered a fine opportunity.

Dr. Harold Mason, also studying in France, passed his Moyen degree at the Alliance Francaise.

Mail for Rev. and Mrs. John Tee-ter should be addressed to them at Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

The Altoona First, Leamersville, and Martinsburg, Pa., churches are planning a missionary conference March 29-April 5. There is to be a service at each church each night, though the speakers—Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, Mrs. Rose Foster, and Rev. W. A. Ogden—will rotate from church to church during the week.



Bro. Irvin Miller, of the Meyersdale, Pa., Summit Mills church, died the first week of February.

The Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church, of which Rev. Richard L. Burch is pastor, held a Bible conference February 8-15 under the leadership of Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Seminary. On February 20 the church held a Sunday school rally with Rev. Harold H. Etling, of Akron, as speaker.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha McGlashan, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, were conducted

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San Bernardino, Calif. .... 1

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Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ..... 2

February 12 by Rev. Alan S. Pearce. She was 97 years old.

Miss Johanna Nielsen, missionary to Argentina, arrived on furlough at Long Beach, Calif., February 18. She came by ship up the west coast of the Americas.

The first campaign of the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade is in progress at the Long Beach, Calif., First church. Rev. R. Paul Miller is the evangelist, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Arthur and Mrs. Anne Webster are in charge of the music, and Mrs. Max (Elaine Polman) Brenneman is in charge of the children's meetings. This campaign closes March 15.

The Philadelphia, Pa., First church, pastored by Rev. John M. Aeby, heard Rev. Hill Maconaghy and Rev. Paul Freed on a specially designated day of prayer, February 15. Rev. John Neely spoke February 25.

Rev. H. Leslie Moore, of Meyersdale, Pa., was the speaker at a Child Evangelism Fellowship rally at New Centerville, Pa., March 2.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman was the main speaker at the Erieside, Ohio, mid-winter Bible conference February 15-22.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Berne, Ind. ....	Feb. 22-March 8.	Ord Gehman.....	Pat Henry.
Long Beach, Calif.			
First) .....	March 1-15.....	Charles Mayes....	R. Paul Miller.
Chico, Calif. ....	March 2-9.....	Ward Tressler....	Vincent Bennett.
Peru, Ind. ....	March 3-8.....	Ronald Robinson.	Paul Bauman.
Conemaugh, Pa. ...	March 8-22.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser.
Fremont, Ohio... ..	March 8-15.....	Lester Pifer.....	Herman Hoyt.
Johnstown, Pa. ...			
(First) .....	March 8-12.....	W. A. Ogden.....	William Mierop.
Spokane, Wash... ..	March 8-22.....	William Schaffer..	Robert Ashman.
Canton, Ohio.....	March 9-15.....	John Dilling.....	Anthony Zeoli.
Clay City, Ind... ..	March 9-22.....	Ralph Burns.....	William Steffler.
Uniontown, Pa. ...	March 9-22.....	Clyde Landrum...	Russell Weber.
Allentown, Pa. ...	March 10-22....	William Gray....	Miles Taber.
Osceola, Ind. ....	March 15-29....	Ward Miller.....	Walter Lepp.
Norwalk, Ohio... ..	March 20-22....	.....	Herman Hoyt.



# "PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER"

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray that in this Easter season the Lord's people will supply sufficient funds to care for our present foreign mission program — about \$223,000—and that, if it is the Lord's will that new missionaries be appointed next August, He will so enable with the sufficient additional amount.

2. Pray for Mrs. Edwin J. Jones, who is ill again and in the hospital in Honolulu.

3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise as they undertake self-supporting missionary work in Honolulu.

4. Pray for Misses Grace Byron, Florence Bickel, and Estella Myers, who are now back in Africa.

5. Pray for guidance for the 8 or 10 young people finishing their training in May, who desire to go to our mission fields as funds permit.

6. Pray that thousands will be led to Christ and all believers strengthened in this season of intensive visitation in our various fields.

7. Pray for Mrs. Rose Foster, who is now in the Northwest District. On returning east she will visit churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Ohio.

8. Pray for the 4 nurses—Misses Geske, Habegger, Jones, and Thurston—now studying in the School of Tropical Nursing in Belgium.

9. Pray for the John Teeter family, now on their way to Brazil, and for them and the Zielaskos in language study.

10. Pray for the Barnards, now traveling toward the west coast, where Brother Barnard expects to begin the visitation of the churches in that area about March 15.

11. Pray for the Lord's leading in relation to Germany as a possible field for Brethren testimony.

12. Pray for the Victor Meyers family, waiting for permanent visas for Argentina.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the teacher-training program in our church at Yakima, Wash., that it might be a real benefit to the work and result in permanent blessings.

2. Pray that the Portland, Oreg., church will be able to complete their

upper auditorium in time for the Northwest District conference in July at their church.

3. Pray for the Bible conference at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during the Easter week with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Theological Seminary.

4. Pray for the work in Phoenix, Ariz., under the leadership of Rev. J. C. McKillen, especially for financing the purchase of property and the planning a much-needed building. Praise God for His blessings on this work.

5. Pray for the executive committee meeting of the Home Missions Council to be held March 12-14, that



wisdom from God will be given the members in planning the home mission program of 1953.

6. Pray that the Lord will provide in the Easter offering the funds needed by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to place every missionary on the field who is ready to go.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the gratifying response from a large number of our churches to the monthly offering plan; praise Him for funds coming in each month, sufficient unto the needs; praise Him also for the annual offering now coming in.

2. Continue to pray for the finances of the school, that other individuals and churches may join the monthly plan and that the indebtedness still on our building may be quickly liquidated.

3. Pray that the Lord may give guidance in planning the programs and speakers for the graduation events in May.

4. Pray for the young men and women who will be completing their work, that each may find the Lord's place for him in open doors of service around the world.

## WMC (EAST DISTRICT)—

1. Pray that the emphasis put on the family altar may bear fruit in causing many homes to adopt it.

2. Pray that the Lord will bless the new councils and all new members with a vision of the work and our privilege in being a part of it.

3. Pray that as adult Christians we might encourage the young people to lead separated, victorious lives.

4. Pray that the birthday offerings may be sufficient to put a WMC foreign missionary on the field.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the local SMM's as they strive to make their goals and seek to do God's will.

2. Pray that all the Sisterhoods will do their best in the effort to reach the goal set for our national project.

3. Pray for the national officers as they make up programs and goals for next year, that everything that is done might glorify God.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that our young people will catch a greater missionary vision, and that we'll be able to support fully the Bekoro station in Africa as this year's BYF project.

2. Pray that the program aids prepared for BYF will be used of the Lord to help our youth groups.

3. Pray that our summer camps, now being planned, will be the means of reaching unsaved young people for the Lord this year.

4. Praise the Lord for the way the financial needs are being met, and pray that this will continue.

5. Praise the Lord for a number of new boys clubs starting, and pray that these may really reach boys for Christ.

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray for the remodeling program now in progress on the building in which the Herald has its offices, store, and linotype department.

2. Pray for Mrs. Robert Wilcoxson, a new employee of the company.

3. Pray constantly that every word printed in either the weekly Herald or the Sunday school quarterlies will be of the Holy Spirit.

# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## III. THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION.

There were 3 crosses on Mount Calvary that day—our Lord in the midst and a thief on either side. Serious things indeed were passing through the mind of one thief as he considered his helpless position.

Finally he turned to Jesus and said: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:42-43).

### *The Greatest Faith*

If I were asked for the greatest display of faith on record I might point to the penitent thief. Verily, in all the annals of human history is there recorded an act so rare? Did ever a faith so great hang upon a thread so slim?

Just what did that thief see? Verily he saw a man spiked to a Roman cross; His back was a mass of torn flesh and blood; His brow was pierced with countless thorns; His face was covered with sweat, and blood, and spit, and dirt. And yet, in that suffering form, the thief saw a king and a kingdom and identified himself with both. Verily, did ever a sight so vile beget a faith so great?

But faith cometh not by sight, but by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). But no Gospel was preached on Mount Calvary that day. Where, then, did the thief hear the Word of God? May he not have been a young man, reared in a godly home where the sacred scroll was often read?

True, there was a veil over the Jewish heart when the Old Testament was read. "Nevertheless when it [the heart] shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away" (II Cor. 3:16).

It was thus in my own life. My mind moves back to that snowy night when a small crowd gathered at the little country church. The minister got us over on the west side by the stove, and had us memorize Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

not of works, lest any man should boast."

I memorized the words, but they meant absolutely nothing to me. Time passed, and then one night I sat with my chair tilted back against the wall. Someone quoted Ephesians 2:8-9, the Lord pulled back the veil upon my heart, and they say I came down with a "bang." Verily, it was the sweetest message I had ever heard—salvation by the grace of God.

### *The Thief's Mind*

With these thoughts before us, let us peep into the mind of that thief and see what may be passing there.

*I wonder how soon I will die . . . DIE . . . what a fearful word for me . . . here I am, a young man, in perfect health, and soon I will be dead. . . . Father often read from the sacred scroll, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not" (Prov. 1:10).*

*But Barabbas was so insistent . . . I knew Barabbas was a wicked man. . . . I knew I should not go out with him in that robbery that night . . . but Barabbas was so determined . . . and then, he promised me a great share in the loot, and assured me there was absolutely no danger of being caught . . . but here I am, as father often read, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

*I wonder where Barabbas is . . . he ought to be on that center cross . . . but that man is not Barabbas . . . I wonder who he is . . . he seems to have such peace.*

*What else can I remember? Oh, yes, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5). "He" was wounded . . . I wonder who that "he" is. It isn't I. I am wounded for my own transgressions.*

*What else? "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7). "He" is brought . . . I wonder who that "he" is . . . It isn't I; I fought like a tiger . . . it is just like the man*

*on the center cross . . . just like a lamb . . . I wonder who he is.*

### *The Lost Sheep*

*Can I remember more? . . . "All we like sheep have gone astray"—ah, that's I . . . that's I . . . just like a sheep . . . a sheep doesn't aim to get lost . . . he just wanders away. Father used to send me out after the lost sheep . . . I wish someone would come out after me. . . .*

*"We have turned every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). . . . Yes, that is I too . . . I would not listen . . . I went my own way . . . just like a sheep and now I am lost . . . I wish someone would bring me home. . . .*

*"The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" . . . I wonder who that "him" is. And just then the Holy Spirit reached far back into the dark avenues of that young thief's mind and pulled back the veil—Oh! It's He! . . . It's He! . . . Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom!*

The head on the center cross moves around; the lips part: "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Verily, there was a thief—a man not fit to live on earth—suddenly made fit to live in heaven throughout an endless eternity. Unseen hands had lifted the load of sin from off his shoulders and placed it on Him on the center cross. The thief rejoiced in a new-found salvation.

## PROPHECY FOR NEW ENGLAND

New England is to have its first area-wide prophetic conference of the century at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Newton, Mass., March 18-22.

Among the speakers are to be Dr. Ralph L. Keiper, professor at the Philadelphia Bible Institute; Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate department of Wheaton College; and Dr. John F. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary.

One unique phase of the conference will be the review of 7 books on prophecy in the afternoon sessions.



## Blessed Names of Our Lord

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### IX. "NAZARENE."

#### SOUTHEAST YOUTH ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Eighty-two young people were registered, and many more attended, the Southeast District youth rally at the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church February 13-14. Conard Sandy was the chief speaker at the rally, and a wonderful time was enjoyed.

New district BYF officers elected were Bud Hughes, of Johnson City, Tenn., president; Betty Lyle, of Boone Mill, Va., vice president; Carole Kingery, of Roanoke, secretary; and Lynwood Catron, also of Roanoke, treasurer. Rev. John J. Burns, of Johnson City, is advisor to the group, and Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, Buena Vista, Va., is assistant advisor.

Next rally will be April 10-11 at Limestone, Tenn., featuring Evangelist Bill Smith and Youth Director Ralph Colburn as speakers.

#### EAST DISTRICT YOUTH FEATURE VALENTINE THEME AT RALLY

"All My Heart for Christ" was the theme of the East District youth rally held February 13-14 at Meyersdale, Pa. Seventeen churches were represented in the attendance, 125 were housed overnight by the host church, and 190 were present for the banquet on Saturday.

Prof. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, was the chief speaker, and also showed slides of Palestine at the Friday night service to a capacity crowd. Rev. Stanley Hauser, pastor of the Conemaugh church, spoke at the Saturday morning Bible hour.

Rev. Gerald W. Teeter, pastor at Martinsburg, is youth rally director, and announces that the next rally will be held in Altoona, May 8-9.

#### NEW CHURCH PUBLISHES BBC PAPER

The Washington Heights Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va., began in February the publication of a neat, bulletin-size biweekly paper with news, humor, devotional articles,

Some of the names of the Lord were of twofold application. His enemies used them in scorn and derision and His disciples used them in love and honor. Such was the name "Nazarene." Matthew (in 2: 23) indicates that the name was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. To find his reference one must go to Isaiah 11:1 and search the Hebrew, for in that passage the word translated "rod" is basically the same as Nazareth and most commentators agree that from this word the name "Nazareth" was derived.

The name was applied to Christ because He dwelt in Nazareth, a small city in northern Palestine. This name clung to Jesus for his entire life. It was His name among the masses — "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." He even was known by this name in the realm of the spirits. Evil spirits knew Him and feared Him under this name. The angels on the resurrection morning called Him this, and Christ applied the name to Himself. It is small wonder then that the disciples in their later lives and in their work continually used the name "Nazarene—Jesus of Nazareth."

If His friends knew Him by this name, how much more His enemies. To them it was a name of derision

and cursing. Nathanael's word of doubt, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" best comprehends their attitudes. The Jews in the name Nazarene opposed and rejected Christ and vented all their antagonism and "the word became a Jewish heritage of bitterness." Even when He died on the cross it was the bitter hatred of the priests that caused this name to be written by Pilate above His cross.

If the name stands for devotion and love—and it does to every Christian—it is certain that it stands for the bitter and undying hatred of our Lord by His enemies. What does it stand for to you today?

How do you use the Saviour's blest name?

Do you speak it in love or use it in vain?

When "Jesus Christ" escapes you in word,

Is your anger all hot and your thinking all blurred?

Do you love the Christ of Calv'ry enough

To say "No" to Satan and call off his bluff?

When you use the names of God and His Son,

Is it honor or cursing that is being done?

nature studies, and ads. The advertising is cheap—30 words for 5c. and a year's subscription to the paper is only 40c! Allen Pollard is circulation manager, and we suspect has editorial duties, too. A very neat and praiseworthy enterprise! Right now they're closing a contest for a name for the paper.

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT CHANGES CAMP DATES AND SITE

Summer camp will come later this year for young people of the Central District. Camp dates are set for August 2-15, and it will be held in a beautiful spot by a lake in Michigan, about 20 miles from our Lake Odessa church. It will still be known as Camp Indisinewa, and plans are

being made for a really top-notch camp program at moderate cost.

Watch these columns for a complete rundown on camp dates, ages, and prices for all our youth camps.

#### LEAMERSVILLE YOUTH PUBLISH BYF PAPER

Young people of the Leamersville, Pa., Brethren church have joined the ranks of the publishers, and mimeograph a monthly "BYF Beacon" carrying news, devotional articles, and a chorus of the month. More power to you, Leamersville! It's good experience and lots of fun, too!

A smile goes a long way, but you're the one who must start it on its journey.—Grit.



## Plan "Library Packages" for Missionaries

### Modesto, California (La Loma)

We are planning for a return engagement with Dr. Vincent Bennett, of Pasadena, Calif., beginning on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, and continuing through the following Sunday. We had a large number of decisions in our former meeting with him, so are looking forward to a time of blessing.

One of the local dealers is setting in a Hammond organ for this week of meetings and the choir is planning for special music.

Five people recently were baptized and received into the membership of the church; others are awaiting letters of transfer to this church.

Mrs. Painter has recovered from her recent surgery in a miraculous way and is able again to assume her regular duties in the home, for which we give the Lord the glory.—*Harold D. Painter, pastor.*

### Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

Our church, pastored by Rev. Gerald Teeter, had Miss Madeline Smith, member of the local church and missionary of the Chicago Jewish Mission, as the speaker January 4.

The prayer meeting reached a new high January 21 with 83 people present. During the last quarter this service averaged 65. All the other services of the church show an increase in average attendance, with the Sunday school averaging 208 during the last quarter.

On January 25 the church ordained 2 deacons and 2 deaconesses.—*Sara E. Snider, corresponding secretary.*

### Grafton, West Virginia

The attendance at our various services has been fine during the past few weeks, with 103 in Sunday school February 22. The Sunday evening attendance is averaging 85.

Since January 1 we have had 3 first-time confessions, 3 baptisms, 5 additions to church membership (2 by letter). Our pastor, Rev. Lee Crist, who recently came to us, and

The Van Kampen Press, of Wheaton, Ill., has launched a program to place books on the mission fields of the world for the use of the missionaries.

This company has assembled a "library package" of books dealing with theology, the devotional life, missionary work, academic studies, music, and fiction. The needs of the missionaries and the new converts have been kept in mind in making the selection of books for the package.

The total value of this "library package" exceeds \$1,000 at listed prices, yet any person desiring to send a package to a mission field may do so for \$350. For this sum the Van Kampen Press people will furnish the books, pack them for shipping, and pay all transportation charges to the mission station anywhere in the world. This is indeed a fine missionary act on their part.

our Bible school superintendent, Bro. Earl Brown, are working together to cause this work to grow.—*A. D. Comp, reporter.*

### South Pasadena, Calif.

Rev. Thomas Hammers gave 6 years to our South Pasadena Brethren church as pastor. Our church was practically a mission church when he came to us. Under his able leadership the Lord blessed numerically and spiritually. The church edifice was freed from debt. Needed improvements were made. All financial obligations were promptly met. The offerings for special interests were generous.

Brother Hammers was a faithful pastor, always willing to give the limit of time and strength to the church. By example and exhortation he constantly challenged us to prayer and personal visitation. He was evangelistic and missionary in his emphases. He always had a great burden for revival and soul-winning. His preaching was both instructive and inspirational.

Because of his personal contacts with them, many friends from the community became frequent worshippers with us and gave financial support as well. He had a system of

The missionary receiving the books is requested to set up a library arrangement by which the books will be given as wide a circulation as possible. The name of the donor will be given to the missionary and the missionary is requested to furnish the donor an annual report on the use made of the books.

The "library package" does not become the property of the missionary, but it becomes the property of the station, to be left there for other missionaries and the converts who will be able to use them.

Anyone interested in further information or in sending a "library package" to one or more of our mission stations should contact the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. If any reader is interested, let this be a project over and above your gifts for foreign missions through the regular offering so vitally needed this year.

publicity which kept them and the members well-informed.

We praise the Lord for the privilege of having our brother as pastor, and for the fellowship we have enjoyed in being collaborators with him in the Lord. We count it a real loss that he has left us. Our loss becomes Seattle's gain and our prayers will be for the Lord's blessing to be upon this new Brethren church and their first pastor, Rev. Thomas Hammers.

His faithful wife, Mary, is greatly missed. She gave valuable service in music, teaching, visitation, and generous hospitality. She is greatly beloved by all.

Wm. J. Garber,  
*Moderator.*

O. J. Hammer,  
*Recording Secretary.*

(Dr. C. H. Ashman is interim pastor.)

### GRAHAM IN CHATTANOOGA

The Billy Graham evangelistic party will hold meetings in Chattanooga, Tenn., from March 15 to April 10. Two hundred churches are cooperating. A permanent tabernacle seating 10,000 persons is being erected.



# "LOOK"

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Uniontown, Pa.

*From a message preached on the "Gospel Truth" radio program, Uniontown, Pa.*

Some of the most picturesque and descriptive language of the Bible is found in the Book of Isaiah. In this book Messiah is spoken of as "a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch growing out of his roots." In one place in the book doom is expressly pronounced in these words: "Woe to the land shadowing with wings." In chapter 41 the admonition is to keep silence, while in chapter 58 it is to "cry aloud." The author asks his hearers in chapter 60 to "rise and shine," and in the 64th he calls upon God to "rend the heavens."

For our consideration today let us examine Isaiah 45:22, which says: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." To say that this is picturesque language is gross understatement; to say that it is expressive is to take the first step on the long journey of true evaluation. It literally sparkles with gems of expressive truth. This expressiveness is exemplified in its pulsating *action*, its glorious *attraction*, and its soul-saving *transaction*.

## *The Action*

Notice the action of the verse as expressed in the word "look." There is action, movement, and drama in the word. It speaks more of action than most any word in the English language. If you are doubtful about this statement, just stop some day on a busy street corner, raise your arm, point heavenward, and shout, "Look!" I'll guarantee you a good-sized crowd of fellow gazers!

As I think back on my childhood days I can recall many instances where this word "look" was the very essence of expressiveness. "Look at the baby!" was a command so imperative that all else was dropped to focus attention on the youngest member of the family! There was no mistaking the warning in the exclamation, "Look! There is a snake in the path!" And one could feel the excitement and anticipate the

glories to be beheld when he heard someone say, "Look! There is a beautiful rainbow across the sky!"

In Isaiah 45:22 the imperative is issued by the eternal God. As He speaks through Isaiah, chief of the writing prophets, He issues more than an imperative—He issues an invitational command. It is an invitation to men everywhere to turn their eyes to the God of help; a command to turn to Him from lifeless



Rev. Clyde Landrum

idols while there is still time. For, as is stated in the 23d verse, God says that eventually all will bow the knee to Him. This is true, even though some will have to bow the knee to Him as their Judge! This brings us to our second consideration:

## *The Attraction*

The verse says, "Look unto me." The command is not to look into one's own heart for spiritual help, for there is no help there, even in the finest of moral men, for as Isaiah says in another place, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isaiah's listeners are not asked to look to high social achievement, for this does not bring true happiness. Neither are men urged to look to human leaders—brilliant though they may be; to education—as profitable as that is; to membership in any organization, nor to pious performance of religious ritual. But men are invited—yes, urged—commanded to look to the omnipotent God, who always stands ready to help.

When the Israelites were suffering from the bite of the serpent in the wilderness God asked Moses to make a serpent of brass, place it upon a pole, and ask all afflicted ones who

desired to be cured to look on that brazen serpent. They were to look if they were to live. Yes, they were to look at the serpent, if they were to live.

It was not altogether easy for Isaiah to ask his hearers to look to the eternal God. They had sinned and were not interested in looking to God. But can't you feel the pathos in his voice as he urged them to turn their eyes upon the true and living God, the God of majesty and holiness, the God who could and would be to them a shelter in the time of storm? There was good reason to ask them to look to God, because as they looked to Him in faith believing, there was to be consummated a worth-while result.

## *The Transaction*

"Look unto me, and be ye saved." If one is willing to look he can be saved. In Numbers 21:9 we see the results of the Israelites' look in the wilderness. "If a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived." In John 3:14-15, Jesus, in dealing with Nicodemus, used the serpent incident as an illustration. He said, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The brass of the serpent symbolized judgment. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, judged sin as He hung on the cross. It was to this remedy for sin to which Jesus asked Nicodemus to look. So, whether in Isaiah's time, in the time of Christ, or in this present day God stands ready to complete the great transaction for all who will look to Him in faith. And as one looks to Him and accepts Him as Saviour he can shout with the writer of the old hymn:

"'Tis done, the great transaction's done,  
I am my Lord's and He is mine!"

The wonderful thing about God's invitation is its *inclusiveness*! As Isaiah spoke to the people of his day, his invitation was to "all the ends of the earth." It is the same inclusiveness as expressed in John 3:16 by

"whosoever," and the same as spoken in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 11 and verse 28 in the words "all ye."

The inclusiveness becomes the stronger as one sees the *exclusiveness* of the One extending the invitation: "For I am God, and there is none else." How thrilled Isaiah must have been to be able to invite the whole world to share in a plan of salvation which was underwritten by the only true and living God! The heathen had their many idols, but they received no help from them. Isaiah preached a salvation backed up by a God who alone is able to save!

This is the same invitation which is open to all today who have never accepted Christ as Saviour. Won't you, unsaved reader, look to Jesus, the Lamb of God, and be saved today? Will you continue to look to the things of this world for satisfaction, or will you look to Jesus? The invitation and promise of the song writer are yours today:

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow  
strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and  
grace."

### MYSTERY OF CALVARY

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

Jew and gentile, scribe and Pharisee  
Were in the mob that clamored for the tree.  
They followed up the hill and did not know  
That it was love, not scourge, that made Him go.

The soldiers, among the howling, rabble bands,  
Made sure the spikes that tore His feet and hands.  
Their exultation pierced the murky air—  
But it was love, not nails, that held Him there.

—Reprinted from *Sunday School Times*.

### ASSEMBLIES OF GOD REJECT RSV

The Assemblies of God, through their elected officials, have declared they cannot endorse the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, according to the Pentecostal Evangel, the denominational paper.

The statement says: "We cannot approve the Revised Standard Version for general use. It is our opinion that the Revised Standard Version will not take the place of the King James Version which has been so universally accepted and loved by the English-speaking people of the world. The Gospel Publishing House (publishing agency for the Assemblies) will continue to use the King James Version as the basic text in all of its publications."

### HERALD IS A CHALLENGE

"Enclosed you will find . . . \$2 for renewal of my subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald. We do appreciate the fine effort that is put forth in printing this wonderful Christian magazine. It is a real blessing and challenge in our hearts. May God bless you for your true stand upon His Word. (Signed) Mrs. Paul Buckland."



Rev. Arthur F. Collins was ordained to the ministry at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church, of which he is pastor, February 19. Rev. Ord Gehman, of Berne, Ind., presided at the service and led in the ordination prayer; Dr. Homer A. Kent, of Winona Lake, Ind., read the Scriptures and gave the charge to the church; Rev. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, led in the questions and vows and gave the charge to the candidate; Rev. Ralph S. Burns, of Clay City, Ind., was in charge of the music and gave 2 special numbers.

Bro. Frank L. Crawford, vice moderator of the local congregation, read the authorization, and his daughter, Carolyn Beth, was the pianist.

Brother Collins has been serving the Berrien Springs church since April 1950.

### TORREY JOHNSON RELEASED

Dr. Torrey M. Johnson has been released by his church so he can become a minister-at-large to the entire church of Jesus Christ.

The 43-year-old Johnson began the Midwest Bible Church of Chicago in a home in 1933 with 25 members. Today the church has more than 1,000 members and meets in a "converted" garage that seats 1,200, which is weekly crowded to capacity. Also Dr. Johnson was the founder and first president of Youth for Christ.

The new work into which Dr. Johnson is entering is intensive evangelism on a wider scale than permitted in a pastorate.





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—Photo by Allen Zook.

## FORSAKEN

This wagon, left to rot away, reminds of man's neglect;  
But Christ His own will keep alway; His saints He'll ne'er reject.

(See Matt. 28:18-20; Heb. 13:5-6)



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The *Washington, D. C.*, church, pastored by Rev. James Dixon, had Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, as special speaker March 4.

Mrs. *Indiana Cole*, of the *Glen-dale, Calif.*, church, died February 22. Rev. George M. Richardson, of *Bellflower*, conducted the funeral.

Rev. *Richard P. DeArmey*, Grace Seminary senior, resigned as pastor of the *Sidney, Ind.*, church effective in May, at which time he will have served the church 4 years. He has accepted the pastorate of the *Waterloo, Iowa*, church effective about June 1.

The *Yakima, Wash.*, church, pastored by Rev. Russell Williams, is to entertain the Northwest District WMC rally March 27. Rev. Thomas Hammers preached there February 22.

Miss *Ava Schnittjer*, choir director at the *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*, church, was awarded the Master of Arts degree by the University of Iowa in February.

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church, pastored by Rev. Nathan Meyer, plans to assume the main part of the financial support of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Inman this summer as they minister at the Brethren church in Taos, N. Mex., helping the Horneys. Brother Inman will graduate from Grace Seminary in May and with his wife plans to serve on the foreign mission field in God's time.

The *Leamersville, Pa.*, church, of which Rev. Robert D. Crees is pastor, voted to assume the support of one of its members, Mrs. Victor (Lucinda Rogers) Meyers, when the Meyerses go as missionaries to Ar-

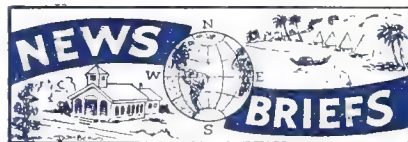
gentina. This church publicly honored 47 of its people who attended Sunday school 50 or more Sundays in 1952.

Speakers at the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Third church, pastored by Rev. James C. Beatty, during February were Rev. Jerry A. Yerian, Rev. Robert Kliever, and Dr. Robert Schaper.

Bro. *Frank McCoy*, of the *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church, died January 27.

The *Alexandria, Va.*, church plans dedicatory services for its new building March 29. Rev. Kenneth Teague is pastor of this church.

At the *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church 71 people have been baptized and most of them have united with the church since October 1950. Rev. William Smith, of *Washington, D. C.*, spoke there recently, and February 14-15 the "King's Ambassadors" of King's College presented programs.



Miss *Minnie Swearman*, of the *Summit Mills* church at *Meyersdale, Pa.*, died February 25. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. Leslie Moore.

The men's quartet from *Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif.*, conducted the morning service at the *La Verne, Calif.*, church March 8.

Mrs. *Cora E. Brant*, of *Harrisburg, Pa.*, for many years a member of the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church, died February 15. The funeral was held at the *Johnstown* church.

Mrs. *Henry Orris*, for more than 50 years a member of the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church, died February 15.

The *Canton, Ohio*, church held an installation service for Pastor John Dilling February 22 with the Brethren pastors of the Northern Ohio District in charge.

Rev. Stan Cook and a quartet were in charge of the service on youth night, March 6, at the *Philadelphia, Pa.*, First church, of which Rev. John Aeby is pastor.

Rev. *Joseph Hoffmann*, member of the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church and chaplain of the *Los Angeles Fire Department*, teaches a Bible class at the *Hughes Aircraft Plant*.

*Selesta Cordell*, of the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church, died February 5.

Of the 6 people who were baptized and received February 28 into the membership of the *Sharpville, Ind.*, church 4 are members of the same family. Bro. Scott Weaver, senior in *Grace Seminary*, is pastor of the church.

Mrs. *William A. Hamilton*, of the *North Riverdale* church at *Dayton, Ohio*, died February 18.

The average weekly offering at the *Wooster, Ohio*, church since January 1 has been \$632.

Dr. Raymond Gingrich, president of *Akron, Ohio*, Bible Institute, has announced a course on Biblical Archeology as a new venture for the school. Rev. *Russell Ward*, of our *Cleveland, Ohio*, church, will introduce the course with a series of 10 lectures, March 16-20. Dr. *Paul R. Bauman*, of *Winona Lake, Ind.*, will present the final lectures in the series May 18-22.

The *Everett, Pa.*, church has installed a baptistry and used it for the first time February 18 for the baptism of 3 people. On February 22 there was 1 public decision for Christ and 2 united with the church. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor of this church.

The *Osceola, Ind.*, church held a missionary rally February 22 with Dr. Russell D. Barnard, general secretary of the Brethren Church, and Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary on furlough from Africa, as the speakers.

We are sorry, but there are no more Brethren Missionary Heralds of the February 28 issue concerning the *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The articles that appeared in that issue, with some other material, are being printed in a 40-page booklet and will be available in the near future. Watch these columns for the time of publication and the price. Pray that the Lord will use these booklets to help many people to see the truth concerning His eternal Word.

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"Enclosed find my renewal subscription of \$2 for the Brethren Missionary Herald. I was saved in the Sharpsville, Ind., Grace Brethren Church 7 years ago. Since that time I have taken your magazine.

"Since moving to Missouri a year ago, I have been unable to attend church but a few times on Sunday nights. There are no Brethren churches in Missouri, and we are so far from any kind of church. I do listen to several good gospel programs on the radio. Your magazine has always been such a blessing and help to me, more so in the past year than ever before. (Signed) Gladys Roe, Barnumton, Mo."

[Think of it, brethren; we do not have a Brethren church in Missouri. It is no wonder this lady finds much help through the pages of her denominational paper.—Ed.]

### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning to move to a new address, please notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company 15 days in advance. Thus you will be sure to receive each issue.

### TO MY KING JAMES BIBLE

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

I hold you in my heart as one adored;  
As one newly discovered in the Lord.  
No matter how the worldly-wise may jeer,  
I love your "thee" and "thou" of yesteryear.

More jealous is my love for you than ever  
Since some belittle you. Their vain endeavor  
Has made you all the more divinely dear,  
And caused my heart more deeply to revere

Your loyalty to God's beloved Son  
(The only, unequalled Begotten One).  
The virgin birth you did not rearrange;  
I love you for the truth you did not change.

By human thought not once were you beguiled  
To veil the deity of the Holy Child.  
I love you for the way that you have led  
Me on to feast on Him, the living Bread.

I will not plead for you; but in the love  
And fear of Him who rules and reigns above  
I praise your worth. He will the sting remove  
And the love of truth within your pages prove.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	March 1-15.....	Charles Mayes....	R. Paul Miller.
Conemaugh, Pa..	March 8-22.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser.
Fremont, Ohio...	March 8-15.....	Lester Pifer.....	Herman Hoyt.
Spokane, Wash...	March 8-22.....	William Schaffer..	Robert Ashman.
Canton, Ohio.....	March 9-15.....	John Dilling.....	Anthony Zeoli.
Clay City, Ind....	March 9-22.....	Ralph Burns.....	William Steffler.
Uniontown, Pa...	March 9-22.....	Clyde Landrum...	Russell Weber.
Allentown, Pa....	March 10-22....	William Gray.....	Miles Taber.
Osceola, Ind.....	March 15-29.....	Ward Miller.....	Walter Lepp.
Norwalk, Ohio...	March 20-22....	.....	Herman Hoyt.
Akron, Ohio.....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Harold Etling....	Conard Sandy.
Cedar Rapids,			
Iowa.....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Arnold Kr'gbaum	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (N.			
Riverdale) ....	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo.....	Michael Guido.

### ETHIOPIAN BIBLE BEING PRINTED

The printing of a new translation of the Bible in Amharic, national language of the Coptic Christian kingdom of Ethiopia, is under way in Addis Ababa by the British and Foreign Bible Society. This new version was ordered by Emperor Haile Selassie after an earlier revision by Ethiopians was found to be unsatisfactory.

### ISAAC D. BOWMAN DIES

Dr. Isaac D. Bowman, well known among the Brethren for many years, died February 28. Funeral services were held at Brighton, Ind., March 3 with Rev. Claude Studebaker and Dr. W. I. Duker in charge.

Dr. Bowman was born March 7, 1862, and was ordained to the ministry when he was 21 years of age. After 67 years in the ministry he retired in 1950. His first pastorate was at St. James, Md. At one time he was copastor with Dr. Louis S. Bauman at the Philadelphia, Pa., First Brethren Church. He was instrumental in establishing 19 preaching points during his long ministry.

#### Additions to Membership

Everett, Pa. ....	2
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	8
Sharpsville, Ind. ....	6
Spokane, Wash. ....	3
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	1

#### Public Confessions

Beaumont, Calif. ....	1
Canton, Ohio ....	1
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	4
Everett, Pa. ....	1
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	1
Spokane, Wash. ....	2
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	16
Winchester, Va. ....	4

#### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Ankenytown, Ohio ....	2
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	4
Everett, Pa. ....	1
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	6
Winchester, Va. ....	3

# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## IV. THE CRY OF DESOLATION.

The next cry we wish to consider is the cry of desolation: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46).

Mortal mind cannot fathom the depths of the agony that wrung this cry from the heart of our Lord.

Scourging was a fearful thing. Men often died under the fearful lash. But all the scourging, all the piercing of the spikes, all the torture of the thorns, all the mockings of the heartless crowd brought nothing from His lips, "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not" (I Pet. 2:23). It was the hiding of the Father's face that brought forth this agonizing cry.

All through His ministry He had rejoiced in the fellowship of His Father. Others might forsake Him, but "the Father hath not left me alone" (John 8:29). He spoke of Him as "holy Father" and as "righteous Father" (John 17:11, 25); but now the Father has turned His face and our Lord utters the sinner's cry, "My God, my God."

*Why?*

"Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Why? Well might this be the first word to enter our mind when some unusual distress comes upon us. "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (I Cor. 11:31-32).

Thus let us examine ourselves, and if it is chastening, we can confess our sins and "he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

If it is not chastening for sin, then let us count it all joy when we "fall into divers temptations [testings]" (Jas. 1:2), and with Paul cry, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Cor. 12:9).

"Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Judas forsook Him for money; the disciples forsook Him for fear; Pilate forsook Him for political advantage; the leaders of the Jews forsook Him for envy (Matt. 27:18); the common people, who once heard Him gladly, now forsook Him, being moved by the chief priests (Mark 15:11); but "why hast THOU forsaken me?" "I do always those things that please" Thee (John 8:29).

### *A God-Forsaken Place*

"Why hast thou forsaken me?"

As we peer back through the mist of eternity past, and gaze ahead throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity to come, there is not the slightest hint in holy writ that another moment has ever been or ever will be when one person of the God-head forsakes another.



We may see a wilderness where the dense mass of vines and bushes make a hopeless tangle, or a vast open desert with nothing but sand, sand, sand and we may call it a "God-forsaken place." But such is not true, for God is truly there. There was one and only one place that can really be called "God-forsaken," and that was Calvary when our Lord carried our sins there.

Wedding bells are ringing. The happy couple step hand in hand across the threshold and into the unknown future together.

A few years later he takes his first drink; a few months later he goes out with his first strange woman; a short time later he commits his first robbery. But that wife loves him and clings to him through it all. But he goes on and on into sin—the home is neglected; the wife is distracted; the cupboard is bare; the children are in rags, and finally the point is

reached where she turns from him and their fellowship is ended.

And so fellowship between the Father and the Son was bound together by cords of perfect love, but when the Son was made "to be sin for us" (II Cor. 5:21), it was too much.

Let us note that our Lord knew no sin. He did not commit sin. We commit sin because we are sinners, but our Lord who was sinless, was made "sin" itself.

### *Repulsion of Sin*

I have spoken in rescue missions in Spokane, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, and other cities. Sometimes a derelict of the human race enters those missions. There he is, drunk, bleary-eyed, ragged, dirty, filthy, and stinking to the nth degree. Verily, he is so repulsive that I fear to draw near lest one of his bedbugs might decide to change its feeding grounds.

But if that man, loaded with a few sins, is so repulsive to me, what must it have meant when the Father, who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity" (Hab. 1:13), beheld His Son who was "made to be sin"—sin itself, the very root and basis of every sin that mortal man can commit, every sin in the catalog of human experience was there—adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murder, drunkenness, revelings, evil thoughts, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, and on and on (Gal. 5:19-21; Mark 7:21-22).

Is it any wonder the Father turned His face?

### *Sin Punished*

"Why hast thou forsaken me?"

A husband might come home from work some night and find another man with his wife. We might not blame him for driving such a wife from himself. But suppose a robber is in the house. The wife is asleep



and unconscious of his presence. When the husband enters the back door he sees a man slipping from a side door. That husband accuses his wife, he abuses her, and drives her from him.

That wife might say, "Why have you forsaken me? I did not sin against you." That husband blamed his wife for a sin she did not commit and punished her for it. It might be difficult for us to overlook his act, and yet he did so because he was mistaken.

Yet the Father blamed the Son for sin He did not commit and punished Him for it and knew all the time His Son did not commit it. Verily, to be charged with another's sin and to be punished for it is hard indeed to bear, and yet our Lord willingly offered Himself to bear it all for us.

#### *Imputed Righteousness*

But wait. There is more in that verse than that. True it was, the Father made Him "to be sin for us," but it is just as true that He did so "that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

If imputing our sin to Christ was so real that He died, then imputing Christ's righteousness to us is just as real and, marvel of marvels, we are "Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before His throne."

#### **SCHOLARS LOOK AT THE BIBLE**

At the University of Iowa during the last week in January, Miss Ava Schnittjer, who has charge of our choir, appeared before the committee on graduate degrees before she was to receive her Master of Arts degree in February. During the comprehensive examination, which is always oral, Dr. Stroud, of the educational and psychological department, asked (as he reached for one of the versions of the Bible): "What do you think of this? Will it replace the King James Version?" To this Miss Schnittjer replied: "Doctor, for me at least it wouldn't. I could only use it as a reference book, for it seems to have no power." At this statement, Dr. Stroud's fist came down on the desk as he looked triumphantly at the others on the examining board and said: "I don't like it either!"—*From the bulletin of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, pastor.*

## **Blessed Names of Our Lord**

By Rev. Charles Ashman, Rittman, Ohio

### **X. "FRIEND."**

Webster says the word "friend" comes from a verb meaning "to love." He says the word means "one attached to another by esteem, respect, and affection." We are told that friends who stay by us in the time of trouble are hard to find.

The Bible tells us that Christ is just such a friend. Take Proverbs 18:24—"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." What a tie this is that binds Christ to us closer than any earthly relationship could ever be. He, according to promise, stays by us through all earthly experiences. Actually we are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh—one with Him. There is no power on earth or in heaven which can separate us from the love of our God (see Rom. 8:35-39). We need to sense this fact today and seek to live in its light. Live to love Him. Live to honor Him. Live to glorify Him, Christ our Friend—nearer and dearer than all worldly ties or anything the world can impart.

The name "friend" is applied to Christ again in Matthew 11:19 (read Matt. 11:15-19). Here Christ applies a title to Himself which His enemies used in scorn—"friend of sinners"—and how wonderfully true it is. He

stooped to speak to sinners. He stooped to eat with sinners. He stooped to save sinners from their sin. This was His very life work which cost Him His life. How willingly He paid the price of such friendship—death, even the death of the cross. As we take up the work of each day let us ask ourselves the question, "Am I a friend of sinners?" If not, then we are not like our Lord, for He was, and He enjoyed it. Let us be friendly enough today to all lost sinners to tell them of Christ their Friend who came to give them eternal life.

Friend to the poor and the needy is He,  
Jesus the Christ of Calvary;  
Stooping so low He paid the price.  
Our redemption—His sacrifice.

Friend of the sinner—can it be so?  
What made Him friend of those so low?

His love and compassion for human race,  
His hatred of sin and desire to efface.

Friend of the sinner—it is so!  
Who sticketh so close when others may go.

He never forsakes the trusting one,  
Today He seeks friendship with someone undone.

#### **VICKSBURG, PA., CHURCH BURNS**

Just before noon on Saturday, February 28, fire started that completely destroyed the 66-year-old church building of the Vicksburg congregation. This building was located 4 miles south of Hollidaysburg and 8 miles south of Altoona in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Rev. Dean Walter is the pastor of this church, serving as a chemist in Washington, D. C., during the week and caring for the church each week end.

The building is a total loss, but was partially covered by insurance. It is thought the fire started as the result of a defective heating system. The only things saved were the

electric organ and a portable sound system and picture projection equipment. Less than 2 years ago the building had been redecorated.

This is the former church home of Mrs. Paul Bauman, of Winona Lake, Ind., and is the church of Mr. Homer Miller, now at Grace Seminary studying for the ministry of the Gospel.

According to the pastor, Brother Walter, no plans have been made as yet for the future. In the meantime, our church, the Leamersville, Pa., church, has invited the Vicksburg people to worship with us. Our church is only 2 miles from where the Vicksburg church was.—*Robert D. Crees, reporter.*

# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## BRETHREN LAYMEN ARE GOING ALL OUT FOR EVANGELISM

By William C. Fisher

*National Secretary-Treasurer*

For the first time the Brethren Laymen have had a nation-wide challenge for entering into a definite program to reach lost men here in our own land. The national WMC has for many years done a wonderful mission work. Evangelism is the laymen's field.

One of our laymen recently said: "This is the finest thing ever offered to our laymen." In a few weeks came his check for \$1,000 (sent direct to the Crusade Committee).

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*To date there has come in through the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen only \$318.75 for the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade Committee. We have a long way to go to meet our goal of \$2,500.*

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saying, "We must reach men for Christ everywhere. We have no time to lose." Our Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is gripping the hearts of laymen.

Another laymen from California sent his check for \$100 (sent direct to the Crusade Committee), saying, "God bless you all, and may you soon see a great revival spread over our entire brotherhood. We need that more than anything else today."

Our national Laymen's Fellowship at Winona Lake last August voted to give \$2,500 to the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade. But before we can send it in, we must raise it. This is 10 times as much as we have ever raised before. That doesn't mean that we have attempted too much. It simply means that till now our laymen have never really attempted anything big enough to really challenge us. *It would be rather humiliating, if at next National Fellowship the National WMC would report another \$10,000 raised, while the Fellowship of Laymen attempted to raise \$2,500 for evangelism and couldn't make it!*

Leaders of our laymen, it is necessary to really get going to make

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*A circular letter with a number of folders for our national offerings was sent to EVERY church in the brotherhood—137 letters in all. Our laymen should KNOW about our national goals and projects.*

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our laymen realize seriously what our goal is or we will never make it! Start now. We must go over the top for Christ with colors flying next August. We will have a real celebration over this at Winona Lake in August!

## ACTIVITIES OF THE LAYMEN AS GLEANED FROM THE BULLETINS

The first Men's Brotherhood of the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., was held on February 24. Over 50 attended and enjoyed a steak dinner. Don McCrossen, from Victory Service Club in Los Angeles, spoke. After the meeting Pastor Wayne Flory led a man to Christ.

Pete Riggs was the speaker at the Men's Fellowship dinner at the Long Beach Second church February 24.

The Men's Fellowship at San Bernardino, Calif., had the boys club as their guests at a dinner on February 17.

The Men's Fellowship at Los Angeles First church heard Bob Munro, famous Scotch preacher, speak and play his trombone at their meeting March 5. At the February meeting 101 men were present and 6 accepted Christ as Saviour. New officers are: chairman, Jack Dixon; vice chairman, Tony Zippi; secretary-treasurer, Al Wedin.

At the Third Los Angeles church the Men's Fellowship had a "Father and Son" night on February 26. Bill Opie, TV personality, was the special singer and speaker.

Men of the Third Brethren Church in Philadelphia, Pa., heard Rev. Kenneth Ashman on March 3. Invited to this meeting were men from the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, whose meeting was held the night before.

From the Leamersville, Pa., bulletin of February 1—"35½ men are

## MEN OF SOUTHEAST DISTRICT HOLD MEETING AT RADFORD, VA.

Men of the Southeast District held their quarterly meeting on February 6 at Radford, Va., with 45 men present. District President J. Talmadge Taylor presided.

Mason Cooper, president of the national laymen's organization, challenged the men to a more active life for Jesus Christ.

Reports were heard from the various churches of the district.

New officers elected were: president, S. M. Coffey; vice president, Ralph Bell; secretary-treasurer, W. V. Findley; assistant secretary-treasurer, Roy Duncan.

The offering was \$45.59, but \$4.41 was added by Brother Fisher to make it \$50 and it was given to the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade Committee.—*William C. Fisher, retiring asst. sec.-treas.*

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wanted to attend our Men's Brotherhood meeting 7:30 p. m. Thurs. at Grant Stiffler's . . ." (?)

The Men's Fellowship at Washington, D. C., met on March 6 to plan for an oyster supper, election of officers, sponsorship of the boys' work, and other matters.

The men at the First church, Altoona, Pa., heard Rev. Craig Massey at their meeting on March 5.

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*Laymen, are you thinking about making plans NOW to attend our National Conference and Laymen's meetings in August?*

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A series of 4 signs containing these words: "Don't you worry, fret, and care; Jesus will your burden bear" have been erected by the Men's Brotherhood of Leamersville, Pa., on Route 220, approaching the church.

Dr. James Boyer, of Grace Seminary, spoke to the men of the New Troy, Mich., church on February 14.

The Men's Brotherhood of the First church, Whittier, Calif., had a steak dinner on February 3 at which Rev. Alfred Dodds, of South Gate, was the speaker.



# Our First Crusade Campaign Started in Long Beach March 1

FOLLOWING THE MEETING IN THE FIRST CHURCH OF LONG BEACH, CAMPAIGNS WILL FOLLOW IN BELLFLOWER, SOUTH GATE, PHOENIX, TEMPLE CITY, AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES. OTHER FIELDS WILL BE ADDED BEFORE THESE CAMPAIGNS ARE OVER.

## MEET THE NEW MEMBER OF OUR CRUSADE COMMITTEE

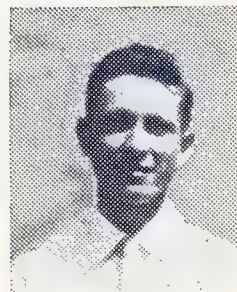


Frank Poland

Bro. Cleve Miller, of Waterloo, Iowa, has asked to be relieved of his place on the crusade committee because of Mrs. Miller's illness and because he is already on 2 other boards.

We are glad to announce that Bro. Frank Poland, in charge of the office of the Brethren Home Missions Council, has accepted the place being left vacant by Cleve Miller.

## MEET THE LAYMAN WHO IS TAKING OUR TENT AND EQUIPMENT TO CALIFORNIA



Kenneth Peters

Bro. Kenneth Peters has a large semi-truck and trailer and is taking the tent and equipment to the west coast for the crusade's first campaigns. He says he is glad there are some things a layman can do to help reach unsaved men for Christ.

Brother Peters belongs to the Covington, Ohio, congregation and is treasurer of that church.

## HERE IS A SAMPLE OF WHAT OUR LEADING PREACHERS WRITE TO US ABOUT THE CRUSADE FOR SOULS—

*"This program really looks good to me, and I am thrilled that our church is beginning to move in the right direction. I will really push it once I see just where we begin. This is one of the finest things, in my opinion, that we have started and I for one want to get off to a good start, and then keep doing a real job of evangelism in our denomination."*

AND ALL THE PEOPLE SAID, "AMEN"!

*"What Sort of Project for Evangelism Do You Have That Our Local Laymen's Group Could Undertake?"*

Here are some—needed at once:

\$100 for Salvation Literature for Campaigns.

\$400 for a Supply of the New Crusade Songbooks.

\$1,500 for Another Tent for the Use of the 2d Team.

BUT ABOVE ALL THINGS WE NEED EARNEST, BELIEVING HEARTS TO PRAY FOR US WHO ARE ON THE FIRING LINE!

*The time is short!*

*The need is great!*

*We have done so little!*

## The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Committee

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JOHN 21: 15-17

## LOVE'S ENCHANTMENT

By Leanore Button

With Brethren Jewish Mission in Los Angeles

The dictionary gives the definition of the word "privilege" as follows: "a special right, favor, or special advantage, granted to or enjoyed by some to the exclusion of others." While this definition indicates a graciousness on the part of the giver of the privilege, it does not begin to approach the graciousness of God as we are given privileges by Him. This is because the word "privilege," humanly speaking, seems to point to a worthiness on the part of the receiver; but God in His grace in extending privileges to us does so even though we are unworthy of those privileges.

The saints of God enjoy many privileges, but most of us will put salvation at the head of our list. Salvation is God's answer to man's sin. In Romans 6:23 we find: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." How wonderfully this verse tells the complete story! God's Word says that ALL have sinned (Rom. 3:23). God's Word says the soul that sins must be punished (Ezek. 18:20). But God has provided the greatest gift of all, and because of Him it is possible for us to escape the penalty, which is separation from God (John 3:16). Sometimes I think we who know the Lord Jesus as our own beloved Saviour become so self-satisfied that we take this wonderful gift for granted. Have you ever thought what it might be like to have no Saviour, to be so self-sufficient in your own blind way that you never missed that wonderful One until it was too late? So many feel that way today. So many are missing Him. And that is where the next great privilege comes in—telling.

Telling the story of God's love for lost mankind is the greatest business in the whole world. "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers . . . And they straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Matt. 4:18-20).

When Jesus called to the men fishing He didn't choose men who were wealthy, or men who were salesmen, or men who were highly intellectual, but rather He called men who were just common fishermen. They had no spe-

cial knowledge or much of the world's material wealth, but they must have been men to whom God had given great faith. Like Abraham of old they didn't question Him. The Word says simply: "And they *straightway* left their nets, and followed him." I believe God wants us to see that those who follow Him must be obedient; that they must forget themselves and put their trust in Him without question; and that they must desire to see souls saved.

In these modern times which do seem to be pointing to the end of the age, we find so many people who think the gospel of salvation by grace is much too simple and is, therefore, only for the ignorant. How our hearts ache as we talk with these people who feel they are so well-educated they no longer need to believe in such ridiculous things one finds in the Bible, such as the creation story, the fall of man, etc. But for those of us who love the Lord Jesus, we find the answer in His Word (I Cor. 1:18-24).

And this brings us to the last privilege, which is living. In no other religion does one find a living sacrifice. The God of the universe who created us actually pleads with us to present our bodies as a *living* sacrifice which, He says in Romans 12:1, is holy and acceptable unto Him.

Since it is through the body that the entire life reveals itself, every part of our life should belong to Him. How many times in dealing with lost souls do we encounter criticism of someone's life? Could it be our fault—the fault of the saints of God—that the Jewish people are still seeking their Messiah? In the 11th chapter of Romans we find: "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy." Have we really been living such a life that we are provoking Israel to jealousy in such a way that she wants to know what we have? Somewhere we have failed—not the person of the world who knows not God, but we who are His children. So in all that we say or do or think, it is really a privilege, and a responsibility, to let the Lord Jesus shine through our lives to such an extent that others, both Jew and gentile, will want to know what makes us so happy, so secure, so safe in a world of uncertainty.

Truly, beloved, we are enchanted by God's love from the instant we see ourselves as sinners, condemned to hell, and yet escaping our punishment because the Lord Jesus loved us enough to die for us and to cover our

### APRIL DEVOTIONAL STUDIES

Bible Study—"The Price of That Love."

Mission Study—"The Responsibility of the Church to Israel."



sins with His precious blood. And though our hearts almost burst when we think of all the privileges we have as His children, remember there are those who have no privileges, no hope, no peace. How much we remember this will prove how much we love God. Pray for those who have no hope; tell them of the One who is able to save; and best of all, let them see the power of that salvation through your own lives as a *living sacrifice*, which is holy and acceptable unto Him.

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## Presenting Your National Vice President

**MRS. HENRY REMPEL**

By Althea S. Miller

If you ever are close to Mrs. Rempel when she's looking at pretty china or pottery of any kind just open your ears to what she says. I have always been fascinated by Laura Rempel's comments on the subject, which is very familiar to her. You can hear the wistful sigh that more china and pottery were hand-painted these days as they were when young Laura learned to apply the very fine brush on dishes and vases.

You see, Mrs. Rempel was born and reared in East Liverpool, Ohio, which was then and for years after the pottery center of the world. Art work on chinaware is a love which Mrs. Rempel will never forsake. For years young Laura was taken to a Methodist church most faithfully by parents and grandparents. She says she was a baptized church member, but definitely not saved.

In 1920 Mr. Claude Mahon won the heart and hand of Laura. They lived in the worldly sphere of things, but enough Christian principles had been instilled in her heart to make her miserable with the worldly crowd. She and her husband only attended church on special occasions.

In 1924 the Mahons moved to Sebring, Ohio, where her heavy heart followed her. One can move away from a place but never get away from his heart. One night while listening to the radio Laura heard this statement which she has never forgotten: "There is no joy or satisfaction of heart apart from the Lord Jesus Christ." She wrote this down and meditated on it for many days with a heart crying for the truth. She read her Bible, but there seemed to be a veil between her and the truth. At least she could not understand it.

A family from Canton, Ohio, who were interested in the spiritual welfare of the Mahons brought their pastor, Dr. J. C. Beal (Canton, Ohio, Brethren Church), to see them in 1930. That 26 miles was well worth every turn of the wheel, for both husband and wife accepted the Lord that night in their home after the truth of God's Word had been unfolded to them. The following Sunday they attended the Canton Brethren Church and publicly confessed Christ. That evening they were baptized. Personal evangelism pays.

The following year Laura Mahon gave her life to the Lord for service as He saw fit. She had no idea where or how. Her life was enriched through the faithful ministry of Dr. Beal. The Lord used Evangelist R. Paul Miller to show this couple the importance of the family



By Althea S. Miller

No need or time or space for an editorial this month. Just read all the wonderful NEWSNATCHES and rejoice with your editor. And PLEASE, let's repeat this for next month's Herald. Some of you other council officers sit right down and send some news to me by—and *no later than*—March 20. I'll be haunting the mailman until YOU send some news. You know where to write: 1511 Maiden Lane, SW., Roanoke 15, Va.

We are sorry for the delay in getting the column, "Making Christian Marriage Work," into the Herald this month. People keep writing, "Where is that column you promised us?" This month there is no room for it and last month your editor was rather knocked off her feet by the sudden serious illness of her eldest child, a 16-year-old boy. At this writing he is no better, but not worse. The doctor assures us he is holding his own. If you have time to think this way sometime we would appreciate your prayers for him and us that these months in bed will be a thing of beauty to the Lord for both Bob and his parents. With the kidneys functioning only 50 percent, our Christian doctor tells us only God is able to effect a complete recovery. Watch next month for the new column, the Lord willing.

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Mrs. Ashman suggests you read Psalms 60 to 90 for your extra Bible reading in the month of March.

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altar and of practical living, both at home and in the neighborhood.

The Lord in His wisdom willed to take home to Himself the one who was nearest and dearest to Laura in 1937. She threw herself upon the Lord and sought His leading for her life. For one year she attended Moody Bible Institute and then spent 2 very wonderful, eventful, and happy years at Grace Seminary, then in Akron, Ohio. Attending Grace Seminary at the same time as Laura was an eligible bachelor, who was ever being "ribbed" about his lack of "attachments." It was not long, however, until Henry Rempel was casting some very interested looks in the direction of Laura. He finally worked up the courage to "pop" the question. The answer must have been yes, because they were married in 1940. Since then, Mrs. Rempel has served as a very capable and sweet pastor's wife in Flora, Ind.; Limestone, Tenn.; Mansfield, Ohio; Uniontown, Pa.; and now at the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

Everywhere the testimony is the same—Laura Rempel is a precious fellow laborer, with the sweet perfume of His presence radiating from her life. For 3 years she has been a most efficient vice president of WMC. Hers has been a responsible behind-the-scenes job of project planning which is real HARD work. Look in this issue for her most recent article on WMC projects. Pray for her as she leads on to greater victories in national WMC.



There is no greater thrill than to suggest that a piece of work be done, and then before one knows it a group has taken hold of it and it is accomplished. That is the way the members of WMC work. It is all the result of loving the Lord. Another year is past, the record is made and we are well into the middle of the program or plan for 1952-53. Let us review briefly the result of our enthusiastic working together the plan of last year, that our hearts may be encouraged.

At the beginning of the past year our vision was greater, in that we raised the goal of the 4 major offerings for the year. These were all met but the general expense fund. This was due partly to the change of time to June, July, and August. I mention these major offerings so that we may recognize that WMC members respond to the needs with "free-will" offerings—no dues to be paid in WMC. We give our thank offering each year to the Brethren Jewish testimony in Los Angeles, Calif. Each council takes a part in the projects of their district, these being financed by free-will offerings also. We were busy too in that which our hands found to do.

Some of the items furnished by the districts were such things as mattresses, folding organ, tires for Sunday school bus, pianos, school support for Elena Wagner, New Testament Story-O-Graph figures and backgrounds, communion sets, aiding girls to attend Camp Bethany, refrigerators, heating unit, ceiling material, beds for Navaho school children, records in the Spanish language, helped in the Jewish work, canned fruit and vegetables for missionaries, flooring for the Navaho school building, assisting the Sisterhood girls in providing bandage material for their project, and many other deeds of kindness. All these efforts have been blessed by our working together. Are we doing as well or better this year?

The field in Africa is very much in need of bandages right now. There are new stations and dispensaries being opened up right along. The leper work calls for the bandages, too. Are we helping the Sisterhood girls to get these bandages ready? This is a real opportunity for fellowship with our girls. Caps, aprons, outfits are



Conference time will be here before most of us are ready for it, if we don't get busy with some concrete plans. August 24-30 are the dates. Let's have a goal of at least one member from every council over the country at Winona Lake and attending the WMC sessions each day.—Ed.

Are you giving and planning to give to the Brethren Jewish mission work at Los Angeles? Remember, this is a national WMC objective. God blesses the folk who love the Jew and give him the Gospel. Your offering for this purpose is due June 30. Be planning.

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needed for the native nurses. There are 4 dispensary buildings needed, the cost being about \$700 each. The equipment for these dispensaries is needed. I understand that about 3 of our missionary families do not have refrigeration on the station. Baby shirts and outing flannel short kimonos are always in demand. (Contact Brother Barnard for an outgoing missionary with whom these items may be sent.)

Argentina still needs Spanish books for the Bible institute, sports equipment, 2 15-watt public-address systems (\$175 each), and 2 tape recorders to use with the public-address systems, at \$200 each.

Our missionaries at Baja California can use all the layettes, dish towels, and towels you will send. They have children and adult classes in their home. Spanish records and flannelgraph materials are needed. (Write them to find out the ones needed.)

France can use tracts, literature, books, etc. A library has to be built up there.

We turn to the home field. Don't forget the district project of sending a free-will offering to be used toward the upkeep of the furnishing of the missionary residence. This offering is to be sent in by July 31. I hear that one district is using the credential offering of their rallies for this offering. A fine idea!

The *used clothing project* is a must for the mission work at Clayhole, Ky.; Taos, N. Mex.; Albuquerque, N. Mex.; and the Brethren Navaho Mission, N. Mex. Keep good used clothing going continually into these places. Remember these help in making contacts with people, that the Gospel may be given to them. Don't waste money on clothing too worn for use. Use the good used outing flannel to make baby quilts. One lady alone has made her 40th quilt from outing and other good pieces of cloth, using thin blankets for batting. Some tops are pieced and knotted. Never send clothing C. O. D. Be sure to send a card to the mission so they will be looking for the shipment.

I would like to share with you some of the things that are being done by the districts. One district gave a cash gift to 2 new churches in their district and plastic dishes for camp, conference, and institute use in Argentina. Another gave \$300 to district mission board, repairing a piano at Baja, supplying communion sets for 2 new churches. They are financing the cost of sending the SMM bandages to the national bandage secretary. Many local women tear the bandage strips for the girls as they have the materials to give. The girls do the rolling and packing. A gift of \$200 to a new missionary from their district and also \$100 for literature for Baja and France.

One district, with only 7 councils, is furnishing felt mattresses for the school at the Brethren Navaho Mission to the amount of \$250. A piano for the Denver church and a sewing machine for the mission at Albuquerque, N. Mex., is being supplied by another district. One district has a particular project for each rally: mimeograph for a new church, help to finance the sending out of the Mediator for our Jewish mission in Los Angeles. They are planning to help purchase some needs for the missionary residence. Another is purchasing place-settings for 80 of plastic dishes and silverware for their camp, also planning to supply a kerosene



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR MISSIONARIES

## Africa—

Mary Hope Beaver.....May 7, 1949  
Miss Grace Byron.....May 7  
Lois Irene Taber.....May 8, 1940  
Alberta Mae Dunning.....May 11, 1949

## Argentina—

Victor Wagner.....May 2, 1937  
Mildred Wagner.....May 11, 1936  
Rita Dorene Hoyt.....May 18, 1944  
Mrs. James B. Marshall.....May 25  
Rev. James B. Marshall.....May 28

## Baja California—

Sharon Haag.....May 9, 1948  
Kathryn Sue Howard.....May 29, 1948

## France—

Victor Fogle.....May 1, 1949  
Naomi Ruth Mason.....May 28, 1948

## United States—

Donna Marie Kliever.....May 9, 1940

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cook stove for missionaries who are going to South America.

Other projects are being carried on that have not been reported from 2 districts.

Local projects are very important. How about the missionary chest? There are many things to be made and placed in there for the missionaries to choose from. Save coupons for silverware and get the odd pieces, someone may have use for that very piece. A lady in one of our churches purchased a bolt of outing flannel and the missionary ladies made baby gowns for the war orphans in Korea. Send your used Christmas and greeting cards to the Navaho mission or any other missionary that will use them. D. V. B. S. materials are needed for next summer for the 8 schools that will be held at the Taos mission and surrounding works.

Do remember the birthday offering each month. Gifts can be given for your own birthday, in memory of a loved one, a relative or friend, or for some missionary. Many different plans may be used. It takes around \$1,200 a year to support a missionary.

Don't forget the new project for this coming national conference, namely, the display board. Keep gathering the material for this during the year. This is something new, so let's make it very attractive.

Our theme for this year is found in John 21:15-17, where the Lord Jesus is asking the question, "Lovest thou me?" Are we as missionary women faithfully

manifesting Christ in our labors of love and material gifts? Let us give our best to Him *now*, for tomorrow may be too late. Pray as you labor and give for the salvation of many in this year. Our Lord has proved to us over and over again how he takes the little here and the little there and accomplishes great things for His own glory. Let us not become weary in well-doing, for we shall reap if we faint not. He wills and He is able.



A few "quickie" reports:

A new council in the baby church at York, Pa. They have 8 members and several projects. Pray for them.

A new council at Riverside, Johnstown, Pa. Mrs. Ray Coleman is president. Organized in September 1952. Average attendance is 15. Offerings average \$15 a month! (Super, I'd say!—Ed.) Project: sent several hundred pounds of clothing to New Mexico.

*Aren't you all thrilled with all these fine reports? Well, then, send more so our April issue can be as informative and inspiring as this one is.—Ed.*

Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Just a note to send you greetings from the Jr. WMC of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

We enjoy our meetings very much and are grateful for the wonderful Christian friends we have as we serve the Lord together. We have a membership of 30, with an average attendance of 25. This is an increase of 4 over last year.

We have many projects during the year. We have tried to help Jr. SMM in a financial and spiritual way. We take care of the nursery at Sunday services; also send clothes to Clayhole. Our project this past Christmas was sending a check to the Goodmans.

In Him,

Mrs. James Long, Sec.

Canton, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings to you in the name of Christ from the Sr. WMC of Canton, Ohio. We have been so blessed of the Lord in the past year that we want to pass some of the blessings on to you. We feel we have accomplished much as a band of missionary women because we are a praying council. Every other month the senior council has charge of the day of prayer. Our program chairman writes lists of prayer requests on the various blackboards in the Sunday school rooms. The groups go from room to room so as to participate in praying for all the requests. Every month 3 ladies write to different missionaries and we read their answers at these meetings. After a day at one of these prayer meetings we are refreshed in our service for Him.

We entertained the Jr. WMC at a membership rally and consecration service. We entertained the Sunday school cabinet at a chicken dinner. We feel that this group of people are the backbone of the Sunday school

and church and decided we'd like to do something nice for them. [May their tribe increase!—Ed.] It was held on a regular cabinet meeting night. It helped to bring out new members and showed them the importance of their job.

We are having a covered-dish dinner and will help the Sisterhood girls to roll bandages this week (February 9). On our own birthdays we bring a gift for our missionary chest besides bringing an offering. We are looking forward to the time when WMC will have its own missionary on the field, and praying it will be soon. [Amen.—Ed.]

These are just a few of the things we have been doing besides sending gifts, remembrances, and love offerings to our shut-in friends.

In the joy of the Lord,  
Mrs. Ralph Lape, Sec.

Mundy's Corner, Pa.

Dear President:

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord. This letter is long overdue, but will give you some of the information you requested concerning our council. We are not quite sure we fully understand what they are to do about the display for national conference.\* Is this a district project or is each council to take a group of pictures of each of our projects for display at conference? We have decided to take a group of pictures of each of our projects and if we are to have our own display we'll work these into it. If not, we'll have pictures for our own enjoyment anyway.

Our projects for this year include packing used clothing for Kentucky (completed); packed box of groceries for needy family at Christmas; replenished supply of linen for missionary chest (completed); provided Jack and Maurine Teeter with treadle sewing machine. We are in the process of making stuffed toys for distribution by Evelyn Fuqua at Easter. (Patty Griffith told us of at least one family with several children who had much illness. The only sign of Christmas at their house was 2 stuffed dolls our ladies had made.) We send birthday messages to our missionaries each month. At this month's meetings we tried the workshop ideas [Nov. 22, 1952, issue, WMC Herald: "More Interesting and Helpful Meetings," p. 735.—Ed.] It was a great blessing, particularly the singing and the prayer circle hints.

In His service,  
Mrs. Glenn Teeter, Pres., Jr. Council.

La Verne, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Ashman,

Our council is new as some are counted since we are only 1½ years old. When our council was formed we used the idea of a piggy bank on each lady's kitchen window sill. As we think of it we drop change into it and at each monthly meeting we exchange these banks with the others. At the end of 3 months we open these banks and send the money to the quarterly national WMC offering. We take a regular offering at each meeting to care for our local expenses. This way of taking offerings has proved most successful with us and it's fun.

We finished the year of '52 with a party given as a

\*Note—On Page 588, September 13, 1952, WMC Herald, is found the following item: "District Objectives: 3. Each district to provide interesting material representing work done in the past year for display at national conference." This is the time for the district presidents to be looking into this matter and start the ball rolling.—Ed.

surprise linen shower for Dorothy Goodman, instead of giving gifts to each other.

We DO miss the program booklets this year and would like to have them next year, if most of the ladies feel that way. [Good for you, ladies, for letting us know. How about more comments from the various councils along this line?—Ed.]

We thoroughly enjoy the work of our Jr. WMC and pray the Lord will ever use us.

In His service,  
Mrs. Dee Colburn, Cor. Sec.

West Salem, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

The Sr. WMC of Wooster, Ohio, has been having an all-day meeting at the church on the 15th day of the month. We make things for our missionary box and then spend part of the day in prayer. We have just furnished a communion tray for the church. In the past year we sent several boxes of clothing to Taos and Clayhole. We sent 4 boxes of get-well cards and gospel tracts to the sick among our church members and to patients in the local hospital. At Christmas time we delivered 4 big boxes of groceries to some needy families in Wooster.

God has been very good to us. We pray for our co-workers. Please take time to count your many blessings.

In His name,  
Mrs. Ivan Amstutz, Sec.

Everett, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

The WMC of Grace Brethren at Everett, Pa., is truly being used and blessed of the Lord. We praise Him for the privilege of fellowship together in the Gospel. We are grateful to Him for the cooperation of the ladies in giving reports cheerfully, taking part in the meetings, and being gracious hostesses.

Our 1952 project was a flannelboard for Mrs. Victor Meyers. We pray for greater growth in 1953.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. John W. Smith, Sec.

New Troy, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

The ladies of New Troy WMC recently had a party and invited their husbands. We served supper at 7 p.m. and then had our regular devotional meeting at the close. Everyone who came was very happy at the fine fellowship and want to do this soon again. [A marvelous idea for perking up the interest of our husbands in WMC and a fine way to show them we really think they are quite swell.—Ed.]

Our present local project is to purchase new rugs for the rostrum and center aisle of the church auditorium.

In His name,  
Mrs. Minnie Mensinger, Sec.

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# "Ambassadors for Christ"

II COR 5:20

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA



## MARY SLESSOR OF CALABAR

By Mary Emmert

The slim and delicate-looking Scottish lassie, Mary Slessor, was so timid she was even afraid to cross a meadow where a peaceful cow was grazing, and yet she became probably the world's most courageous lady missionary.

The news of David Livingstone's death in 1874 had stirred her to offer herself as a missionary teacher to Nigeria in West Africa. She had already proved herself in city mission work at home, and was quickly accepted.

So in 1876, at the age of 28, Mary arrived on the Calabar mission field in the southeast part of Nigeria. There she taught in the day schools for 12 years, also doing some exploring in the out-districts among the raw heathen in her spare time.

When she saw that the tribes could not be rightly evangelized until peaceful conditions were brought about, she herself went to live alone in a warlike tribe upriver from the mission stations.

Her first great victory in this tribe was the saving of a chief's life amidst great danger to herself. Long hours of trudging through a soaking rain brought her to the dying chief's side. Terrible fighting would have followed his death, but God blessed the medicines she used and he was restored to health. The people admired her fearlessness and her readiness to serve. As a result, that district was opened up to the Gospel.

It is a thrilling tale to read how Mary Slessor finally got the barbarians to respect and obey her. Single-handed she persuaded them to stop their cruel practices of sacrificing the wives of a chief at his funeral, of killing twin babies and driving their mother into the wilderness, and many like superstitions.

She raised all the twins and orphans which were brought to her, and soon had a large family of them. She was very busy preaching the Gospel, teaching school, building houses, and caring for the sick. The black people loved her as their mother, and called her "Ma" Slessor.

After she had prepared the way for establishing a strong church, she felt called to go into a fiercer tribe yet, where everyone thought she would be killed. But the Lord's presence went with her and caused the savages to admire her for her courage.

The British government made her a judge over the people, because she understood them so well. She accepted this task because she could preach to them as she dealt out justice.

Miss Slessor was a very unusual person. She lived very simply without any luxuries. She went barefooted much of the time, and did much heavy work herself. Yet she was not coarse and rough, but refined and womanly.

Wonderful results followed her work in this new tribe also. She built several churches and led many people to know the Lord. The savage customs of the tribe were largely overcome, and the way was opened for other missionaries to enter.

She was often saddened because the churches in the homeland did not get behind the work as they should. Much of the time she was sick, too, and unable to go, but the Lord gave her strength whenever a call would come for help, and she walked many miles, often in storms at night, perhaps to rescue some new-born twins or care for a sick person.

It was surprising what all she endured and yet she kept on working. In her latter years she had to be carried from place to place or pushed in a cart. She lived to the age of 66 and died in 1915, a much-loved and much-honored missionary pioneer.

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR APRIL

#### SINGSPARATION.

INTERCESSION—Circle prayer: take requests from the girls in addition to "Prayer Suggestions."

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:113-128.

#### TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Mormonism."

Middlers—"Persecuted for Christ Yet More Than Conquerors."

Juniors—"Nora's Name."

#### SPECIAL NUMBER.

#### REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Persecuted for Christ Yet More Than Conquerors."

Middlers, Juniors—"Mary Slessor of Calabar."

#### BENEDICTION.

#### BUSINESS MEETING.

### PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the young people who are in schools preparing for service for the Lord; remember the missionaries' children especially.

2. Pray that your Sisterhood will reach some girl for Christ this year.

3. Pray for the missionaries, especially the SMM missionary, Marybeth Munn; pray that the foreign mission offering will meet the needs of the fields.

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In the cult before us for our present study we have one of the most energetic of all the cults. It exerts a vast influence in many of the States of the great Northwest. And beyond this influence it is reaching into almost every corner of our country and into the regions beyond. It is definitely a strong missionary movement.

## I. *Its Names and Their Significance.*

1. The cult is most commonly known as Mormonism. It is so called after a prominent religious leader by the name of Mormon who wrote a history of his predecessors and gave it to his son, the angel Moroni, on golden tablets. The latter became the basis for the Book of Mormon.

2. Its official name is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. This is the name of the largest group and they are the followers of Brigham Young. Its headquarters is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. A different group of Mormons is called The Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. This body has its headquarters in Independence, Mo. They reject polygamy and look to Joseph Smith as their founding father, hence are sometimes called Josephites.

II. *Its Origin.* The movement came into existence through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, Jr., who in 1820 and 1823 is supposed to have had peculiar visions. Moroni, the angel, revealed to him the whereabouts of the Golden Tablets which had been hidden since 420 A. D., and which recorded the history of God's people on this continent before their destruction. The plates were discovered on a hill near Palmyra, N. Y., and in the box that held the plates there was also found a huge pair of spectacles through the help of which Joseph Smith was able to read the hieroglyphics of the plates and so we got the Book of Mormon. He soon got some followers and in 1830 he organized the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" at Fayette, N. Y.

III. *Its History.* Shortly after its organization, the group was forced to move westward, where at Kirtland, Ohio, they erected their first temple. Things did not go well with them there, so they moved westward to Missouri in 1831, establishing themselves in a place called Zion. In 1839 they moved to Nauvoo, Ill. Not until 1847 did they move on to Utah, where the main group has established itself into a growing movement. From humble beginnings in Utah they have grown until they control the industry, politics, as well as the religion of a vast territory in the Northwest. By revelation Smith is supposed to have had it made known to him that all male members of the group should devote 2 years of their lives to missionary work, going out 2 by 2. This plan has largely accounted for their vigorous growth.

IV. *Its Doctrinal Viewpoint.* Mormonism is a very subtle cult because it makes much use of Scripture and claims to believe many things in common with orthodox Christianity. However, it puts a very different interpretation on many of the Biblical doctrines from that of true Christians and adds some which are not found in the Bible at all.

1. Its belief about the Bible. They profess great fidelity to the Bible but say that it is *not all* the revelation there is. God, who is supposed to be speaking in the Book of Mormon, says: "Because ye have a Bible ye

need not suppose that it contains all my words nor need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written." Of equal authority with the Bible are the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price. The latter 2 books are by Joseph Smith.

2. Its belief about God. Their conception of Him is grossly materialistic and polytheistic. The principal God lives in some far-off place called Kolob, but each world has a God of its own with whom the God of Kolob has very little to do except to meet with them occasionally in a grand council. The god of our world is Adam, and Adam is the only god with whom we have anything to do.

3. Its belief as to *salvation*. The atonement of Christ covered only original sin, that is, the sin of Adam. Sins committed now are pardoned by obedience and good works. Belief in Joseph Smith, his books and revelations, is necessary. Brigham Young has said: "Every spirit that confesses that Joseph Smith is a prophet, that he lived and died a prophet, and that the Book of Mormon is true, is of God, and every spirit that does not is of Antichrist" (Millennial Star, Vol. V., p. 118).

4. Its belief about *baptism*. They hold it to be almost equivalent to baptismal regeneration. It may be done vicariously for the dead, using as a basis I Corinthians 15:29.

5. Its belief about *marriage*. There are 2 kinds, celestial and temporal. Celestial marriages are sealed for time and eternity. Only this kind amounts to anything as far as the next world is concerned. A man may have any number of such marriages which enable the man to become a greater power in the next world. Temporal marriages are only for time and are performed outside the temple. Polygamous marriages are now outlawed by the Government, but often one reads of the breaking of the law in this respect.

V. *Its Conception of Christ.* He was the offspring by natural generation of Adam and the Virgin Mary. Brigham Young has said: "When the Virgin Mary conceived the Child Jesus, the Father had begotten Him in His own likeness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is His Father? He is the first of the human family. Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the Garden of Eden and who is our Father in Heaven" (Journal of Discourses, Vol. I, pp. 50-51). According to Mormonism, Christ was a polygamist, being in this respect the same as Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and Mohammed. Compared to the New Testament presentation of Christ, the Mormon conception is degraded.

VI. *Refutation of Errors.* This can be done by showing the sin of adding to or taking from the Word of God (Rev. 22:18-19), by showing the unreasonableness of polygamy both from the standpoint of the fairly even proportion of men and women in the world and the teaching of the New Testament (e. g., Eph. 5:31), by showing that its ideas with respect to the birth and marriage of Christ are at variance with the Word of God, and by showing that Scripture teaches that God is one (Deut. 6:4-5). A good verse to keep in mind in dealing with Mormonism is Galatians 1:8: "But though we, or an angel from heaven [even Moroni], preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."



Before the beginning of time God, knowing that Adam and Eve would sin, thought out the plan of salvation. Not only did He think it out, but He sent His beloved Son to carry out His plan—to give His life in our stead.

The Devil has always opposed redemption's story. All through Old Testament times, Satan tried to destroy the chosen race. Christ Himself bore the crown of thorns, the pierced hands felt the pangs being rejected by man and forsaken by God. As He walked with His apostles He told them they would be persecuted.

The Book of Acts shows us that even as Christ had said, those who dared to mention the name of Christ as their Saviour were beaten, burned at the stake, and stoned.

We have followed the *first* foreign missionary team—Paul and Barnabas—through their first journey to Asia Minor (Acts 13:1-14:28). Do you remember how they were selected, separated, and sent forth from the church at Antioch? Did you trace their journey from Selucia to Salamis through Cyprus to Paphos? From Paphos they traveled 150 miles and arrived at Perga. Do you recall that John Mark had been their traveling companion, but left them here? We do not know why, but many believe that the opposition was keen and travel was rough. Maybe he couldn't stand to see his companions successful. Is it not true that envy, jealousy, and lack of "stick-to-itiveness" hinders the progress of Christians and Christianity today? Do you remember where Paul preached his first recorded sermon? Did you say Antioch, the important military center? You were right. Paul proclaimed Christ, but Satan used the force of envy (Acts 13:45) to bring about contradiction, blasphemy, and persecution.

It is here at Antioch that Paul turns to the gentiles (Acts 13:46). The gentiles were happy, but the Jews stirred up women against Paul and Barnabas. What is more hateful than wrought-up godless women? How they use the tongue for every evil intent! So great is their force that Paul and Barnabas are forced to leave the city. On they go to Iconium, but again such is the opposition that they fled to Lystra, Derbe, and vicinity. The extremes of public opinion greeted them at Lystra. One moment they worshiped Paul. He was a god. The next they stoned him, and left him as dead. A miracle happened and the following day, Paul arose and they traveled to Derbe. In spite of all this discomfort, back they go to Lystra, Iconium, and on to the Antioch church for reports of work done.

Why recall this trip? Did you not notice the opposition and persecution? May I ask what it has cost you to be a Christian? I often wonder if we are standing firmly enough for our Lord. Does our attire, our general appearance, our manner of life tell others that we are Christians? Do we ever speak about Christ?

For some time Paul and Barnabas tarried and taught in Antioch. After the Jerusalem conference, Paul became restless and suggested that they return to the cities that had been visited previously. He was anxious to know how they fared. As they started on their second journey there was contention as to whether or not John Mark should accompany them. Barnabas felt he should be given a chance while Paul did not want a quitter. Consequently John Mark and Barnabas started the second team of foreign missionaries.

Paul and Silas went to the churches of Syria and Cilicia. Tarsus was the chief city of Cilicia but no account is given of a church in this place. There may have been one or more however, for you recall that Paul went to Tarsus soon after his conversion. It appears that from Tarsus these 2 went to Derbe and thence to Lystra where previously Paul had been stoned, and even now he bore the marks from that stoning. How easy it would have been to have steered clear of this city which had so abused him. But Paul went, and here young Timothy was discovered. What a blessing he was even until the end of Paul's ministry.

What a peculiar sensation must have been Paul's as they went through Phrygia and Galatia. Asia seemed so near—seemed such a challenge. On he went to the northwest as far as Mysia. It seemed certain the message should now be given at Bithynia. Paul was trying to program his work, but God had His own plan. Just as one who wishes to surprise a friend drives beyond the house, or a militarist attempts his strategy, so by-passing Asia and Bithynia hastened the forward movement of missions.

There was Bithynia with its tribes that knew not Christ. How he wanted to preach there, but he could not. Then on to Troy proceed Silas and Paul. A night vision of one crying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," appeared to Paul. He saw the need and answered it. Now he understood that man's disappointments are God's appointments. We know Paul was Spirit-led, because Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth follow.

We have followed workers who despite persecution and opposition were willing to burn out for Him. If the call, "Come over and help us," reaches you, will you answer "Yes"? Can you say with Paul that tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nor nakedness can separate us from the love of Christ; nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us (see Rom. 8:35, 37).

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**APRIL!** Birthday Month! Hope you haven't forgotten! April is the month when we have our birthday meeting and take up a special offering for the higher education of missionaries' children. This is a worthy project, girls. Let's all do our best! Remember to send your birthday offering in to the national treasurer before May 10.

**WANTED!** Recruits for SMM. Do you have any new girls in your church or community? You can fulfill Martha Goal #4 by enlisting them in your SMM.

**CRAFTS:** You can fulfill Martha Goal #7 by making articles for missionaries, hospitals, shut-ins, etc. There are many such ideas in the project book. If you don't have one, you can get one from the literature secretary.

**BANDAGE ROLLING:** Had your bandage-rolling meeting yet? Don't forget! This is one of the starred goals. The bandages must be 2 inches wide, 7 yards long, and sewed only with a few stitches in the center. Send your bandages to either your district bandage secretary (if you have one) or to the national bandage secretary.

## NORA'S NAME

By Mabel Donaldson

Miss Nora gathered the children around her this morning for a story. "Boy and girls," she began, "I want to tell you about little Nora. She had the most embarrassing experience. When she started to school at the age of 6 the teacher began the day by calling the roll. She called each child's name and he or she would answer, 'Here.' But when she called 'Eleanor' she got no answer. She called the same name 3 times, but got no answer. So the teacher thought Eleanor had not come. But when she started giving out supplies, books, and pencils, she found a little scared girl way in the back row. 'Who are you?' she asked. 'My name is Nora. I just came today. I'm 6.' 'Oh, you must be Eleanor,' said the teacher. 'I am not,' said the little girl. 'I don't know Eleanor. My name is Nora. Everybody calls me Nora.'"

By this time, Miss Nora's class was "in stitches." They had all seen the error little Nora had made. But they were surprised when Miss Nora said it was a true story and that she was the little girl who had almost gotten left out of things at school. She hurried on to explain that she had really learned a lot that day—that many folk have real names and nicknames, and that you had better know both or you are surely going to miss out on some mighty good things.

"But," said Miss Nora, "I know a person who has many names, and He knows every time any one of them is used. His name that you know best is Holy Spirit. He is the third person in the Godhead. Luke 11:13 calls Him by this name and tells us that God lets the Holy Spirit dwell in His children. It says, 'How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him.' In Hebrews 10:29 He is called the Spirit of Grace. We are told not to insult the Spirit of Grace and to listen to His appeal. In Matthew 3:11-12 and in Isaiah 4:4 the Holy Ghost is spoken of as the Spirit of Burning. God is said to clean up His children who have gotten dirty with Satan's things by using the Spirit of Judgment and the Spirit of Burning. We should keep clean so God won't have to be so severe on us. Also, in John, the Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth. As such, He possesses, reveals, confers, leads into, testifies to, and defends the truth. As God is love, so the Spirit is truth. He is against the spirit of evil, or the spirit of the Devil.

"Now, let's read Romans 8:2." The children found the place and read together, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." "What is my Friend called in that passage?" asked Miss Nora. Of course they all knew—the Spirit of Life. Then Miss Nora asked if each one had the Spirit of Life in his or her own life. She explained that unless they had asked God to forgive their sins, and to acknowledge Jesus as their own personal Saviour, that the Spirit of Life could not make them free.

"You know, boys and girls, when you have come to



Marybeth Munn

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds" (Psa. 147:3). How true, but He uses us, His ambassadors, as the means through which He usually heals both the body and the soul. All of us are not called to go personally, but we are all to have a share in this work as we send others and pray for them. Marybeth is our ambassador to African lepers.

Jesus, and the Holy Spirit comes to live within you, He helps you with every problem. In Isaiah 11 and in Luke 4 He is spoken of as the Spirit of wisdom and of knowledge. So, you see, you need never worry about whether to do this or that, for the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of knowledge will tell you what is wrong and what is right. Our trouble is that we often want to do that thing so badly, or we want to go to that questionable place so much that we don't even listen to the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge telling us, 'No.' We really tell Him rudely to 'Shut up! Don't dictate to me. Don't interfere with my life so much.' Oh how we must grieve the Holy Spirit when we won't even listen to His warnings!"

By now the children had found a few verses about the names of the Holy Spirit. Jerry read in Ephesians 1:13—"Ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." He explained how his mother had told him that this verse meant that God would keep all His promises to those who would believe on Jesus, and that Jesus said He would send the Comforter, the Spirit, to link our lives with God.

Mary read from I Peter 4:14—"The spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." She said she had asked her father what was meant by glory, and he had told her in this verse it meant character—what a person really was. He had told her that a child of God will be glad if the spirit of glory rests on him, for it helps him to show others that he belongs to Jesus, and his Christian character shines out all over him.

Then Miss Nora had them all read I Corinthians 3:16—"The Spirit of God dwelleth in you" and Romans 8:9—"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." She told them how serious this is. If any of them did not have the Spirit, he would not be saved and could not get into heaven.

"Now little Nora was not kept out of school because she did not know her name, but you will be kept out of heaven unless you know you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. Please, children, think about this and hasten to tell others, so that none will be lost."

Before the children had their closing prayer, they recalled all the names of the Holy Spirit and found there were about 10 or 11. They did not need to marvel that He could remember all these names and answer to them, for they knew that He was God and God was everything and everywhere. He never makes mistakes, gets mixed up, or forgets.

### CAN YOU—

Name the names of the Spirit?

Tell what each name means?

Tell why He never misses when His name is called?



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## 1952 SMM HOME MISSION PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

This chapel at Hell-for-Certain, Dryhill, Ky., was made possible largely through the gifts of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. Various other gifts and much donated labor also helped to see it so nearly completed. The dedication will be postponed until late spring because of present road conditions.



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# *As the Editor Sees It — —*

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By L. L. Grubb

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## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING GOD'S WORD

In all times those who have had God's revelation have been commissioned to deliver it to others.

God called Jeremiah and said: "Gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them." Jeremiah said: "His word was in my heart as a burning fire, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay."

Jeremiah's message was not popular and well received. But the man of God preached it fearlessly because of a burning spiritual fire and passion in his own soul to obey and please his God.

Ezekiel was commissioned by God to be a "watchman" to the house of Israel. His task under God was to "hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me." If he failed in this task it was made plain to him that when the wicked man died in his iniquity his blood would be required at the prophet's hand.

God has not changed His eternal plan of evangelization. He still commissions His preachers, teachers, laymen and servants to carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth, rebuking sin and preaching Christ for salvation. Christ spoke to His disciples just as the dispensation of grace began, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Christians during this 20th century have this same Word of God in sacred trust. They carry this responsibility—making the Word of Life known to men everywhere. Nor will there be any excuse more before God than there would have been for Jeremiah or Ezekiel had they failed. God will hold us responsible for the blood of wicked men if we fail in our witness.

*God has given us a great and growing foreign mission program in our Fellowship. He has placed His Word in our hands. Any who have attended Brethren churches even for a short time will have heard God's plan of evangelization often. Therefore we are without excuse if we fail to grasp the opportunities now before us for world evangelization. Foreign doors of service are still open, but may close very rapidly and even now are closing in some sections of the world. We must act at once or later utter the cry—TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE!*

Let us realize that God's hand of blessing in service is upon us and increase our foreign mission giving to spread the story of redeeming grace across the earth.

## NO DEPRESSION IN POKERTOWN, U. S. A.

There is one little section of our nation where there is permanent prosperity, where gambling houses cash in nightly on full poker tables. Only 6 big clubs gross \$3,000,000 a year.

The place has been called Gardena and is located on Western Avenue on the edge of Los Angeles. Close to \$100,000 annually goes into the town treasury as taxes on the poker games.

The 15-year gambling history of this town has been a varied one. Murder has been committed. There have been over 2,000 police interventions on cheating charges against poker players. At least 3,000 calls have come to police because of fights over poker winnings and losses. Several thousand holdups have been recorded. Crime is bound to attend a situation like this.

Players range in age from the very young to grandmothers. In fact, one of the most famous players is a woman 72 years of age who makes her living in this way. She is not the only one who has taken up gambling as a means of livelihood. The town is full of professionals.

What does the town think of this? Every few years church groups and some welfare groups enlist enough support to see whether gambling should be continued. Each time such a move has been defeated. A community such as this would naturally draw people who like to gamble, just as Las Vegas does. The way things look now no human influence is going to stop the flow of poker chips and the crime attending it, especially when 2 of the largest clubs are operated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

What Gardena needs is an evangelist on fire for Christ and a group of people who know how to pray. No doubt no other power will overturn the tables of the money-changers. Just as Christ did it in the Temple, He can do it literally in modern poker dens. But there must be someone who is willing to carry the message and face Satan in his den without regard to the consequences.

This is the America of today!

## WATER FOR ISRAEL

The truth of God's prophetic Word is again emphasized by comparatively recent findings in Palestine as to a water supply.

In Isaiah 35:6-7 God says through the prophet, "... for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

We are now told that each passing day more sources of water are being found. Millions of cubic meters of water are available for the intense cultivation of hundreds of dunams of land. The government of Israel is already working hard on this project and the claim is that soon immense irrigation projects will be under way.

How strengthening to our faith to realize that our God is even now showing the partial fulfillment of prophecies relating to the blessing and welfare of His chosen people.

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# Home Missions Travelog

By the Secretary

## NEW RADIO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Twenty-five new radio Gospel Truth programs are now available to our Brethren churches anywhere in the U. S. A. Recently the Gospel Truth staff gathered in Chicago and recorded these broadcasts, which strongly emphasize the Biblical testimony of our Fellowship.

The talent on this program is all Brethren. Our male quartet is composed of 3 pastors and 1 evangelist: Brethren Robert Ashman, Russell Ward, Charles Bergerson, and Gerald Polman. Ingenious Brother Bergerson presides at the organ as well as singing in the quartet. In addition, these programs all contain solos by our brilliant young lyric tenor, Bro. Leroy Hawkins, who is a member of our home mission church in Albany, Oreg.

The program is designed for a 30-minute broadcast with 13½ minutes on tape and the local pastor preaching the sermon.

If you desire to use the broadcast—contact our office.

## 3 HOME MISSION BLESSINGS IN 1 DAY

On Saturday night the wheels of the Navion touched the long runway at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and minutes later we stepped out of the airplane with Bro. Edison Yoder, one of our directors. The flight had been a pleasant and fast one in spite of some bad winter weather.

Early on Sunday morning we fellowshiped with our missionary among the Spanish-Americans in Albuquerque, Bro. Clarence Gutierrez. Later we enjoyed a time of real blessing with our Christians there. Several new members encouraged us as we realized the very difficult

nature of the work in a State where Roman Catholicism has great power. The little auditorium had been decorated and the floor finished so that now we have a very attractive little church. Our missionaries and our people there need the earnest prayers of God's people and especially Brother Gutierrez needs prayer for his financial support.

Just before noon we took off from the Albuquerque airport and in about 45 minutes we were across the long stretch of desert and beautiful mesa and were parked on the Indian mission compound at Counselor, N. Mex. What a blessing it was to see about 65 Indians crowd into the little chapel room downstairs shortly after lunch and to see their interest in spiritual truth. A fine message was delivered by our missionary, Bro. Evan Adams, and interpreted by our splendid worker, Mrs. Antone. To hear these Indians who had been in spiritual darkness for so long singing gospel songs of hope and joy was indeed a thrill to our souls.

We found ourselves wishing that each individual who had ever contributed a small gift to the Indian work could have been with us to see how the Gospel has produced fruit, and especially in the splendid group of children who are now in our school. The transformation is almost unbelievable. We were in a favorable position to see this contrast, having seen them both before and after. Here the work of Miss Angie Garber has indeed been outstanding. It is cause for real sorrow that she is physically unable to continue this work.

Each visit to our work on the reservation naturally impresses us with many new needs because of the magnitude and challenge of the field.

The present mission station is too small to house all departments of this growing work and provide living quarters as well. We have found it to be absolutely necessary to construct a small dwelling for our missionary and his family. We also need a small building to serve as a schoolroom and recreation room outside our present building. As the Lord has met our needs in the past, we believe He will also meet these future needs of our mission. Here is a subject for earnest prayer—that God will raise up helpers to meet these pressing needs.

On the same Lord's Day we took off late in the afternoon for Taos, N. Mex., and were again amazed at the vastness of this territory as we flew along rugged mountains and sharp crags across the little grand canyon of the Rio Grande and dropped down into 8 inches of snow on the Taos airport.

The evening service with our Spanish-Americans in Taos and our missionaries there really filled our cup of blessing to overflowing. A large congregation was present for the evening service and the Spirit of God was present in power. This church is making its influence felt in this community and all through the area under the leadership of Bro. Sam Horney.

Monday morning we went to Cordillera, where our first self-supporting Spanish church is located, and looked at the damage which had been caused in the roof

## DID YOU RECEIVE A MINUTE-MAN LETTER?

*Let's Help Findlay Build a  
Church Here!  
Send a Minute Man Dollar!*



The Findlay Minute-Man letters are coming back to us in a steady stream from Brethren all over the United States and we thank each one of you for them. However, some are coming back without gifts because we didn't have your correct address. It would be a real help to us if you would notify us when you have a change of address. No doubt many of you have received a letter, but for some reason you haven't returned your gift, so why not do it *now* before you forget it.

of this building by a small fire from an overheated stove. This has now been repaired and the building is in use again, as Tony Luna leads on in spiritual things. At Arroyo Hondo, where David Tolardo is holding forth the Word of Life, God is abundantly blessing. This is the mission where Celina Mares worked for a long period. Celina is now giving a good account of her ministry mostly in the Taos area, where so much visitation is to be done.

Plans are being made for a new self-supporting mission in Arroyo Seco, not far from Taos, with the Brethren Youth Fellowship vitally interested in helping to construct the building. Pray for this new project.

#### NEW WORK IN JOHNSTOWN PROMISING

One of our newer churches is the growing work in the Riverside section of the city of Johnstown, Pa. As the result of the faithful and sacrificial work of a few Brethren laymen, this church became a reality. Meetings have



*Converted dwelling at Riverside, Pa.*



*Pastor Ralph Hall and family.*

been held in a converted house which has served well for public worship services and Sunday school.

Our recent visit here revealed a fine, growing congregation and a Sunday school pushing toward the 100 mark. Located in an unchurched area of the city there is great opportunity to reach many lost souls with the Gospel of Christ. Bro. Ralph Hall, the pastor, has supported himself for many months and developed this work at the same time. He needs to spend full time at this work as do other young men who are now building Brethren churches on the same basis.

#### WORK IN JENNERS GROWING

A Sunday school of 102 greeted us in Jenners, Pa., not far from our Johnstown churches. The East Fellowship District Mission Board has done a fine job in developing this church, which now boasts the completed shell of a building, with plans for the completion of the upstairs auditorium. The lower auditorium has been made very attractive by the addition of several coats of paint. Bro. Victor Rogers, the pastor, reports the blessing of God on the work.

#### NEW CHAPEL AT DRYHILL, KY.

Because of the vision, prayers, and gifts of our Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, we now have a fine little



*Miss Fuqua leading the Sunday school in a chorus.*

chapel building high up on the hillside at Dryhill, otherwise known as Hell-for-Certain, where Miss Evelyn Fuqua is our missionary.

The story of the construction of this building and many of the Lord's people who assisted in making it possible will be fully told when it is properly dedicated.

There were 46 in the Sunday school and a few more in the church service as we fellowshipped with these new friends in the Kentucky hills. Miss Evelyn has done a fine job in reaching many with the Gospel and also in the school work. Her little jeep is busy most of the time carrying her somewhere in the Lord's business.

The interior of the chapel is not yet complete and some work is still necessary on the outside porch. However, it is in full use each week.

#### FINE MEETING AT CLAYHOLE

As a result of some hard work and real cooperation,



*Clayhole Brethren Church and mission home.*



our Clayhole Brethren Sunday school placed 4th in Class D in the Christian Life contest. The attendance just about tripled during this contest and great interest was generated all along Troublesome Creek. Brother Landrum, our missionary, was well pleased with the response and says that they are planning another and larger contest this coming year.

We took advantage of our opportunity to meet with the group on Sunday evening when about 100 saw our home mission pictures.

Physical expansion of our church to provide Sunday school rooms is badly needed here. Pray that the Lord will enable us in this.



*Clayhole missionary family—Rev. and Mrs. Sewell Landrum, Peggy, Lois Kay, and Ruth Marie.*

#### GREAT OPPORTUNITY AT PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Here is a great and challenging new home mission field which is being entered by the council in close cooperation with the East Fellowship District Mission Board. An enthusiastic group of people, under the leadership of Bro. Lester Smitley, is anxious to find a location for a church building and also to have their own house of worship. Meeting in the community building has its serious problems and is far removed from the new community where we hope to locate our new church. The Lord has blessed in spite of the many handicaps. Souls have been saved and added to the church. In our recent

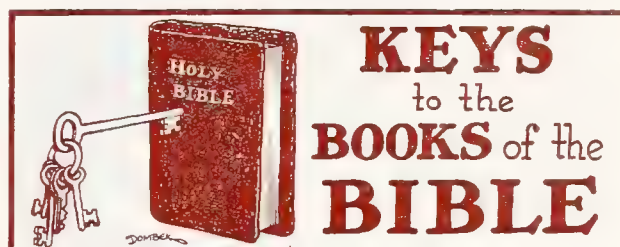


*Parkersburg, W. Va., group.*



*Rev. Lester Smitley and family, Parkersburg, W. Va.*

survey of the city from both the air and the ground we found some fine prospective locations for a church. Our needs here are similar to those elsewhere—funds for the purchase of property and construction of a new building and also for the full-time support of the pastor, who now works for Sears Roebuck in the television maintenance department. We need your prayers above all else for the development of this promising field.



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#### THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

##### I. The Purpose.

- A. To reveal the mind of Christ.
- B. To reveal the mind of the saints who are in Christ Jesus.

##### II. The Key Words.

- A. Mind (1:27; 2:2, 2, 3, 5, 20; 3:15, 16; 4:2, 7, 10).
- B. Joy (1:4, 25; 2:2, 17, 18; 4:1).
- C. Rejoice (1:18, 18, 26; 2:16, 17, 18, 28; 3:1, 3; 4:4, 4, 10).

##### III. The Key Verses.

- A. 2:5—"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."
  1. Its exposition (2:6-8; cf. Heb. 12:2-3).
  - B. 1:21—"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
    1. Its explanation (Rom. 9:3).

##### IV. The Key Outline. (Dr. C. I. Scofield's is also very good.)

- A. Life in Christ—a possession (1:1-26).
- B. Unity in Christ—an encouragement (1:27-2:30).
- C. Joy in Christ—a concentration (3).
- D. Faithfulness in Christ—an exhortation (4).

##### V. The Key Thoughts for the Day.

- A. 4:4—"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice."

1. This is rule No. 1.
- B. 4:5-6—"Let your moderation [forbearance] be known unto all men . . . In nothing be anxious; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

4:8—"Think on these things."

1. These are rules 2, 3, and 4.
- C. "The measure of the church's authority is the measure of her conformity to the mind of Christ." "The mind of Christ is the only thing that makes us truly royal." "Let the church of God be mastered by love, filled with singing and with joy, perpetually serving, and she rises to a throne of power and authority in this, and in every age."

- D. "The supreme thing is that we should be wholly, absolutely mastered by Christ, that we should be captives of the Lord. That is the ideal."

# CLAYHOLE BRETHREN WIN CONTEST

By Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, Pastor

There was plenty of excitement on Troublesome Creek as October 5 ushered in the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. From Buckhorn to Lost Creek, Ky., enthusiasm, coupled with a determination to win this contest, ran high. The Clayhole Brethren Church, a small home mission church, located in Breathitt County, Ky., was the center for all this activity in an all-out effort to reach the people of the area for Christ. Careful and prayerful planning had gone into the preparation for this contest over several months preceding it and now the actual moment had come to launch out and see the completion of these plans.



Pastor Landrum

The aim was summed up in a slogan chosen for the contest, "Clayhole for Christ." The burden for souls rested heavily upon the hearts of the small band of workers as they gathered on a hot summer evening to make their first plans. It was determined from the outset that this Sunday school contest was not to be an average contest but an all-out movement under God, whereby the entire community would be aroused and stirred for Christ through the work of the Sunday school.

The very simplicity of life in the community made this task difficult. There were no factories or other business places to visit for help in increasing attendance. In fact, there was only a school, a church, a few stores and homes. Thus it was essential that a thorough job had to be done with what was available.

The theme song for the contest, "Win Them One by One," to the tune of "Revive Us Again," was the keynote. With this challenge we went out witnessing for Christ and succeeded in touching many of the mountain people, even those living in the narrow valleys along Troublesome Creek and its small tributaries. Visitation here was very difficult and travel often was only by jeep or on foot, since there was not a single telephone in the community. The work had to be done as it was by the very first Christians in the early New Testament church.

Practically every home in the area was contacted through our visitation program. This caused sort of a chain reaction to set in, with folks who were invited in turn inviting others as the enthusiasm developed. This invitation program linked with the 14-vehicle parade from Buckhorn to the county seat on Saturday, October 4, all the while using a strong public-address system, made the community very much alive to the reality of the Brethren Sunday school. Adding to this the fact that a 2-weeks revival meeting came to a conclusion on October 5, the first day of the contest, there were no doubts that the Clayhole people were really thinking about spiritual things. Decisions for Christ in these 2 weeks of meetings helped to whet the spiritual appetites of the people and to give them a greater love for souls.

The schools in the area cooperated in every possible way in making the contest a success. The Breathitt County High School and the Caney Consolidated School,

with hundreds of pupils and many teachers, gave us free access and helped by stressing announcements. The first Sunday of the contest was designated "Teachers Day." Direct mail was sent to every teacher in the county. As a result for that first Sunday, the principal of Breathitt High School, with 600 students enrolled, was present together with the principals of 4 consolidated grade schools and 9 other public school teachers, along with many of their pupils.

The stores of the community were very cooperative in advertising the contest. Two merchants agreed to

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## Prayer Changes Things

By Frank Poland, Assistant to the Secretary

This title is a very familiar motto and we see it in many places. It is before me every hour spent in the office, but sometimes I wonder to how many people it is only a motto. In other words, they have never experienced the change prayer can make in their lives and in their work.

In the work of home missions we witness these changes, we experience these changes, and we hear about these changes taking place daily in our home mission churches. This is true because of your prayers and we beseech you to continue steadfast. Did you ever pray about something and, because you could not actually see any change, you just wondered if it was answered? You really were not doubting God but you were just anxious. I have had this feeling at times and I have taken the Prayer Pointer page of the Brethren Missionary Herald to check the previous home mission requests that were answered. It will thrill your soul to observe the changes brought about by prayer. Try it sometime, for it is encouraging.

Last September, at the outset of the home mission offering period, a page was devoted to urgent prayer requests and I wonder if you have followed the results or changes that have taken place since that time. To bring you up to date, here are a few of the requests followed by the changes.

"A completed upper auditorium needed at Alexandria, Va."—dedication is planned for March 29. "A new church building needed at Denver, Colo."—ground had not been broken at the time, but a picture of the church appeared in last month's Herald. "A new chapel needed at Hell-for-Certain, Ky."—it was not started at the time, but a picture of it appears on the cover of this issue. "A full-time pastor needed at Seattle, Wash."—Rev. Thomas Hammers has been on the field 2 months. "The part-time pastor at Findlay, Ohio, needed to become full-time"—Rev. Forest Lance became full-time pastor on January 1. The other requests at that time are being fulfilled and you will be able to check them off month by month as you read about them. Yes, prayer changes things, and we praise God it's true.



# SOUL RECLAIMED AFTER 35 YEARS OF STRAYING

By Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Nine months ago the pastor's phone rang and the lady on the other end of the line said: "This is Mrs. ——. I have never been in your church; you do not know me; I have never heard you preach; but I wonder if I could make an appointment to talk with you in your church office." Assuring her that I would gladly call on her in her home, if this would assist her in any way, she readily agreed, and the appointment was made.

Upon arriving, the pastor was welcomed by a cultured woman and ushered into a very elegantly furnished apartment. On the woman's countenance was an expression of grave concern.

Her story was a sad one. At the age of 9 she had professed faith in the Lord as her Saviour, but during high school years she started on the path of sin. Disobeying her mother and disregarding what she knew was the will of God, she married an unbeliever.

The next 20 years of her life told like a mad dream of wanton pleasure, resulting in sin and sorrow. A divorce ensued; she remarried. The next 10 years she spent reveling in the heights of materialism. But now, completely disarmed, her heart's cry was, "Can God forgive?" "For 30 years," she sobbed, "the Spirit of God has harassed me. I was compelled to attend true gospel services. But I was willful and stubborn to have my own way."

According to her testimony, the Lord permitted weakness of health, and she began to consider the appeal of the Holy Spirit to take inventory. Inventory revealed, "Weighed and found wanting."

The film, "Mr. Texas," was shown in Cedar Rapids, and the pastor had been asked at the close of the showing to give the invitation—25 or 30 folk had responded to the invitation that night. Mrs. ——— was present, but she had resisted. Then she telephoned the pastor. She wanted to be sure she spoke with one who believed in the new birth.

After reading together passages of Scripture concerning God's amazing grace and power to forgive sin through Christ, she kneeled and prayed to God, beseeching Him to pardon and cleanse her of 30 years of the sin of disobedience and rebellion. The next Lord's Day she publicly reaffirmed her faith in Christ in the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids.

Last week she departed from this life, the victim of cancer of the liver. The last 9 months of her life were given to witnessing about Christ to her relatives. In her sickroom she was a blessing to all who visited with her. But "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Although she knew the Lord had forgiven and cleansed her wickedness, she all but feared standing in the presence of her Lord and Saviour so empty-handed!

## HAVE YOU SEEN "THE FORGOTTEN NAVAHO"?

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ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam Rager, pastor)—

We had a real time of spiritual blessing with the Humberds from February 8 to 13. On the last night, with 44 present, there were 2 decisions. We praise the Lord for His goodness to us and for the definite answers to prayer. An increasing number of high-school-age young people are showing an interest in the work here and a general revival spirit is being evidenced.

TAOS, N. MEX. (Sam Horney, missionary)—

We had 27 present at Arroyo Seco last Sunday for the services. This is the largest number in attendance we have ever seen. The work is very encouraging and we will try to get you some pictures soon. (Editor's note—This is the place the national BYF is planning to furnish funds for building a chapel as a home mission project. The above note should be of interest to all BYF organizations and a challenge to the need of the chapel.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO (Russell M. Ward, pastor)—

Tomorrow afternoon we are holding our first Bible club in cooperation with the Christian Business Men's Committee, who sponsor child evangelism in this area. We have experts to start us off and good help to continue it, plus a tremendous amount of enthusiasm both among the leaders and the children contacted in the area around the church. In the near future we are beginning a boys club work and we will be sending you reports on these activities later. Next Sunday, March 8, we plan to have a baptismal service for at least 4 and possibly more.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Bruce Button, missionary)—

We praise God for the recent results in our children's meetings. We have seen your prayers answered by 2 girls accepting Christ as their Saviour. One of the girls comes from a Jewish family and the other from a Catholic family. Pray for these girls and the children's work that more may be reached for Him.

PORTLAND, OREG. (Vernon Harris, pastor)—

It certainly was a thrill to see the national WMC project offering check arrive and we do appreciate the fact that they were willing to consider our needs. I always did think the WMC was a good organization; now I am positive of it. The men of the church have finished the lath work and we had more or less figured the WMC project offering would pay for the plastering, which will cost approximately \$1,000. On the spiritual side of the ledger, 10 members have been received into our church in the last few weeks, of which 8 were adults.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell, pastor)—

We praise God for the good progress that has been

put handbills in the bags of groceries and one allowed the handbills to be placed on his counter for people to take freely. In addition, these merchants also invited many to the Sunday school.

The Jackson Times gave prominent front-page coverage 5 out of the 6 weeks of the contest and 1 week gave a good spot on the back page. In the last week's write-up a complete summary was given on the contest. In fact, it was agreed in the area that for many years no one event had received as much and as consistent front-page coverage as this contest had. Announcements were also made over the various church radio programs as well as on the news broadcasts.

It seemed that the whole community was interested in making this project a great success.

During the 6 weeks of the contest the little Clayhole Brethren Sunday School had an average attendance of 345, which meant that the Sunday school attendance was almost tripled.

Winning 4th place in this contest, with over 1,600 American Sunday schools entered, brought the Clayhole church 100 new songbooks, a flannelgraph board with an easel, which totaled in value \$139.80.

We praise God for giving us this victory and we trust that its blessing will continue through the months.

made toward the completion of our church. We are ready to finish the floor, install the light fixtures, lay the carpet, and install the seats when they arrive. Our primary objective is to occupy the lower auditorium and then finish many of the things at a later date as we have the time. God is continuing to keep us out of debt with timely miracles of supply, which keep the people rejoicing in His great faithfulness. The whole community is watching, too, believe you me, and all thanks to Him.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (Clarence Gutierrez, missionary)—

We had another spiritual victory in our church last night when a young couple accepted Christ as Saviour for the first time. Some of the men of the church are without work, but the offerings continue to increase some and the attendance is good. Pray for the Lord's leading in the work and in our lives as we serve Him.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor)—

About 2 years ago a young man attended our services with his lady friend. His general attitude was of indifference and unconcern. About a year ago the couple married, but attended church services only occasionally. However, by prayer and calling, their interest was maintained, and 2 weeks ago, after much personal work, this young man and his wife were led of the Holy Spirit to take their stand and publicly confess Christ. This was the young man's first confession, and a reaffirmation for the young wife. We praise God for this victory. They are to be baptized within the next few weeks and are to enter our church fellowship as members.



# ISRAEL CALLS!

## IN TIMES OF SORROW

By Isobel Fraser

"It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Psa. 119:71). This we pray will be the testimony of a young Jewess who recently confessed Christ as her Messiah and Saviour. At the present time her physical affliction is too close for her to see any blessing in it.

This is how the Lord worked in her life. My first contact with Helen was made about a year and a half ago in my regular door-to-door calling. There are always those to whom one feels particularly drawn and with whom further contacts can easily be made. Helen was one of these. She had not been well for a number of years and just recently her physical problems had been added to when she fell while attempting to move a davenport. In her desperation she has tried numerous doctors and even psychologists and psychoanalysts, but all to no avail. Each time I called, opportunity was given to point her to the Lord, explaining that He could help her if she would only put her trust in Him. As she felt dizzy continually, she seldom accepted any literature or tracts.

Several times she spoke to me of healing meetings about which she had read, but explaining the un-Scriptural stand of these, I would point out to her God's method from James 5:13-16. This also gave opportunity to explain her need for salvation and God's gift of salvation through her Messiah, Jesus Christ. She is not a religious Jewess and so many of the things, even from the Old Testament, about which I talked to her were strange and needed to be explained.

Then one day last fall she asked for literature to read. This was a wonderful answer to prayer and a New Testament was joyfully given to her. She knew about our Thursday evening discussion meetings and gave me another thrill by asking to attend. Attending faithfully for about a month, she accepted a Bible and entered quite freely into the discussions that we had after Brother Button brought the evening message. One Thursday night she called to say that she would be unable to attend. She sounded so despondent that I decided to go and talk with her.

That evening we spoke about the things of God for almost 3 hours. She admitted that she was a sinner and received the Scriptures that were presented to her. That evening she asked Christ to save her and we had prayer together. I do not doubt her confession, but she needs to yield herself completely to the Lord and permit Him to work out His will in her life. As the Buttons and I have talked with her we are convinced that her main problem is her mental attitude toward her illness. We covet your prayers for her that the Lord will give her victory and increase her faith in Him. Her healing would be a wonderful testimony to her husband and to other members of her family. Helen's husband has in no way hindered her interest in Christ, and other members of the family have expressed appreciation of our interest in her. "God setteth the solitary in families" (Psa 68:6). I believe that she is God's solitary in this family to be used to reach the others for Christ.

Several times I have told you about Mrs. S. Whenever I call in her home it is no problem to have a discussion on the Bible. In fact, one question leads to another. Even her 2 boys (7 and 10 years old) are allowed to ask me questions about God. Sometime ago she had told me that her mother-in-law had cancer and was not expected to live. At the time I asked her if she would like to have a pastor or someone call on her, but she answered in the negative. Just recently I called again in her home, and although she was busy, she took a few minutes out to talk with me. When asked about her mother-in-law, she explained that she was very low and that anytime they expected to hear of her death. Then she asked, "Why? Why does God permit such suffering?" This gave another opportunity to explain about sin and its consequences. Also, I explained, it often took affliction to turn men and women to God, and perhaps in His mercy God was giving her an opportunity to prepare to meet Him. I told her that I would like to call on her mother-in-law if she did not mind. She gave me permission. This was on Thursday afternoon and my plans were to go to see her on Friday. I had been home not more than a couple of hours when Mrs. S. called and said that I didn't need to go to the hospital—her mother-in-law had died just about 10 minutes before. My heart was sick!

The funeral was to be Sunday at 12 o'clock, and so I stayed with her 2 boys. (I went to church by TV, but it is no substitute for the house of God.) As Mrs. S. left she said to her sons, "If you have any questions about God, ask Isobel." They had them. I answered questions on the resurrection, if the Israelites really heard God, and can God be seen. I also gave them a flannel-graph lesson on Joseph in Egypt. Remember this family at the throne of grace.



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Dedicatory services for the new building of the *Alexandria, Va.*, church, pastored by Rev. Kenneth Teague, are scheduled for the morning of March 29, with Rev. Luther L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, as speaker.

The *Buena Vista, Va.*, church, pastored by Rev. Galen M. Lingenfelter has scheduled special meetings for March 22-April 5. Rev. Luther L. Grubb will be the evangelist and Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, missionaries under appointment for Argentina, will be in charge of the music.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rice, of the Canton, Ohio, church, died during the first week of March.

Rev. R. I. Humberd conducted a Bible conference at the Spokane, Wash., church in January, his 4th there in 25 years. During February he spoke in Los Angeles, Calif., at the First Church of the Brethren, the Eagle Rock Baptist Church, the American Prophetic League, the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Following these engagements he spoke at the Arizona Bible Institute, Phoenix, Ariz.; at the Dallas Theological Seminary and the Bible Institute, both of Dallas, Tex.; and at the Brookes Bible Institute of St. Louis, Mo., of which Dr. Elias White is dean.

The *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church, of which Dr. Charles H. Ashman is interim pastor, has voted to buy a parsonage and to carpet the entire auditorium of the church building.

Eddie Lash, of the Ashland, Ohio, church, won the local American Legion essay contest.

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, Pike church, of which Rev. Clair Gartland is pastor, had groundbreaking services March 15 for the beginning of a new

building project. This congregation has outgrown its present facilities.

Be sure to see elsewhere in this Herald the announcement concerning the *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible.

The *Ankenytown, Ohio*, church, of which Rev. Wesley Haller is pastor, held special meetings March 9-13 under the leadership of Rev. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio.

Ten people worked a full day, March 4, in cleaning and renovating the building (former dwelling house) used by the *Johnstown, Pa.*, Riverside church, of which Rev. Ralph C. Hall is pastor.

Chaplain Ernest F. Pine was transferred to Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.

The *Iowa District WMC* plans to hold its next rally April 9 at the Pleasant Grove church at North English.



Elmer Brothers, of the Ashland, Ohio, church, died in the last week of February.

Mrs. Etta L. Rager, of the Conemaugh, Pa., church, died the last week of January.

Speakers at the *Bellflower, Calif.*, church March 1 were Rev. Evan Adams, Counselor Post, N. Mex., and Rev. Bob Munro, of Canada. Both Pastor and Mrs. George M. Richardson have been ill.

Bro. Dick Messner, of the Ashland, Ohio, church, has been approved by the district ministerial examining board for licensure.

The *Bell, Calif.*, church, pastored by Rev. Harry A. Sturz, was recently given a bus by a group of people in Pasadena.

The *California District SMM* held a rally March 1 at the Los Angeles Second church.

Rev. Evan Adams, of Counselor Post, N. Mex., spoke at the Long Beach, Calif., Second church on March 1.

The *Paramount, Calif.*, church, pastored by Rev. John W. Maves, had 113 people present in Sunday

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school February 22. Dr. Charles W. Mayes preached for his son in the evening service that day.

Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Snyder, of the Yellow Creek, Pa., church, are vacationing and visiting 2 of their children in Florida. Rev. Raymond Yeater preached for him at Yellow Creek on March 15, and Bro. Samuel Steinberger and Bro. Herbert Christopher are scheduled to speak March 22, and Bro. Robert Walter March 29.

The *Buena Vista, Va.*, church held a brief conference, March 11-15, on evangelizing through the Sunday school, with Rev. James Dixon, of Washington, D. C., as speaker. The climax was on March 15 when the new Sunday school building was dedicated to the Lord.

Little Anne Goodman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, missionaries to Africa, underwent surgery on her affected leg March 5 at La Verne, Calif., according to a report received in the Herald office. No further particulars are available at this time.

Mrs. Esta (Elsie) Rager, a charter member of the La Verne, Calif., church when it was founded in 1900, died at La Verne the first week of March.

Mr. Ben Sickel, father of the late Dr. Clarence Sickel, and for many years a member of the La Verne, Calif., church, died March 7. Brother Sickel was 91 years old May 6, 1952, and he and Mrs. Sickel, who survives him, were married more than 65 years ago.

The March issue of the *Family Circle*, a small magazine published for chain food stores, has a 10-page informative article on *Taos, N. Mex.*



# "AND THE TRUE LIGHT ALREADY SHINETH"

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

"The darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth" (I John 2:8 ASV). There are no more welcome words than these. In these words the Apostle John is thinking of that darkness which originated at the beginning when the mystery of iniquity started on its long tramp across the lives of men and civilization. But even then the light was shining, and has continued to shine, growing ever brighter with the passing of the centuries.

It was that light that burst into broad noon at the tomb when darkness had done its worst to shroud the entire world in gloom at the cross of Calvary. With the resurrection of Christ the shining light reached the zenith of the heavens and it was high noon. During these 1,900 years and more since that day, when it seems that darkness is again overtaking the world, it is only the passing of the clouds and the mists and the shadows from the scenes of earth's night to the brighter shining of Him who is **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**.

At this springtide, when the memories of Christ's victory over death, hell, and the grave are lingering in our minds, it is time for God's people to take new courage. The light is shining. A passing shadow may have come between us and the light. But the true light is shining, and shortly the Sun of Righteousness will rise and all the shadows shall flee away.

What would be better than to center our attention upon some good book that would chart one through the Word of God and show how the light has come to the dawn of world redemption.

Therefore the first-choice book for April is "The Dawn of World Redemption," by Erich Sauer. This book will be sent to members of the book club if they do not notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to the contrary by April 1. In the event that members desire the second-choice book, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute, they should notify the company of this desire before April 1.

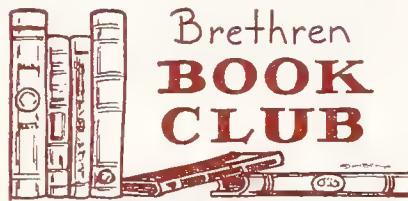
The second-choice book is "Beg-

gar's King," by Howard C. Emmons.

As a premium for joining the book club, your choice of the following is offered: "Stranger Than Fiction," by Florence Gribble; "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," by Andrew Bonar; or "Prayer: Asking and Receiving," by John R. Rice.

By ordering 1 of the 2 books listed for the month of April you become a member of the club and are entitled to 1 of the premium books.

During the April-July period, Dr. R. A. Torrey's book, "How to Obtain



Fullness of Power," will be given to members of the club who have earned their dividend book.

## THE DAWN OF WORLD REDEMPTION

By Erich Sauer

God's people need to study the theology of the Bible. Perhaps nothing is more stimulating, and certainly nothing is more profitable. Therein the great questions of the human heart are answered, not out of the ponderous pronouncements of men, but from the simple statements of the Word of God.

Books that are preeminently Biblical in their theological system are especially helpful in this study, and such is the book at hand. Though this work has been many years in preparation, it has only recently become available by translation into English. It traces the revelation of God's great plan of salvation through the Old Testament.

In a short space of 200 pages, the author systematizes in remarkable fashion the movement of progressive revelation of salvation throughout the entire Old Testament period, and prepares the reader for the sec-

ond volume covering the New Testament. In concise and gripping language the larger lines of history and revelation are set forth.

Here is a volume that will be extremely helpful to laymen. They will ponder many an hour over a few pages and find spiritual refreshment as well as intellectual profit. Certainly this volume, together with its companion, should be in every minister's library. The story is fascinating, moving, convincing, and powerful. Price of the book is \$3.—*Herman A. Hoyt.*

## BEGGAR'S KING

By Howard C. Emmons

The setting of this historical novel is Palestine in the days of the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Around the life of Leah, the beggar, is woven a story of intrigue, mystery, hatred, love, and romance. The problems, the defeats, the activities, and the hopes of the people of that generation are embodied in the crippled body and the dimmed mind of the beggar of the Jerusalem streets.

Most perplexing of all to this girl were the reports of the miracles and the messages of the Nazarene, the only person in that day who would be able to deliver the Jews from the yoke of Rome. At times Leah wanted Him as her king, and at other times she hated Him.

Who was this girl, and why did she hate Rachel with such strong animosity? Why couldn't Jonas at least treat her as a woman? Indeed, here is a mystery that the reader will not discover until he has read the book.

We believe this book will hold the attention of the reader until the last page has been reached, and a resolve or two will have been made by then.

Parents, here is a book that is far better reading than most books being read by our young people. We suggest you get a copy and pass it around freely among the younger readers, that is, after you have read it. The price is \$2.50 a copy.—*Conard Sandy.*

# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## V. THE CRY OF EXHAUSTION.

"Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst" (John 19:28).

As our Lord hung upon the cross, His mind went throughout the entire Old Testament, and not until every jot and tittle had been fulfilled did He dismiss His spirit.

Who killed Christ? The Jews. On Pentecost Peter, talking to the Jews, said, "Ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" Him (Acts 2:23).

Who killed Christ? The gentiles, for against Jesus "the Gentiles . . . were gathered together" (Acts 4:27).

Who killed Christ? "I lay down my life . . . no man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:17-18).

And how fortunate for us that man could not take His life from Him. True, in all intent and purpose, both the Jews and gentiles killed Him and were guilty, but if men had killed Him, He might have died a few minutes before some Scripture had been fulfilled and thus our salvation would not have been complete. But our Lord kept His own hand upon the throttle that controlled His life, and no man could hasten His death. Men even tried to kill Him during the days of His ministry, but were not able to do so because His "hour was not yet come" (John 7:30).

### *Fulfillment Halted*

One Scripture, uttered a thousand years before, was in process of fulfillment 6 hours before its time, so He halted it.

When they crucified Him, they offered Him "vinegar to drink mingled with gall" (Matt. 27:34). But this was a stupefying drink and would cloud His mind, and His mind must be clear as He considers the fulfillment of Scripture, so He refused to drink.

It, however, was prophesied, "They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink" (Psa. 69:21). But this was to be in "my thirst," and the terrible thirst of crucifixion had not yet come

upon Him. He must suffer until "my strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death" (Psa. 22:15). Thus just before He died, this Scripture was fulfilled in its time (Matt. 27:48).

### *Guarding Fulfillment*

Thus, as He hung upon the cross, His mind went throughout the entire Old Testament, guarding the fulfillment of every tiny word, and bringing forth every prophecy in its time.

Four thousand years had passed since that first prophecy had been



uttered: The seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head (Gen. 3:15). Other prophecies had been written; countless details had been added. Thus let us use our imagination as to what might be going on in the mind of our Lord as He brought these Scriptures before His mind in detail, and checked them off in fulfillment.

"He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). Yes, this is fulfilled, for here I hang between 2 thieves.

He "made intercession for the transgressors." Yes, I called upon the Father to forgive them.

"They pierced my hands and my feet" (Psa. 22:16). Here I hang,

spiked to a Roman cross. That Scripture has been fulfilled.

### *Bodily Suffering*

"All my bones are out of joint" (Psa. 22:14). Yes, I can check this Scripture off too, for as I hang with the weight of my body pulling down on the spikes in my hands, the tendons have stretched and let my bones slip out of joint.

"I am poured out like water" (Psa. 22:14). Yes, because of my intense suffering, the cold sweat is flowing out of every pore of my body.

"All they that see me laugh me to scorn" (Psa. 22:7). Yes, the chief priests and scribes are mocking me, and "wagging their heads" as they revile me (Mark 15:29-31).

### *Garments Divided*

"They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture" (Psa. 22:18). Yes, the soldiers placed my sandals over there; an undergarment over here—they made 4 parts (John 19:23).

"Oh," cried a soldier carelessly, "too many clothes. What will we do with the vesture?"

"Tear it into 4 parts, and give each a part," answered another.

"Oh, no," cries the first; "it is without seam, woven throughout."

"Pitch up a coin," cried a third. "I'll take heads." And so they cast lots upon my vesture. That has been fulfilled.

"My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels" (Psa. 22:14). Everything is now ready for this! Soon I will die! My heart will break and the blood will seep out and gather in a pocket in my bowels. The soldiers will see a little bulge in my side, and one of them will thrust in his spear, and blood and water will flow out, and another Scripture will be fulfilled, "They shall look upon him whom they pierced" (John 19:37).

"My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws" (Psa. 22:15). All things are now "accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled," and it is time now for this one—"I thirst."





## Harrah, Washington

We praise the Lord for the blessings we enjoyed with Rev. Robert Ashman as our evangelist in special meetings February 1-15. He is indeed a true yoke-fellow, and the spirit of cooperation on the part of all the organizations of the church was most encouraging, as the Sky Pilot boys, the Sisterhood girls, the laymen, the Women's Missionary Council, and the Bible school all shared in the evening services. We had a volunteer choir at each service under Brother Ashman's direction and many special musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental.

It was our privilege to have an assembly in the Harrah grade school with all their classes, 1st through 8th grades, for a 45-minute presentation of the Gospel. The Happy Hour groups averaged 85 as Brother Ashman presented the plan of salvation in a unique manner to the boys and girls, and 13 of them accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. The evangelist also spoke over radio station KIMA on the Gospel Truth program the 3 Sundays he was with us.

The spirit and attendance increased steadily during the meetings and our people were strengthened by the Word of God. Four people came forward to unite with the church, and a high school girl reaffirmed her faith in Christ. Since the meetings we have baptized 5 and have received 7 into the membership of the church.—*Jesse Hall, pastor.*

## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us in our work here.

Mrs. Pearl Claypool and Mr. Omer Shankle have perfect attendance records in our Sunday school for the past 8 years, and Mr. Ralph Hooks and Mr. Bert Jordan for 7 years. These 4, with 31 others, had perfect attendance records during 1952—they did not miss a Sunday.

The young married people's class, which I teach, had 26 people with perfect attendance records during February, and 19 missed only 1 Sun-

day. Five years ago we did unusually well to have 15 people present in this class. This class is now building a nursery department for our church.

Our church extends double sympathy to Bro. J. B. Wingard in the death of his wife and the loss of his home by fire 1 week later.

We are looking forward to a 2-day Bible conference with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt as the speaker April 18-19.—*Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.*

## La Crescenta, California

The Mountain Brethren Church of La Crescenta held a covered-dish supper February 20, sponsored by the Sunday school department. A special invitation was given to the fathers and mothers who haven't become acquainted with our church, but who send their children to our Sunday school. Approximately 50 people attended.—*Virginia Rowe, reporter.*

## San Bernardino, California

On March 1 we witnessed one first-time decision to accept Christ as Saviour by a former Roman Catholic woman, and 2 rededications. This day 5 people were baptized and received into the membership of the church, bringing our total membership to 105.

On 9 of the last 10 Sundays, beginning with the last Sunday in 1952, we have had public decisions for Christ. There were 167 people in Sunday school, a new record for us, March 1, with 156 present the Sun-

## RSV BOOKLET AVAILABLE SOON

The 10 articles, written by members of the Grace Theological Seminary faculty, which appeared in the February 28 issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, are being printed in a 36-page booklet and will be available soon.

As announced in this paper last week, there are no more copies of the February 28 issue of the Herald available. More than 4,000 extra copies were sold in 10 days. Because of the continuing and increasing demand, these articles are now being printed in an attractive pamphlet, on fine quality paper with a beautiful cover.

These booklets will sell at the very low price of 15c a copy, \$1 for 8, or \$10 for 100 copies.

Since these booklets are being published by the seminary they will also be sold by the school. Place your orders direct to Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

day before. The morning worship service March 1 was attended by 108 people.

The Lord is blessing "Your Evening Devotions," a radio program sponsored and produced by our church each Sunday evening.—*Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.*

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Conemaugh, Pa..	March 8-22.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser.
Spokane, Wash...	March 8-22.....	William Schaffer..	Robert Ashman.
Clay City, Ind...	March 9-22.....	Ralph Burns.....	William Steffler.
Uniontown, Pa...	March 9-22.....	Clyde Landrum...	Russell Weber.
Allentown, Pa...	March 10-22....	William Gray....	Miles Taber.
Osceola, Ind....	March 15-29....	Ward Miller.....	Walter Lepp.
Norwalk, Ohio...	March 20-22....	.....	Herman Hoyt.
Buena Vista, Va..	March 22-Apr. 5.	Galen Lingenfelter	Luther Grubb.
Akron, Ohio....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Harold Etling....	Conard Sandy.
Cedar Rapids,			
Iowa.....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Arnold Kr'gbaum.	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (N.			
Riverdale) ....	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo.....	Michael Guido.
Ramona, Calif...	March 29-Apr. 3.	Grant McDonald..	Dr. C. A. Ashman.
Fort Wayne, Ind..	March 30-Apr. 2.	James Hammer...	John Whitcomb.

# Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

## ANOTHER CHURCH ADOPTS "COFFEE HOUR"

As far as we know, it was started in the Brethren church in Washington, D. C., by Pastor James Dixon—this "Coffee Hour" idea. But Richard Jackson, Jr., of New Troy, heard about it, and now that church is enjoying it too. It's a plan for the young married people of a church and, briefly, here's how it works. After church on Sunday nights the young married people meet in the parsonage, or another home, drink coffee and eat coffee cake or something, and discuss, under the leadership of the pastor, troubling questions concerning the Word of God and their Christian experience. It has already proved to be a tremendous boost to the groups in these 2 churches, offering real fellowship and practical spiritual help in an informal way. Maybe your church ought to try it too!

## MAKE JESUS YOUR CHOICE

Jesus is the One I choose,  
He is the best, you see!  
For many, many years ago  
He died on Calvary.

I'd like to tell this sin-filled world  
What's in my heart today:  
That Jesus is the only One  
Who can make life bright and gay.

Dear friend, and heartsick sinner,  
Make Jesus your choice, I pray!  
Give Him your heart, and mind, and  
soul,  
And live for Him day by day.

The above poem was written by Frank H. Gardner, Jr., a 15-year-old member of our church in Alexandria, Va. Frank is also a district officer of Brethren Boys Clubs and active in every phase of his church and district youth work. We like to see our young people using all their talents for the Lord, and wanted to share this literary work of Frank's with you all.

## NEW TROY CHURCH USES YOUTH

The Sunday school superintendent, the organist, and the recording

secretary of our church in New Troy, Mich., pastored by Richard Jackson, Jr., are all young people in their teens. This church is doing everything it can to keep its youth busy in the work of the Lord.

On a recent Sunday evening, the young people were in complete charge of the service and presented music from a youth choir, quartet, and duet. Carson Gancer presided, and Dean Straub officiated at the piano. Youth Director Ralph Colburn was the speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor are the new sponsors of the BYF group there.

One reason why there are so few good talkers in public is that there are so few good thinkers in private.  
—Time.

## PRIEST LEAVES ROMAN CHURCH

Dr. Andres M. Mateo, one of Spain's most outstanding Roman Catholic leaders, recently severed his relationship with Romanism.

A native of Spain, Dr. Mateo received his training for the priesthood in the schools of the Jesuit Order, a very strict and highly regarded system within the Roman Catholic Church. He was twice honored by the Pope and was once offered a bishopric. He is the author of many articles and books.

In an article, "From My Sycamore Tree," in the *Converted Catholic Magazine*, he said his experience was like that of Zaccheus. He claims he had no freedom to climb the "sycamore" while he was under the Roman hierarchy, but that now he is free to come to Christ and to learn of Him.

## MISSION ISSUES NEW FILM

The Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago has produced another documented film, "The Street." Many readers will remember the mission's former film, "Out of the Night."

"The Street" is based on an actual case history—the dramatic story of a young alcoholic "who turns to God out of the depths of spiritual and physical need."

According to Harry Saulnier, mission superintendent, the film had its premiere showing at the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago March 13 and will be ready for sales or rentals beginning August 1. It is a 35-minute color motion picture.

## YFC SEEKS NEW LEADERS

Youth for Christ International recently announced a contest to encourage young men to enter the ministry of the Gospel, either as preachers or as song leaders.

President Robert A. Cook said it is his desire to discover outstanding young preachers and song leaders throughout the nation and to encourage them in further preparation for the work of the Lord.

The contest is open to boys in the teens. Their sermons, if entering the preaching phase of the contest, must be of the entrant's own choice and development.

Elimination contests are to be conducted in local rallies, with the winners competing in 14 regional contests. The winner in each region will receive an expense-free week at the 9th annual convention of YFC, slated for Winona Lake June 28-July 12.

## DEDICATE CHAPLAIN MEMORIAL

According to a recent news report, the Chaplains Memorial Foundation was set up and dedicated in National Memorial Park, Washington, D. C., February 1 in honor of the 10th anniversary of the death of 4 chaplains in the sinking of a troop transport in World War II.

Mrs. Theresa Goode, widow of Rabbi Alexander Goode, one of the men to die, unveiled the memorial plaque bearing these words:

"The extraordinary heroism and devotion of these four men of God, a priest, a rabbi, and two ministers, who gave their life jackets to soldiers on the torpedoed transport *Dorchester* on February 3, 1943, and went down with their ship, is here memorialized as an unwavering beacon of supreme courage and faith.

"There is no death! The stars go down and rise on another shore. Anon. February 1953."

## IFCA GOES TO TERRE HAUTE

The 24th national convention of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America is being planned for the Terre Haute, Ind., Gospel Center May 2-7.





# I WAS A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE

By H. R. Newland, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Note: I would like to attest to the fact that the miracle described in this testimony is one of the greatest I have witnessed. It is the type of miracle that is needed in the lives of many of the pastors and laymen throughout the Brethren Church.—*Glenn O'Neal, pastor, First Brethren Church of Los Angeles.*)<sup>1</sup>

In 1938 I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. My wife had accepted Him as her Saviour as a young girl. We attended church and Bible classes together and my joy seemed to be complete, and we grew in faith as we studied the Word.

At that time I had an unsaved man as a business partner. Our study of the Word pointed out in II Corinthians 6:14 that we were not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Shortly afterward we broke this partnership and liquidated the business. Our study of the Word of God also pointed out our responsibilities as stewards of the Lord's material goods and we commenced to tithe our income. Almost from that very moment the promises of God to His obedient children concerning His blessings began to be poured out upon us. In Malachi 3:10 God says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In 1940 the Lord opened the way for the purchase of a business in Los Angeles. Upon moving there we united with the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles. From the very beginning the business began to prosper. But while my time was spent in the business less and less time was spent feeding on the Word and praying. As a result Satan hardened my heart and, although the business increased, the joy of my salvation decreased. Everything became important except the important thing. During these years my wife's faith increased and she continued to grow in grace, because she read the Word and prayed and witnessed. Two major operations, one

of which nearly took her life, drew her closer to the Lord than ever before. Her delight was in listening to the Word, feasting on it, praying, and association with the children of God. None of these things were desired by me. My time was occupied with the business, and as it continued to prosper, the stonier became my heart. But I was not happy. My wife knew this and prayed that the Lord would somehow bring me to the place of complete surrender.

On October 26, 1952, I was taken to the hospital for an emergency operation on my appendix. Just before entering the operating room I



said, "Lord, I am in thy hands to do Thy will." I knew my eternity would be spent with my Saviour if that were His will. On the operating table it was discovered that my appendix had been ruptured for about 24 hours, and peritonitis had set in. For 3 days the line between life and death was a thin one. When the surgeon told my wife of my serious condition, she called a number of her praying friends, who offered much prayer for me. My Saviour answered their prayers and I began to get well.

But something happened! Much greater than the healing of my body—the Lord had taken out my stony heart and replaced it with one of

flesh and love. For several days as I lay in bed talking to born-again Christians and listening to God's Word on the radio or reading the Word in His Book, I began to wonder why it was now my delight and joy to listen, read, talk, and witness of the things concerning our matchless Saviour and Lord. As I was dressing, the morning I was to be released from the hospital, I was still thinking on this marvelous change. Suddenly the answer came. A miracle had been performed on my heart. I had known my Saviour, but now I found my Lord. I was so overwhelmed with joy, and have been ever since, that I immediately called my wife to tell her of this new-new birth. The full joy of my salvation was a miracle transplanted in my soul, thank God. It is difficult to express in words the peace and joy that came upon me. My delight and joy now is in reading the Word, praying, and witnessing.

Before leaving the hospital, I prayed that the Lord would help me to show at least one soul his need of the Saviour. The following week will always be the greatest in my life. Through the love planted in my heart for the lost, and the work of the Holy Spirit, we pointed 3 men to Jesus and they accepted Him as their personal Saviour. I shall never cease to praise and thank Him for removing my heart of stone for one of love.

My time, talents, and business have been dedicated to the accomplishment of 2 things: To encourage and comfort the children of God, and to point the unsaved people to Christ.

To any born-again child of God who is not enjoying the fullness of salvation, search your heart and see if you have allowed Satan to harden it by concerning yourself too much with the material things of the world. Our real treasures are in heaven where rust and corruption do not destroy them. Read Hebrews 3:13.

To the person who does not know Jesus as his personal Saviour, listen: God's promises are true and He doesn't lie. His Word in John 3:16-17 says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begot-

ten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." You ask, "What do you mean, 'be saved'?" The moment you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour you become a son of God and are assured of an eternity in heaven. To receive Jesus is an act of believing on your part; you can do nothing to earn it by the good things you do. In the Word in Ephesians 2:8-9 God says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." A gift is something you take. God's gift is eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. Eternal life is yours by simply saying: "Lord, I am a sinner and need the Saviour. I accept your gift of Jesus as my personal Saviour." God then promises you in John 1:12: "But as many as received him [Jesus], to them gave he power [the right] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Unsaved friend, receive Jesus now as your Saviour and He will forgive you of your sins. He will remember them against you no more forever. Then accept Jesus as your personal Saviour. This step in your life causes rejoicing in heaven, for God's Word in Luke 15:7 says: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

### FRUITS OF LOVE

"Let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing" (Jas. 1:4 ASV).

Let every creature have your love. Love with its fruits of meekness, patience, and humility is all that we can wish for ourselves and our fellow creatures; for this is to live in God, united to Him, both for time and eternity.—William Law.

### LUTHERANS OPPOSE ENVOY

A resolution urging President Dwight Eisenhower not to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican was approved by the National Lutheran Council recently.

The council, representing 8 Lutheran bodies in this country, held its 35th annual meeting at Atlantic City in February. During the closing session it adopted a resolution in the form of a letter to the President, which declared in part:

"In common with other American church bodies, we believe that the appointment of a representative to the Vatican violates the principle of the equality of treatment of all churches and of the separation of church and state.

"We express to you our fervent hope that this divisive issue be not again precipitated."

This issue is not dead, dear reader. There are certain parties and organizations in this country that constantly exercise pressure to secure an envoy or ambassador to the Vatican. All freedom-loving Christians ought to pray that this will never happen again.

### LIQUOR 2 TO 1 OVER FOOD

Liquor outlets in Prince Georges County, Md., outnumber food stores more than 2 to 1, according to Mrs. Joseph S. Yuill, of Lanham. She claims there are 347 places where liquor is sold legally and only 139 food stores in the county.

State Senator John R. Fletcher said the pressure is great from some people who want the county opened wide to liquor interests and just as great from those people who want stricter regulation of the sale of alcoholics. The only solution to the matter, the senator said, is to work out a compromise.

A compromise, however, does not solve the problem. And the situation existing in Prince Georges County is prevalent in too many parts of this country.

### WLST RELEASES SCHEDULE

The Winona Lake School of Theology has announced June 17-July 23 as the dates for its summer session to be held at Winona Lake, Ind. During this time 2 semesters of 15 days each will be conducted.

The Flying Seminar to Palestine and adjacent lands, a course for credit in the school, begins July 25 and ends on September 1. Last year 85 people went on this tour and the same number are expected again this year. The seminar travels in 2 sections in TWA Constellations, with 2 teachers in each section.

The faculty of the Flying Seminar is composed of Dean John A. Huffman; Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, of Wheaton Graduate School; Dr. Ralph Earle, of Nazarene Theological Seminary; and Dr. T. Leonard Lewis, of Boston School of Theology and Missions.

In addition to these men, the following will also teach in the regular sessions at Winona Lake: President Jasper A. Huffman; Dr. Harold B. Kuhn and Dr. Harold C. Mason, both of Asbury Theological Seminary; Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood, of Temple University Divinity School; and Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer and Dr. Frank J. Neuberg, both of Wheaton Graduate School.

Courses are being offered in Bible doctrine, exposition, ethics, philosophy, apologetics, administration, and preaching methods.

Any reader interested in more information about this school should write direct to the Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Ind.

### ATS RELEASES FOUR TRACTS

The American Tract Society, with headquarters in New York City, released 4 new titles February 26. The goal of this society is to publish 1,000,000 tracts a month during 1953.

"Useless Kinds of Religion," by Dr. J. C. Ryle, shows that any religion without Christ Jesus is useless.

"Let a Man Examine Himself," is arranged in the query style and was written by Mildred V. Holler.

"Is the Church Necessary?" is an 8-page folder which should prove helpful in these days of much loose thinking. It was written by Dr. Charles Forbes Taylor.

"Easter," by Dr. George Wells Arms, is a 4-page tract especially suited to this season of the year.



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## BEHIND THE FINAL IRON CURTAIN



*"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell,*

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*They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee,*

*And consider thee, saying,*

*Is this the man that made the earth to tremble?"*

*(Isa. 14:15-16).*



## *The Death of Stalin*

The cartoon which appears on the front cover by the courtesy of the Chicago Tribune was published by that newspaper following the death of the Red Russian dictator. The caption above the cartoon is by the artist, Mr. Orr.

## *The Text From Isaiah 14*

I am quite well aware that the text I have selected to place beneath the cartoon is one which refers prophetically to the final Antichrist, the man of sin. And I am absolutely certain that Stalin is *not* the Antichrist. But the Apostle John reminds us that the final Antichrist would be preceded by many lesser figures: writing in his own generation, he said, "Even now are there many antichrists" (I John 2:18). And therefore, considering the monstrous evil of Stalin, it is not wrong to apply the words of Isaiah to him, if we remember that it is only an application. Bad as Stalin was—and one great journalist speaks of him as "the worst man the world has ever seen"—we must never forget that there is something still worse than Stalin ahead for the world.

## *Some Lessons From the Cartoon*

The drawing by Mr. Orr is not only great newspaper art, it also carries some powerful lessons in theology, especially regarding the nature of death to the wicked and unsaved. First, there is the terrible *silence* of death: the figure of Stalin utters not a word as he moves through the gates. You may think of the text in Romans, "That every mouth may be stopped." In life Stalin could loose a barrage of words which could blanket the earth with propaganda—great swelling words! But all this is now ended, for the so-called "man of steel." God will do the talking from now on. Second, there is the terrible *loneliness* of death: you will note that he approaches the gates utterly alone. In life the dictator could summon all the resources of men, wealth, and pleasure to cheer him in the hours of depression that he must have often had. But now he is alone, to face "the last enemy." No friend, no loved one; and worst of all, no great Shepherd to take him through the valley, of whom he might have said, "Thou art with me." Third, the cartoon speaks of the terrible *despotism* of death: the head of the dictator is bowed beneath the silent summons, and there is no longer any weapon in his hand. He has come at last to the place where there is no help in massed armies, clouds of warplanes, or atomic bombs. Tragically, he cannot say, "Cover my defenceless head, with the shadow of Thy wing." Fourth, the cartoon speaks of the *finality* of death: all the boasted triumphs of Soviet science cannot reverse the verdict of death. For Stalin, this is indeed "The Final Iron Curtain" lowered by the hand of death, the end of the earthly drama through which the little man strutted his brief day.

## *But This Is Not the End*

What comes after death will be still worse for such as Stalin. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). The time at last has come for the theological education of the dictator. To him there was no God, no future life, no judgment day, no heaven, and no hell. He will now learn the reality of these things. He will learn that hell is not something to be joked about.

The text in Isaiah 14 suggests one aspect of that eternal prison-house of the lost which will not be pleasant to Stalin. There will be others there who will have deep reasons for remembering his bloody hand. So far as we can judge, Hitler will be there to greet him, and Trotsky, and a long receiving line of old comrades ruthlessly butchered by his orders. What will they say? There may be a suggestion in Isaiah 14:16—"They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?" Read also verses 10 and 11—"All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave [Sheol]." Through eternity these will exist together in hell, hating and despising one another.

## *Three Things We Should Learn*

First, it is *God* who takes care of the insolent dictators at last. Second, this is the end not only of all the Stalins, but also of *all* who have rejected the mercy of God in our Lord Jesus Christ. Third, the grace of God is able to save even the worst of men if they accept His mercy before it is too late.—A. J. M.

## *Pastors and Financial Secretaries, Attention!*

We have 2 VERY important requests: (1) Please do not send in your checks without an accompanying report of the individual gifts. It is impossible for our financial secretary to give credit on the books, or to send receipts, when no report accompanies your church offering. To send the report in later causes endless trouble and misunderstanding. (2) On your reports of gifts to the seminary, list the names of the persons or organizations in alphabetical order. Cooperation by all in this matter will save us many hours of work each month. Remember, you have one report to care for each month; we have many!—P. R. B.

## *Financial Reports Can Be Interesting*

Most of us have heard this statement a good many times: "Why publish financial reports? Nobody ever reads them!" It is possible that most of us have said this at one time or another. But should we say it? Imagine a businessman not being interested in the financial reports of his firm. We would wonder if such

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## HANDS WAITING FOR THE GOSPEL

On almost the very day our churches throughout America are receiving their offerings for foreign missions, the semi-annual number of the Brethren Missionary Herald should reach your home. We have sent forth this magazine with the prayer and urgent desire to see every Brethren church lay at the feet of Jesus the largest offering by far in their history. This is the admonition of Grace Theological Seminary, and why shouldn't it be? Thus far 58 have left the halls of the school to take their places on Brethren mission fields in Argentina, Brazil, Africa, Baja California, and France. Fourteen have gone during the past year. Two are now on their way to Brazil, and in a few weeks 2 more expect to leave for Argentina. Why shouldn't the school be interested? But let us remember that education is not an end in itself. Once trained, "how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:15). The large number of Brethren young people



who have been willing to make the necessary sacrifices and spend years in training should present a mighty challenge to the rest of us. They have prepared, and they are ready to go. We cannot do less than to send them. Hands all over the world are reaching out for the Gospel. Dare we fail to see that they get the unadulterated Word of God?—P. R. B.

a man were really interested in the success or failure of that business. Should we be less interested in our business which is also the Lord's business?

Financial reports can be interesting. Try this and see. In the magazine this week you will find a very encouraging report of the seminary's receipts for the months of January and February. Have you tried scanning the reports each time they appear? Is the name of your church in the list? How do the offerings compare with those your church gave a year ago? How do they compare with those of other churches having the same membership? Do the offerings from your church give you an occasion for praise to the Lord? Or do they make you feel as if you should be doing more? Evidently financial reports were a good thing in the early church, for the Apostle Paul once wrote to the Corinthian church: "I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Macedonia . . . and your zeal hath stirred up very many of them" (II Cor. 9:2 ASV). —P. R. B.

Some men who can't even get along with their wives still think that the whole world could get along as a universal brotherhood.—William Feather in *Prophecy Monthly*.

## THE PREACHER'S PRAYER

I do not ask  
That crowds may throng the temple,  
That standing room be priced;  
I only ask that as I voice the message,  
They may see Christ.

I do not ask  
For churchly pomp or pageant,  
Or music such as wealth alone can buy;  
I only ask that as I voice the message,  
He may be nigh!

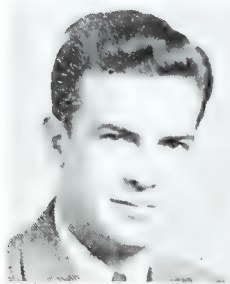
I do not ask  
That men may sound my praises  
Or headlines spread my name abroad;  
I only pray that as I voice the message,  
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask  
For earthly place or laurel,  
Or of this world's distinctions any part;  
I only ask when I have voiced the message,  
My Saviour's heart!

—Ralph S. Cushman.

# The Present-Day Need for Education in the Ministry

By Lewis C. Hohenstein



Rev. L. C. Hohenstein

*Note: At the recent conference in Grace Seminary, thought-provoking papers were read by several of the alumni. Believing that our pastors and laymen both will profit by them, the papers will appear in this and subsequent issues of the seminary's number of the Herald. Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein, the author of the paper which appears this week, was graduated in the class of 1949. Until recently, since his graduation, he served as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. On Easter Sunday he begins his ministry as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. His paper will appear in 2 installments, the second of which will appear next month.—Ed.*

## Introduction: The Need for an Informed Leadership Among Conservatives.

It is the "wisdom of this world," not its knowledge, that is "foolishness with God."<sup>1</sup> After God had placed His breath in the nostrils of man and man became a living soul, God gave him a commandment, a commandment which has never been abrogated. It was, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it."<sup>2</sup> The word translated "subdue" in our text is *kabash*, and its primary meaning is "to tread down." This word is variously translated elsewhere, "to conquer, subjugate, bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, and bring under subjection."

Man was made to be master of God's created world and his chief delight had he not fallen to the beguilement of Satan would have been to trace out the mysteries of the world in which he was placed. Had he been able to trace out these truths he would always have seen in them the omnipotent hand of God, and given Him the glory. But man sinned; he fell and became a depraved being. Paul tells us: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in [to, margin] them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."<sup>3</sup>

Having ruled God out of the order of things, they tried to solve the riddle of this world and the universe by their own wisdom. But the wisdom of this world is "foolishness with God." Why? Is it because the facts upon which they build their philosophic wisdom are false? Is it because they cannot discern by the process of reason what these facts are? No! It is because they attempt to interpret and relate these facts apart from a knowledge of God, that their wisdom is foolishness. All learning is the tracing out of the mind and purpose of God, whether it be in the arts, the sciences, the humanities, or in the field of theological and Biblical research. When God is removed from His rightful place then there is no ultimate to be attained in learning and the conclusions drawn are foolishness.

The key word in all the sciences today is "objectivity," that is, "stick to the facts." I maintain that the only persons on earth who can be or dare to be fearlessly objective are those who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit of God and have been returned to their proper relationship to God as sons. We need not fear to face the facts, if we have placed Christ in the center of our thinking, if we see Him not only as the God of salvation but also as the God of creation who holds the reins of the universe in His hands.

When a person is saved by believing in Christ, Paul says "he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."<sup>4</sup> It is not my purpose to give an exposition of this verse, but to point out, by way of introduction, that the believer is a new creature, a new creation. He becomes a part of the new spiritual race. The world about him and the people in it become new. Not that there is a change in element or essence, but a change in relationship between the believer and the world in which he lives. It behooves him then to know that world that is groaning to be delivered, and to understand that every man, though marred and spoiled by sin, is in the image and likeness of God.

The local pastor is the key man in pointing up the program in the local church to make Christ preeminent. If he lacks in those qualities of character, not the least of which is his knowledge of contemporary things, the church will lack that power to hold her place as a testimony to the God of creation.

Never before have the lines of difference been drawn so fine as now in the field of theology. In many places it seems that the very elect are being drawn aside. The need among conservatives for a definite, conclusive knowledge of the issues involved in today's struggle between the forces of light and darkness is paramount.

There are those rare individuals who are able to educate themselves, but on the larger part it is necessary to seek the guidance and counsel of the men talented and called to the ministry of teaching. But whether the educative process of higher learning is formal or informal, it is necessary. And this educative process should never cease in the lives of those called to such a high and honorable work as the ministry.

As I continue in this paper, I want to draw attention to the present-day need of education in the ministry, and though I will not always mention it as such, I will have in mind primarily the formal preparation of the minister.

1—"Lectures on Colossians," Dr. H. A. Ironside, p. 71.

2—Genesis 1:28b

3—Romans 1:19-22.

4—II Corinthians 5:17



## I. *The Theory and Philosophy of Education in General and the Theory and Philosophy of Christian Education in Particular.*

The discussion at this point must of necessity be brief. There is much available material in our public and college libraries on the theory and philosophy of education. But I regret that there is little available material on the theory and philosophy of Christian education. The material that is available is woven in among other subject matter and must be laboriously weeded out. I would like to at this time refer you to the book compiled and edited by Dr. Frank E. Gabelein. It is "Christian Education in a Democracy," Oxford Press, 1951. And I recommend that you make it a part of your thinking.

Theories of education and their philosophic approaches are as old as recorded history, and as varied as are the peoples who have concocted them. There has been a continuous cycle from extreme rationalism to extreme idealism, and back again. And whether the physical expression of politics, economics, and social activities affect the education theories or not is a debatable question, but surely each has had some bearing on the other in the course of history.

Dr. John Wiltcn gives as a general definition of the theory of education the following: "An attempt of the adult members of a human society to shape the development of the coming generation in accordance with its own ideals of life."<sup>5</sup> Dr. J. S. Mill broadens this definition by saying, "It is everything which helps to shape the human being."<sup>6</sup> These I believe are commonly accepted in the secular field of education, and because of their looseness and pliability they allow all of the ramifications of the theories of education which have appeared.

Many of these theories have had, and do have, high ideals of morality, ethics, and religion. Many of them have maintained these lofty ideals, and today the catchword of contemporary educators is, "Preparing the whole person for the whole of life." But underlying every theory and philosophy of education, with the exception of the conservative Christian philosophy of education which I will attempt to define later, is the pre-eminence of humanism, where man is seen to be the coordinating center of all knowledge.

We are all aware that the "cold war" and the Korean war are not over territories or possessions, but over ideals, Eastern and Western, both of which are based upon an educative philosophy of humanism. In the East, especially in Russia, the negative aspect of humanism has developed (where man exists for the state) along the lines of anti-God and antireligion and is expressed in the philosophy of "dialectic materialism." In the West the idealists hold the ascendancy; they are religionists characterized by strange inconsistencies.

In Western thought, with which we are primarily concerned, there is a strange amalgamation of humanistic ideals. There is the humanistic philosophy, such as John Dewey's "pragmatic instrumentalism," the Unitarians' religious humanism, the scientific humanism of such men as Bertrand Russell and H. G. Wells, and the behaviorism and self-expressionism of modern psychology, combined to give us the present-day education philosophy of the West.

In the religious aspect of this educative "pot-pourri"

there are many extremes, ranging from the attitude of John Dewey, who was an atheist, to the present-day popular movement of neo-orthodoxy and Barthianism. The anti-God extreme is expressed by Dr. Julian Huxley, director-general of the much-questioned UNESCO. He says: "The advance of natural science, logic, and psychology has brought us to a stage at which God is no longer a useful hypothesis. . . . A faint trace of God still broods over the world like the smile of a cosmic Cheshire cat. But the growth of psychological knowledge will rub even that from the Universe."<sup>7</sup>

The opposite extreme today is seen in the teachings and writings of Dr. Harold Iddings Bell, associated with the University of Chicago divinity school. He is gaining great publicity and following because of his emphasis on spiritual and religious values being foundational in the philosophy of education. These extremes exist because of the continual cry of the educators for "tolerance" and "academic freedom."

In the face of this man-centered, utilitarian, education philosophy, there is a great need for a stated Christian theory and philosophy of education. Mr. Mark Fakema, in his booklet, "Evangelical Christian School Movement," after stating several lesser needs, says, "Beyond and underlying all these, it needs a Christian education philosophy."

"The world today is in the turmoil of moral and mental confusion. As teachers we—I speak for all teachers in this country—are daily acclimating the rising generation to a world of uncertainty, relativity, and frustration. As a result, every walk of life is increasingly being reduced to a secular routine which is as purposeless as it is baseless. The greatest need today, as we see it, is to push our fruitless activity and pointless living back to eternal realities which make for mental poise, lasting peace, and the spiritual drive of a meaningful, fruitful life. In other words, we need a sound philosophy. There is no sphere of life that needs Christian philosophy more than the strategic field of preparation of life—education. The Word of God interpreted in its cosmic implications gives us this sound philosophy. Christian philosophy is the only philosophy that will meet the need of this hour—of any hour."

This philosophy of education does not ignore the facts of science, nor the accomplishments in the arts, nor the progress and regression of humanity as seen in the humanities, nor does it fear to examine the merits or demerits of contemporary psychology and philosophy. But this philosophy "tries every spirit"; its criterion is the Word of God, and Christ is seen as the coordinating center of all knowledge.

<sup>7</sup>—"Christian Education in a Democracy," Dr. Frank E. Gabelein, p. 112.

(To Be Continued)

### PREACHER, DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER!

As Martin Luther faced John Eck at the Leipzig debate, there were times when Luther might easily have lost his temper. But no matter how hard his papal opponent pressed him he always maintained his calmness and good nature, even though at times he used scorching words. He held a bunch of flowers in his hand, and when the discussion became heated he looked at it and smelled it. Maybe some of our preachers ought to follow Luther's example when having part in church business meetings!—Dr. Homer A. Kent.

<sup>5</sup>—Encyclopedia Britannica, vol. 8, p. 951.  
<sup>6</sup>—Ibid., p. 952.

# NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI

Edited by Rev. Wesley Haller, Vice President of Grace Seminary Alumni Association

## ALUMNI BIBLE CONFERENCE

The second annual alumni conference is now a matter of history. It is the opinion of your editor that all who gathered at Winona Lake the last week in February received great blessing and new inspiration to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The messages presented by the various men were thought-provoking and challenging. By the way, any of you who were not present lost an opportunity to increase your repertoire of humorous stories. As the week progressed each speaker had to try to "outshine" the previous one. The result was everything from stories about "John the Baptist"—John Balyo ('44)—versus his brother, "Clyde the Brethren"—Clyde Balyo ('46)—to "nonhumorous" ones by such men as Clyde Landrum ('48)—but how humorous can one get?

Many important items of business were handled during the week by the alumni association. Some of these are as follows:

(1) The name of the conference is to be changed. Hereafter it will be the Grace Bible Conference, and beginning next year it will be held during the week between the 1st and 2d semesters. Therefore, in 1954 the reunion will be from Monday, January 25, to Thursday, January 28. Reserve that date on your calendar!

(2) The association created the new office of alumni secretary. This office is to be one of liaison between the association and the seminary. It shall be the duty of the alumni secretary to keep in contact with all

alumni and former students of the school and to promote interest in the work of the association. It was the feeling of the group present at the recent conference that it would be best to have someone residing at Winona Lake elected to this position. As a result, John C. Whitcomb ('51) was chosen by the group. Address all mail and make all checks payable to the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, Winona Lake, Ind.

(3) Here is important news about our project. It has been mentioned previously on this page that we as an association are interested in the grounds being landscaped and walks and drives installed. The cost of our part in such a project has been set at \$5,000. The school, upon the approval of the alumni association, is securing the money for this much-needed improvement. As soon as the weather permits, the work will begin. We are asking that all alumni will help us to raise this amount within the next 2 years. There are approximately 500 graduates of Grace Seminary. If each one would give only \$10 this year, the project would be completed. So come on, alumni, send your gifts; but don't stop with \$10. Send more if you are able. Send it to John C. Whitcomb, secretary of the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, Winona Lake, Ind.

From these brief items one can realize that much was accomplished during the week of the alumni conference. The number of alumni registering for the conference was approximately 50, but many others came to enjoy the very practical sessions of the conference, and the interesting discussion periods which followed. The opinion was expressed by many that the alumni of Grace could find no better "refresher course" than attending this conference and listening to the fine messages that were presented this year. We are asking all alumni to think seriously about attending next January, and to begin now to make plans to be present.

## TEETERS ARRIVE IN BRAZIL



Maurine  
and  
Jack  
Teeter



Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter ('52) and son, Johnnie, arrived in Brazil on Saturday, March 14, having sailed from New York on March 3. Their ship, the *S. S. Mor-maclark*, a freighter of the Moore-McCormack Line, had been delayed several days in sailing.

After a few days in Icoraci with Bro. Keith Altig ('43) and the John Zielasko ('50) family, the Teeters plan to go to Macapa, where the Edward Miller ('49) family is stationed. The Teeters will also be located at Macapa. The next few months will be busy ones indeed, since they must learn the language and get a grasp of the work in the Macapa area before the Edward Miller family comes home on furlough about a year hence. Remember that the going of these and other alumni to the fields of service is made possible by your gifts to foreign missions, particularly at this season of the year.

## VICTOR H. MEYERS IS ORDAINED

The ordination service for Victor H. Meyers, who in January completed his classroom work in Grace Seminary, was held in the Winona Lake Brethren Church Sunday evening, March 8. The entire service was devoted to this impressive event and a splendid crowd, including the candidate's father and mother, was present to witness the ceremony.

The congregational singing was led by David Halvorsen, a member of the junior class in the seminary. A duet, entitled "Follow Me," was sung by Dayton Cundiff and LeRoy Hawkins, also students at the seminary. The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. Herman W. Koontz, who spoke most fittingly upon the significance and duties of the office of the elder in the church. The authorizations for the ordination were then read by Pastor Koontz, and Dr. Homer A. Kent, secretary of the Winona church and a teacher in the seminary, read the Scripture. The questions and vows were read and received by Rev. Arthur D. Cashman. Pastor



Koontz offered the prayer of dedication. The charge to Mr. Meyers was given by Dr. Kent, as all the ordained elders in the audience stood to their feet.

Following the singing of the closing hymn, "Take My Life, and Let It Be," the closing prayer and benediction was offered by Rev. Victor Meyers, his first public act of service following his induction into the eldership.

Brother Meyers, together with his wife, Lucinda, and 2 small children, Dennis and Pamela, are under appointment by the Foreign Missionary Society to go to Argentina, and will sail in the near future. Mrs. Meyers was graduated from the seminary in 1950, having taken the Christian Education course. Brother Meyers will be receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree, probably in



Lucinda  
and  
Victor  
Meyers



*absentia*, from Grace Seminary in May at the regular commencement time. Let us pray for God's choicest blessing to rest on the family as they leave for the field.

## SEMINARY NEWS

By Bill Burk

### CONVOCATION

The new semester began with a stirring message from a new minister in the community, but long-time friend of the seminary. Dr. William J. Sweeting, formerly professor of pastoral theology at Providence Bible Institute, just recently came to this community as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, where many of the Baptist students of the seminary attend.

The message was a stern warning that Satan is ever present, taking special pride in causing the stumbling of students whose lives are yielded to the service of the Lord of lords.

### DAY OF PRAYER

January 22 was a day of tremendous blessing to the seminary, students and faculty alike. After the convocation 3 days before, this was a very fitting climax. The Scripture at the beginning of the day was spontaneous from the lips and hearts of the students, concluding with the reading of Psalm 51. The speaker at each session (morning, afternoon, and evening) was Rev. Donald B. Fullerton, for about 20 years the director of the Princeton Evangelical Fellowship. (It was through his ministry on the Princeton campus that 2 of our professors here at Grace, John Whitcomb and John Rea, were led to the Lord.) The initial message was a brilliant exaltation of the glory of the Eternal Word of God, our Redeemer. It resulted in a period of sincere confession, primarily of negligence, and in the afternoon in a period of great praise and thanksgiving for His abundant mercy and love. The final service was of equal blessing, the members of the local church joining with us.

### THE BISHOP AND THE PROF.

After the monotonous exercise of calling roll, Dr. Hoyt asked one scholar (Don Bishop) to lead in prayer.

Bishop (before praying): "I didn't hear you call my name."

Dr. Hoyt: "That's all right—we're glad to have you with us."

Bishop prayed. The professor began the lecture.

Shortly Bishop made his exit muttering, "Come to think of it, I'm in the wrong class."

Dr. Hoyt's observation after the laughter had partially subsided, "Greek has a tendency to awaken one."

### SEMINARY SNACK SHOP

"Open under new management . . . but still open!" All the way from Brazil come Ed and Jane Leib, spending their first furlough mixing shakes and pouring coffee between classes. Ed is no stranger here, as he has taken work at Grace before. As this goes to press another exam week is in progress and weary students loaded with books and notes seek out the Snack Shop for a cup of coffee between exams and long hours in the library.

### WOMEN IN THE NEWS

The February meeting of the Seminary Women's Fellowship brought a speaker from out of town to share her experiences with the young people, and one of the faithful members of the local church to counsel as to the pastor's wife's relationship with the older folk of the church.

Mrs. Ward Miller spoke of the active, "let's-do-something," young person who requires patience, understanding, tact, and real love from the pastor's wife. On the other hand, Mrs. George Cone, Sr., cautioned the pastor's wife about neglecting the older folk of the church. These are the present backbone of the church and need work to do, appreciation, and a personal interest from the pastor's wife.

Big responsibilities these, but for each responsibility there are unnumbered blessings from young and old alike.

### NEWS FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

A late but most welcome valentine was little Ila Denise Cooper (7 lb., 5 oz.), who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooper February 17.

George Washington held only a minor place (if that) in the thoughts of the Donald Tschetter family on February 22, because of the birth of Carlon Don (8 lb., 6 oz.).

Although not born on a national holiday, Joyce Elaine Risser (8 lb.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Risser, was born March 2, the anniversary of the sailing of the first Brethren missionary party to Brazil. Her father was one of the organizers of a weekly prayer meeting begun a few weeks ago for Brazilian candidates and aspirants.

# LOWER AUDITORIUM HAS NEW CEILING

One of the most recent improvements in the seminary building has been the installation of a new acoustical tile ceiling in the large auditorium. Some will recall the bad echo and general noisiness of this large ground-floor room which was due to the fact that the ceiling was originally left unfinished. From the beginning the need for acoustical tile was evident, and this need became more pressing when it became necessary for Dr. McClain's theology class to seek larger quarters than the social lounge, which was not intended to be a permanent classroom in the first place. But there were no funds, and the estimated cost of such an installation by reliable firms amounted to about \$1,200.

However, the Lord always has His way of meeting the needs of His work. In just a few weeks after the need became evident and really pressing, \$358.08 came in from members of the faculty and friends of the school. Then the students, as on many another occasion, took up an offering amounting to \$187.22. At the same time 3 students who are master carpenters came to the faculty with an offer to donate their time and install the ceiling tile during the Thanksgiving vacation, providing some of the other men of the school would assist them, and if the girls would prepare sandwiches and coffee. The bargain was made, and about 15 took part, including members of the student body, faculty, and the Brethren youth director. The ceiling was installed, but a balance of \$192 remained to be paid.

A few weeks later pictures of the seminary were being shown in the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. Among them were 2 showing the students at work on the ceiling, and mention was made of the unpaid balance. At the close of the service a couple came to inform the speaker that they would like to assume the unpaid balance. The seminary is grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Carl Andlauer and all others who had any part in this project.

Today the lower auditorium has a new \$1,200 ceiling, but the total cost has been only \$732.30. It is an example of the way the Lord is providing for our needs, and of the way it has been possible to make the funds "stretch." Now the theology class meets regularly in this fine auditorium, which has also been the scene of one large overflow rally. Conference sessions have been held there, and those who have been in the room "before and after" inevitably say, as they observe the difference, "Oh, what a change!"—P. R. B.

## THE SNOW PRAYER

A little girl went out to play one day in the fresh new snow, and when she came in she said, "Mama, I couldn't help praying when I was out at play."

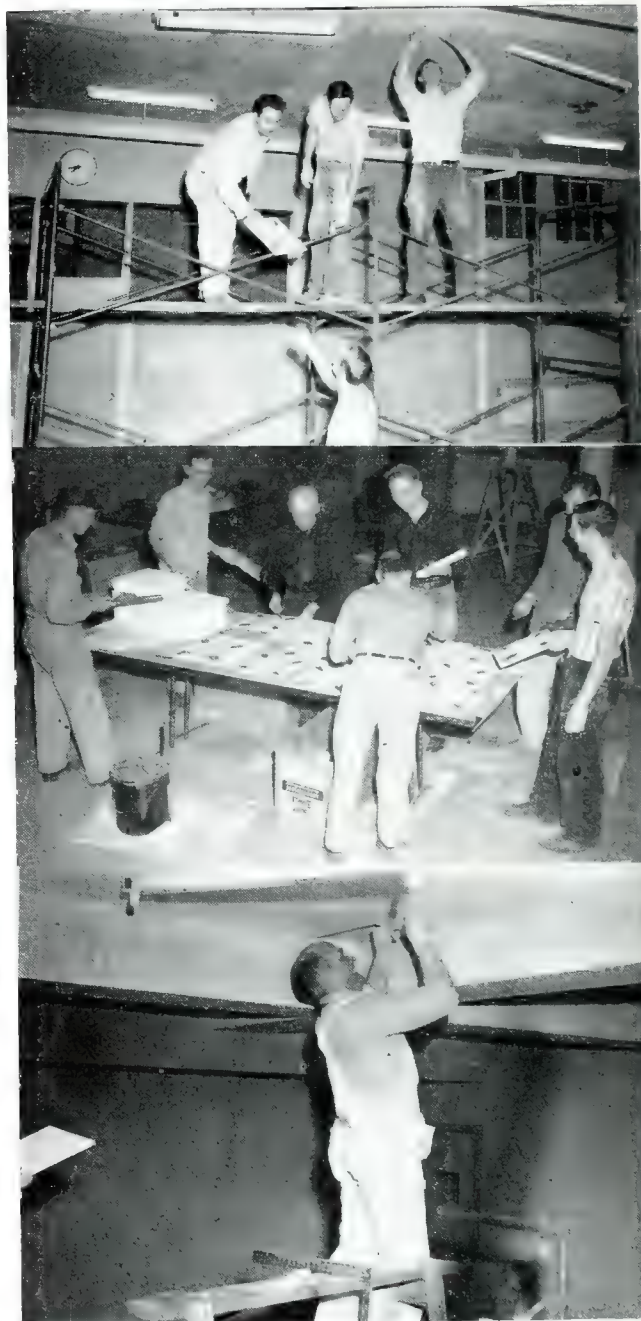
"What did you pray for, dear?"

"I prayed the snow prayer, Mama, that I learned once in Sunday school."

"The snow prayer? What do you mean, little one?"

"Why," was the reply, "I mean that beautiful snow prayer in the Bible, Mama; you know it, 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'"

What a beautiful prayer! And here is a very sweet promise to go with it: "Though your sins be as scarlet,



Upper, left to right: Ralph Spillers, Max Fluke, and Charles Koontz install tile as they are supplied by Russell Konves.

Middle, the "supply line," left to right: George Cone, Russell Konves, Dr. McClain, Dale Stevens, Joe Sargent, Charles Koontz, and Donald Locke. Dr. McClain was the chief "dauber" and placed the mastic on each tile.

Lower: Archie Keffer puts on the finishing touches.

they shall be as white as snow." And what can wash them white, clean from every stain of sin? The Bible answers, "They have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."—*Christian Digest*.





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Alexandria, Va. ....	26.00	27.00	South Gate, Calif. ....	1.00	
Altoona, Pa. (First) ....	5.00		South Pasadena, Calif. ....	74.75	
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Baltimore, Md. ....	10.00		Summit Mills, Pa. ....	9.00	8.00
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Everett, Pa. ....	13.00	13.00	Alumni Association (Special) ....	300.00	
Flora, Ind. ....	186.40	140.00	Isolated Brethren ....	49.80	29.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	69.50	521.00	Non-Brethren ....	206.00	136.00
Garwin, Iowa ....	9.00				
Hagerstown, Md. ....	181.30	79.00	Totals—		
Harrah, Wash. ....	21.00	15.00	General ....	\$4,775.15	\$5,820.91
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	27.00	18.30	Special ....	325.00	352.00
Homerville, Ohio ....	19.00	97.00			
Huntington, Ind. ....	10.00		Grand totals ....	5,100.15	6,172.91
Jackson, Mich. ....	12.00	8.90			
Jenners, Pa. ....		32.00			
Johnstown, Pa. ....	268.50	51.00			
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) ....		11.44			
Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	40.00	20.00			
La Verne, Calif. ....	7.00				
Leamersville, Pa. ....	50.00				
Leesburg, Ind. ....		256.00			
Leon, Iowa ....	24.00	1.00			
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Mansfield, Ohio ....		5.00			
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	69.00	100.00			
Mayersdale, Pa. ....	1.00	1.00			
Middlebranch, Ohio ....	12.00	64.98			
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Peru, Ind. ....	14.00				
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Sharpsville, Ind. ....	30.00	20.25			

### BOOKLET ON REVISED STANDARD VERSION BEING PUBLISHED BY SEMINARY

Because of a demand far in excess of supply, the material in the February 28 issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, which dealt with the new Revised Standard Version, is now being reprinted in booklet form by the seminary. It will be published under the title, "What Version? A Critical Evaluation of the Revised Standard Version." These articles were written by the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary. The booklet will contain at least 33 pages. The prices are 15c a copy; 8 copies for \$1; 100 copies for \$10. Orders should be sent directly to the seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

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This is the time of year set aside in the Brethren denomination for special emphasis on *foreign missions*. Remember, 87 missionaries dedicated to foreign fields are counting on us.

The *Beaumont, Calif.*, church had an average of 141 people in Bible school, 103 in morning service, and 92 in evening service during February. The offerings during the month totaled \$1,178.70. Pastor of this church is Gene Farrell.

The *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church, of which Lyle W. Marvin is pastor, broke its attendance records March 8 with 203 people in Bible school, 112 in morning service, and 90 in evening service. Two people publicly confessed Christ, making it the 10th of 11 Sundays for public decisions at the church.

"Girl. All well. (Signed) Lester." The office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church at Winona Lake received this cablegram March 16 from *Lester Kennedy* in Paris, France. The Kennedys are preparing for missionary work in French Equatorial Africa.

The Misses Hazel Yeater and Edith Hulslander spoke at the *Conemaugh, Pa.*, Singer Hill church March 8. They represent the Children's Bible Mission in Florida. During the service 2 people publicly confessed the Saviour. Kenneth Wilt, of Altoona, is pastor of the church.

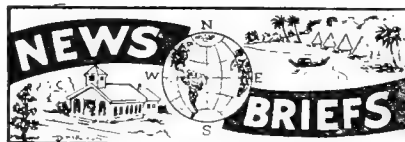
*Dr. Charles H. Ashman*, of Los Angeles, Calif., is scheduled to speak at the union services in Ramona, Calif., Friday afternoon, April 3. This will be the closing day of his conference at the Grace Community Church, of which Grant McDonald is pastor.

*Rev. R. I. Humberd*, of Flora, Ind., plans to speak at the Lawndale Bible Church, Chicago, March 29-April 1.

In connection with his Bible conference at the *Cedar Rapids, Iowa*, church March 29-April 5, *Dr. Herman A. Hoyt*, of Winona Lake, is to be the speaker at a union sunrise service at McKinley High School in the city April 5 at 6:30 o'clock. Pastor Arnold Kriegbaum will have part in the program and Miss Ava Schnittjer, of our church, will be in charge of the combined choirs of the co-operating churches.

For the March 15 day of prayer the *Clayton and Troy, Ohio*, congregations, pastored by Clair Brickell and Richard T. McIntosh, united at the Troy church for an afternoon of prayer.

The Terry and Palmer evangelistic party conducted a 1-night service at the *Tracy, Calif.*, church March 11, according to Pastor William Clough.



Rev. Ivan Sisk preached at the *Dayton, Ohio*, First church March 15. Pastor William A. Steffler was holding special meetings at the Clay City, Ind., church.

*Raymond Nethery*, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, made the dean's list for the past 2 years at Bob Jones University, from which school he expects to graduate in June.

The *Sampleville and Camden, Ohio*, churches, pastored by Charles Flowers and Robert Betz, held a joint singspiration at the Sampleville church March 15 with 151 people present. The next joint rally is scheduled for the Camden church April 12. The programs feature vocal and instrumental numbers.

The *Fremont, Ohio*, church, pastored by Lester Pifer, had its record attendance March 15 with 478 people in the morning worship service. Special guests were the Camp Fire Girls and their parents. This day was the last day of the Bible conference conducted by the church under the leadership of Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake.

*Rev. Charles Gantt*, working at the Pacific Garden Mission of Chi-

cago, reports that his wife is suffering from internal injuries, thought to be a result of the automobile accident in which they were involved several months ago. Surgery may be necessary and the prayers of the saints are requested.

*Pastor Lewis C. Hohenstein* plans to end his ministry at the Waterloo, Iowa, church March 29 and begin his ministry at the Whittier, Calif., First church April 5.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church, pastored by Miles Taber, plans to be host to the Wheaton College Chapel Choir April 1.

*Dr. Paul R. Bauman*, Winona Lake, is scheduled as a speaker at a Bible conference sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Evangelism at Elim Chapel, Winnipeg, Canada, March 27-29.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church expects to begin construction on a new Sunday school annex about May 1.

A daughter, Rebecca Doris, was born to *Pastor and Mrs. R. Ronald Robinson*, of Peru, Ind., February 23.

The *Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa.*, churches, pastored by H. Leslie Moore, will unite April 5 for a sunrise service.

The *Rittman, Ohio*, church redecorated the lower auditorium of its building and laid carpet on the platform and in several classrooms.

Three Pennsylvania churches—*Altoona (First)*, *Leamersville*, and *Martinsburg*—are uniting for a missionary conference March 29-April 5. The speakers are Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, representing our work in Argentina; Mrs. Rose Foster, representing our work in French Equatorial Africa; and Rev. W. A. Ogden, member of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. There will be a service at each church each night; the speakers will rotate during the week.

The *Vicksburg, Pa.*, church, meeting in the garage of Clifford Karns since fire destroyed their church building February 28, plans to rebuild on a new and larger site near the former location. Fellow chemists of the pastor, Dean Walter, at Washington, D. C., gave an offering toward the new building. Perhaps the readers of this magazine would like to send a gift for this purpose to Rev. Dean I. Walter, R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.



# AN AFTERNOON AT GIBRALTAR

By Prof. John Rea, Winona Lake, Ind.

*This is the first of a series of articles and reports to be written by Prof. John Rea, member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church and of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary, during his 4-month tour and study in the lands bordering on the Mediterranean Sea. Most of his time is to be spent in Palestine in archeological study and excavation. —Editor.*

"Cigaretti Americano!" yelled the boys and men in their little rowboats and dilapidated launches as they swarmed around our ship, the new Italian liner *Andrea Doria*, to get our American dollars. They were like the sea gulls that were screaming and swooping down to snatch up the ship's garbage. Cartons of Chesterfields sell for \$1 since Uncle Sam cannot collect his federal tax in foreign lands. Many other articles were for sale, from bottles of highly prized Spanish wine at \$1 a quart to eels and octopuses or squid. Those in our party found the black berets and silver bracelets more to our liking.

## *Exchange by Line*

When a price had been agreed upon by a passenger high up on our ship and a Spaniard way down in his little rowboat, the latter threw up a block of wood to which was attached a line. Then the passenger could pull up a little basket containing the articles he had bargained for and return the basket with his dollar.

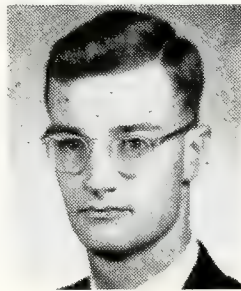
Such was the scene in the Bay of Gibraltar when our vessel made a port call there to unload cargo and exchange a few passengers. The sight of greatest interest, however, was not the excited Spanish "merchants," but the mighty Rock of Gibraltar rising abruptly out of the sea. In reality Gibraltar is an island connected to the Spanish mainland only by a man-made causeway. It stands alone to guard the eastern end of the Strait of Gibraltar. Sometimes the rock is referred to as the northern pillar of the fabled "Gate of Hercules" at the western entrance to the Mediterranean Sea.

## *Security in the Rock*

The Christian cannot help but

compare Great Britain's impregnable rock bastion with his God and Saviour, the Rock of Ages. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower" (Psa. 18:2).

The Rock of Gibraltar is certainly a fortress. Three British aircraft carriers were in port the day we stopped. Numerous smaller warships lay at anchor in the harbor. Military planes were taking off and landing frequently on the airstrip which made up part of the causeway. Stationary gun emplacements



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and twisting radar antennae showed that the garrison is on the alert for attack at all times. Many tunnels run throughout the rock for military purposes, reminding us that for our spiritual safety we must abide in the Lord. Yet our God is a greater fortress than Gibraltar, for He is our defense against sickness and sin, hunger and heartache, trial and temptation, as well as against bullets and bombs.

## *Foundation on the Rock*

"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy" (Psa. 61:2-3). One of the most impressive features of Gibraltar is its great height; this is accentuated by its steep sides and sheer cliffs. The highest point of the rock towers 1,396 feet above the sea.

"Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort" (Psa. 71:3 ASV). The Rock of Gibraltar is certainly this in an earthly sense. Every level or nearly level square inch of the surface is

taken up by tall apartment houses and huge hotels. Even far up the side of the mountain are large buildings of every description. Naval barracks are built right to the edge of the wharves. Certainly the inhabitants of Gibraltar have built their houses upon a rock. In the spiritual sense we must make Christ the Rock of our habitation and build the house of our life upon Him, not upon the shifting sands of human philosophies.

## *Water From the Rock*

Exodus 17 and Numbers 20 tell of how Moses smote the rock in order to get water for the children of Israel. "And that Rock was Christ" (I Cor. 10:4). However, the water supply for Gibraltar is obtained in a different way. The small city and piers are on the western side toward the bay; on the eastern side of the rock, which is even steeper, has been built a great concrete watershed to catch rain water. This water is collected in troughs at the bottom and stored in cisterns to augment whatever other water supply there may be.

## *Stability of the Rock*

A certain life insurance company has made the Rock of Gibraltar a symbol of its strength and of the reliability of its policies. Up until now nothing has seemed more sure and lasting than this great rock. But its impregnability may be ended someday soon. One atomic or hydrogen bomb dropped on Gibraltar would surely render it useless as a military fortress.

Our Saviour is not so. The Rock upon whom our feet are set and our goings established (Psa. 40:2) shall never be moved. From everlasting to everlasting He is God. Upon the Rock Christ Jesus the church is built, and our Saviour has promised us that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt. 16:18). Fear not, beloved; Jesus never fails. "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow [i. e., shade] of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2).

There are many kinds of doors today. Most doors open and close on hinges, but not all doors swing on hinges. For example, there is the sliding door, the revolving door, the overhead door, and the folding door.

The purpose of a door, regardless of its type, is twofold: to let in and to keep out. We usually think of a door as being the proper place for people to enter a room or a building. That is one of the primary purposes of a door. Yet many times a door is placed at an entrance to keep folks out. If the door is closed and locked it is a barrier which means, "Keep out."

## "I Am the Door"

Having the twofold purpose of a door brought to our attention, I think it will help us to understand just a little better what the Lord Jesus Christ meant when He said, "I am the door." These words of the Lord Jesus are found in the Gospel of John, chapter 10 and verse 9—"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." This is the door that leads to God. This is the door that leads to heaven itself.

Our own sin has separated us from God. Our sin is like a great wall separating us from the presence of a holy God. We read in the Book of Romans, chapter 3—"There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." All men are sinners by nature, as well as by practice, and because of sin we are alienated from God.

When the Lord Jesus Christ died on Calvary's cross He bore the penalty for your sin. It was there that He was made a curse for you and for me. Because He shed His precious blood on Calvary He can say to you today: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

## Door to Salvation

A door speaks to us of easy access to that which is within. Jesus Christ is the door to salvation. There are no difficult walls which have to be scaled before the anxious sinner can obtain access to God, for Christ is the door into the very presence of God Himself.

Thinking of entering into salvation, we place in contrast a door and

a long, winding passageway. The Bible *never* likens the entering into salvation to that of traveling along a passageway. But rather, entering into salvation is likened to the act of stepping through a door, in a moment of time, having stepped out of darkness into light, having passed from death unto life, and that the very moment you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

I call your attention to the definite article. Jesus said: "I am *the* door." He did not say, "I am *a* door," but "I am *the* door." This means that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one and only door which leads to the Father



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and home. At another time the Lord Jesus said: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

## Noah and the Ark

I call your attention to the fact that there was only *one* door in the ark in which Noah and his family found shelter at the time of the great flood. Each one who entered into the ark, which was the place of safety, entered in by the one and only door which was provided. Each person who went into the ark did so of his own free will. Having entered in through the door that person was in the place of safety.

When Noah and his wife and his 3 sons and their wives were in the ark it was then that *God shut the door*. Then came the storm. Outside the ark there was judgment, destruction, and death. Those who had passed through the door were in perfect safety. Jesus Christ said: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." At the present moment the door of salvation is open. The door is wide open to any and all who will enter. But there is

coming a time, and that possibly very soon, when this door will be closed, and then it will be forever too late to enter. To fail to enter this door while it is open will mean that you must suffer the awful judgment of God, to be forever separated from Him, to be shut out from heaven. In the Book of Revelation, chapter 21, we read that the unbelieving "shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

## An Appeal

In coming to *this* door, you do not even need to knock for entrance, for the door is wide open. Jesus said, "If *any* man enter in, he shall be saved." "If *any* man" includes Jew and gentile, it includes everyone, it includes you. If you enter in through this door today, you will be saved. To be saved includes the forgiveness of sin, the gift of God which is eternal life, and heaven will be your permanent home. Why not enter this open door and be saved today and henceforth live for Him who died for you?

The Lord Jesus Christ invites you to come to Him today. He says: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The door has been provided and the invitation is extended. Now it is your responsibility to enter in at the door. The song writer has given us these words:

"One door, and only one,  
And yet its sides are two:  
Inside and outside,  
On which side are you?"

That is the important question today, dear friend. On which side *are* you? I have endeavored to point you to the door, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are on the outside, I invite you to come to the Lord Jesus just now in simple, yet implicit, faith, trusting Him for salvation, and He will save your soul.

## READS FOR CHURCH INTERESTS

"Please renew my subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald. I cannot do without it. I need to be informed about our denominational interests. (Signed) Helen Hines, San Diego, Calif."



# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## VI. THE CRY OF CONSUMMATION.

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished" (John 19:30).

But what is finished? What He came to do is finished.

Suppose you hear a trickle of water some night and find that a pipe in the bathroom is leaking. You would turn off the water and the next morning call a plumber. He would hammer and knock around an hour or two and then, throwing his tools into the case, he would say, "It is finished." But what is finished? What he came to do is finished.

And so with our Lord. The human race must be redeemed; and the wages of sin is death. Although countless animals had been slain, yet the stain of sin remained: "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4).

Then one night a babe was born in Bethlehem and "when he cometh into the world" (the night He was born), He looked up to the Father



and said: "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me" (Heb. 10:5).

God had prepared the bodies of all those animals, but now He makes a human body for His Son. "In burnt

offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come . . . to do thy will, O God."

And what was the will of God for Him? "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb. 10:4-10).

And now, 33 years have passed and that body has been offered, and as He hangs upon the cross, His mind moves back to the purpose for which that body was prepared and He cries, "It is finished."

That body has been offered. The purpose for which it was prepared is accomplished, and by that "one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified"; and God decrees, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 10:14-17).

"It is finished."

## FORMER BAPTIST PASTORS ENTER BRETHREN MINISTRY

Rev. Charles M. Underwood, well known as the faithful pastor of the Wrigley Heights Baptist Church of Long Beach, recently became the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Glendale.

Sometime ago he asked to appear before the Brethren ministerial examining board, and after a satisfactory examination he was recommended to the pastorate at Glendale.

The Underwoods have been close friends for many years not only to the people of Fifth and Cherry but also to our group of churches in general. They began their work at Glendale as of March 1. We welcome them into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and pray that God's richest blessing may continue upon them for His glory.

A special baptismal service was conducted Wednesday evening, February 25, in accordance with the membership transfer of the Underwoods.

The pastor also had the privilege some weeks ago to officiate in the

baptism of Rev. Alf Dodds and his family as they entered the fellowship of the Brethren Church. In accord with the call extended by the South Gate church and his appearance before the ministerial examining board, he became pastor at that place.—*Charles W. Mayes, in Fifth and Cherry Light for March 6, 1953.*

### Additions to Membership

New Troy, Mich. ....	2
Spokane, Wash. ....	2
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	4
Hagerstown, Md. ....	6
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) ....	1
Los Angeles, Calif. (Second) ....	4

### Public Confessions

San Bernardino, Calif. ....	2
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) ..	2
Los Angeles, Calif. (Second) ...	5

### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Beaumont, Calif. ....	8
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### Dedication of Babies

Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	6
Berrien Springs, Mich. ....	1

## AWARD TO TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Taylor University, of Upland, Ind., recently received an award from the Freedoms Foundation, according to Dr. Evan Bergwald, president of the school.

The basis of the award is the Venture of Victory, the Youth for Christ evangelism project which sponsored the basketball team of the school in a tour of the Orient in the summer of 1952.

Seven cagers, with Coach Don Odle, visited the Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, and Japan and played 87 games, winning 86 of them, before 300,000 people. The group paid their own way.

Each evening at half-time and after the game the young men witnessed to the audience and presented the Gospel. More than 10,000 people professed faith in Christ as Saviour.

Coach Odle, in conjunction with YFC, is planning a similar all-star Christian college squad for another trip this summer.



## YRCA STARTS WORK IN MEXICO

### Washington, D. C.

Our hearts were thrilled at the response to the invitation last Sunday (March 1), as 29 people stepped out for Jesus Christ—some for confession of faith in Him as Saviour, and others for dedication of life to Him. In the evening 12 people were baptized and received into the membership of the church.

The attendance was also good that day, with 236 people in Bible school, 203 in morning worship, 30 in the young people's noon fellowship, an equal number in the evening coffee hour, 35 in BYF, and 122 in the evening worship service.

Rev. Dale Crowley, local radio preacher, spoke for us March 15, while the pastor was holding a brief conference at the Buena Vista, Va., church.—*James G. Dixon, pastor.*

### Covington, Ohio

The Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade team held meetings for us February 1-15. The team was composed of Evangelist R. Paul Miller and Song Leader Carlo Pietropaulo.

A fine spirit was manifested during the campaign. There were 12 first-time public confessions of faith, including a family of 4 people. There

Fifty miles south of Tijuana and 13 miles inland on a dirt road lies the Russian colony of Guadalupe. Here several hundred people have existed since the year 1904, when they fled the old country. They are of the same Molokan Russian group among whom we have worked in East Los Angeles for the past 15 years.

The Young Russian Christian Association, better known as the YRCA, in East Los Angeles, is now well-enough established in their own 18-room building to launch out into definite missionary work and use some of our Bible institute graduates and the 15 who are there at present.

The YRCA is purchasing a piece of property in Guadalupe on which they will start to build this summer, the Lord willing. The anticipated work will have a 9-room house, be-

were also 14 rededications. On March 8 we witnessed 3 more public decisions for Christ.

In addition to the evening services we held 4 children's rallies, with an average attendance of 120. Also we were permitted to hold services in 4 local schools.

Last November we began a Happy Hour class for children each Wednesday afternoon and have continued it since then. Following the campaign we organized the Personal Crusaders, composed of 12 teams, for visiting and personal testimony.

We held a baptismal service for 12

sides a large room that will be used for the following: (1) Since the school in Guadalupe goes only to the 4th grade, the 5th and 6th grades will be taught in the mornings. (2) Recreation for various ages will be held in the afternoon. (3) Bible classes for the older folks will be taught throughout the week in the evenings. This method has been used very successfully in our Los Angeles work.

Alex and Helen Samarin will be the logical missionaries, as Alex speaks both Russian and Spanish and is a Bible institute graduate. Al is a brother of Bill Samarin, our Brethren missionary in Africa.

Pray for this work. Baja California is a hard field, as the Brethren well know, and we want no complications; so your interest and prayers will go a long way to keep this field open.—*Jack Green, director.*

people March 1 at the Troy church, 7 of whom have united with our church.

Our Sunday school attendance averages 80 a Sunday now.

We have a class in personal evangelism each Wednesday preceding the prayer meeting. Our textbook is "To Save a Soul From Death."—*James O. Young, pastor.*

### Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

This church enjoyed a profitable 2 weeks with Evangelist William (Bill) Smith February 1-15. The attendance and interest was very good, with an average attendance for each service of 163. Brother Smith presented up-to-date, practical Bible messages with a strong appeal for the unsaved to accept Christ. He spoke on the radio twice and in the senior high school once.

Doug Baptisti, from Dillsburg, Pa., was the song leader and soloist. He conducted the musical program for the 2 weeks and did a splendid job. Along with his song leading he has a good testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are 8 persons soon to be baptized and received into our church membership as visible fruit of this campaign. There were a total of 19 public decisions made during this series of meetings, for which we praise the Lord.—*Dennis I. Holliday, pastor.*

## ALEXANDRIA PLANS DEDICATION

The Alexandria, Va., church has long looked forward to the dedication of its own building. This is planned for the morning service of March 29, with Rev. Luther L. Grubb as the speaker. "God, the Great Architect" is the theme he plans to use. Miss Beverly Page, formerly with the choir of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, is to be the soloist. Others helping in this service will be Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr., and Roy E. Glass, Jr. All of these people are of Winona Lake, Ind.

At noon a luncheon will be served in the basement of the new building. To encourage every person to remain for this meal, the bus will not take anyone home until after the

afternoon program.

At 3 o'clock we plan to have a musical recital in connection with the dedication of our new Hammond organ, given in memory of Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, a charter member of this church. Mr. McMurry will be the organist and Miss Page the vocalist.

Beginning at 7:45 p. m. the same day, and continuing each night through April 3, Rev. John M. Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., will hold a Bible conference, using as his theme "What the Brethren Believe."

A cordial invitation is extended to all readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald to attend these services.—*Kenneth L. Teague, pastor.*



# HISTORY OF PIKE BRETHREN CHURCH, CONEMAUGH, PA.

From "Annals of Jackson Township," by Bertha (Flora) Burkhardt

The history of the Pike Grace Brethren Church really begins in 1871, when E. A. Vickroy "deeded to the committee of German Baptists a tract of land at Mundy's Corner for the sum of one dollar." The committee was William Byers, Samuel Brallier, and Joseph Burkhardt.

The land was located across the road from where the Grace Brethren Church now stands, and at one time 2 churches stood there. The German Baptists, or Dunkards, and the Evangelical, or Albright church, as it was known, each had a church there. At one time the latter enjoyed an active membership, and the Mundys family, after whom the village was named, were members of the church. In 1910 the decline in membership made the disbanding of the church feasible and the building was torn down. Henry Ribblet, of Conemaugh, bought the lumber and it was used in the construction of a house in that town.

The Pike Brethren Church was moved across the road to where it now is in 1911, and money was donated for the work and also to remodel it. John Gray, of Ebensburg, gave money to have it moved, and Albert Hoy, of Johnstown, did the moving. Mrs. Thomas Davis, widow of Capt. Tom Davis, and a daughter of Joseph Burkhardt, early residents of the community, was a generous "giver." On January 9, 1912, the work was completed and dedication services held.

Mr. Gray bought 3 acres of land adjoining the church and sold it off in lots at \$10 each, until he got what he paid for it, then donated the remainder of the land to the church to be used as a cemetery. The land was originally the Vickroy estate.

From time to time the church building has undergone repairs. When Rev. Forrest Byers, grandson of Elder William Byers, an early pastor of the church, was pastor, the interior of the edifice was changed considerably. Two rooms were added, and an outside entrance, leading to the basement, was added. A bell, the gift of the William Byers family, son of Elder Byers, was installed in the belfry. During the pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Ashman in the 1930's the value of the church property was greatly increased by the building of a modern Cape Cod cottage for use as a parsonage, and also a 2-car garage. Extensive repairs to the church building were also completed. The lawn was graded and seeded, walks built, and evergreen trees planted.

The Pike church employed the same ministers as did the Vinco Brethren Church, until a few years ago when each church was strong enough to support full-time ministers. The following served from 1886 on: Rev. Smouse, William Byers, Stephen Hildebrand, Joseph Reighard, Rev. Smith, Rev. Long, Rev. Koontz, Rev. Hall, Rev. Hollenbaugh (first names not known to writer),

Roy Long, Earl Flora (brother of writer), Forrest Byers, J. L. Bowman, George Jones, Robert Ashman, Kenneth Ashman, Ord Gehman, Arthur Carey, and Clair Gartland, the present pastor.

When Rev. Kenneth Ashman was pastor, the name of the church was changed from First Brethren to Grace Brethren.

Organizations of the church are the Women's Missionary Council, Sisterhood of Mary and Martha (senior and junior groups), and Sky Pilots.

The number of members on the roll is 250 and the Sunday school membership is 350.

The church is an active, growing organization, and plans are under way for the building of a much-needed larger edifice. The groundbreaking service for this was held March 15.

Rev. John Teeter, who is a missionary to Brazil, and Rev. Adam Rager, pastor of the Artesia church in California, are from this church. Patty Ann Griffith, national president of the SMM, and Robert Griffith, student at Grace Theological Seminary, are also members of this church.

## YFC LEADERS TO FLY TO JAPAN

Plans are being made for Trans-Ocean Airlines to take approximately 100 evangelists, pastors, and youth leaders from Oakland, Calif., to Tokyo, Japan, beginning August 3. The cost of the round-trip fare is \$750.

The purpose of the trip is to take YFC leaders to attend the 6th World Congress on Evangelism, sponsored by Youth for Christ International, to be held at Tokyo August 9-16. The leaders plan to be gone 4 weeks, participating in 50 evangelistic crusades throughout Japan before returning.

The directors of the trip are Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of YFC; Rev. Ted Engstrom, executive secretary; and Rev. Hubert Mitchell, foreign secretary.

## MR. STUDD'S MOTTO

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Osceola, Ind.....	March 15-29.....	Ward Miller.....	Walter Lepp.
Buena Vista, Va..	March 22-Apr. 5.	Galen Lingenfelter	Luther Grubb.
Alexandria, Va...	March 29.....	Kenneth Teague..	Grubb and Aeby.
Akron, Ohio.....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Harold Etling....	Conard Sandy.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	March 29-Apr. 5.	Arnold Kr'gbaum	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ....	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo.....	Michael Guido.
Ramona, Calif. ...	March 29-Apr. 3.	Grant McDonald..	Dr. C. H. Ashman.
Fort Wayne, Ind..	March 30-Apr. 2.	James Hammer...	John Whitcomb.
South Gate, Calif.	March 30-Apr. 19	Alfred Dodds.....	R. Paul Miller.
Harrisburg, Pa...	April 1-3.....	Russell Weber....	Ulysses Gingrich.
Meyersdale, Pa...	April 1-3.....	Leslie Moore.....	Leslie Moore.
Waterloo, Iowa...	April 1-5.....	.....	Paul Bauman.
Limestone, Tenn.	April 5-19.....	Randall Rossman.	William Smith.

5-53  
 Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
 Winona Lake, Ind.

## Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**BUILDING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP THROUGH EVANGELISM**, by Dawson C. Bryan. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 188 pp. Cloth. \$2.

Contending that the church is the means that God uses to bring men to Christ and His way of life, the author presents a thought-provoking thesis on the importance of personal evangelism in present-day Christianity.

Demanding a Christocentric program, the appeal is made that the church, which is the body of Christ, is the means through which the Holy Spirit will operate for redemptive purposes.

A minute program, with detailed plans for effective evangelization of the "unchurched," is graphically presented. Stressing the importance of properly trained personal workers, the author suggests the means and the manner by which all types of "unchurched" folk might be effectively reached.

While the book bears evidence of a postmillennial view of world conversion, nevertheless the reviewer deems the book a practical and challenging one that every pastor interested in a live-wire church ought to read.—Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

**THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY ACTION**, by Harvey Seifert. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 240 pp. Cloth. \$2.75.

This author appeals for a "functional church" that will transform the world socially into a brotherhood, and disfavours the "institutional church" which is governed by a denominational program geared to an "individualistic" or "otherworldly" program.

A church to be "functional" must have ministers that are altruistic in their philosophical attitude and agree with Reinhold Niebuhr (liberal the-

ologian) that such an attitude will guard against "spiritual tyranny." This would mean that the liberal and the conservative, the socialist and the capitalist, or the socialist and the communist must be in a united program with none, saying, "I have no need of thee."

While the book contains many practical suggestions which the conservative could profitably consider, yet evangelical Christianity could never endorse the core of this book, which presents "religion" and not New Testament Christianity. The theological applications in the book seem to leave Christ bereft of His omnipotence and give evidence of a taint of spiritism mixed with universalism.—Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

**A HARMONY OF SAMUEL, KINGS, AND CHRONICLES**, by William Day Crockett. Baker Book House. Cloth. \$3.50.

As any harmony of the Gospels provides a chronology for the life of Christ, so this book is a harmony of the kings of Judah and Israel. The supplemental, analytical study outlined in this book will save many precious hours for the busy pastor in his understanding of these Old Testament books.—Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

**THE TITHE**, by George A. E. Salstrand. Baker Book House. c1952. Paper. 56 pp. 85c.

In writing this little book, Dr. Salstrand has used a great many quotations from other authors and 2 of his chapters are synopses of Dr. Henry Lansdell's large work, "The Sacred Tenth," but this by no means reduces the value of this brief and simply written discussion of "the minimum standard for Christian giving."

In the opening chapter, the importance of a study of tithing is dis-

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

The air was filled with spikenard,  
 From the lingering perfume  
 Of Mary's costly ointment,  
 When they laid Him in the tomb.

Upon a bed of spices  
 Three nights and days He lay,  
 Waiting in the darkness,  
 The Resurrection Day.

The dawn-star in full splendor  
 Was shining down upon  
 The open tomb when Jesus  
 Arose to greet the dawn.

So hushed that reverent moment;  
 Not a gentle sound;  
 The earth was softly breathing;  
 Her singing heart unbound.

There came a voice of weeping  
 Through the morning gloom;  
 It was a woman grieving  
 At the doorway of His tomb.

The words and smiles of angels  
 No comfort could afford.  
 He kindly uttered, "Mary,"  
 She turned, and beheld the Lord.

All in heaven waited  
 For Him to homeward start,  
 While on earth He lingered  
 To heal a broken heart.

## CEF CONFERENCE IN DENVER

The annual conference of the Child Evangelism Fellowship is set for May 4-8 at the North Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo. Missionary interests are to be featured in this conference.

The speakers include Rev. Franklin F. Ellis, international director of CEF; Dr. William W. Orr, Rev. V. F. Anderson, Miss Frances Bennett, and Mr. Earl Trude.

All people interested in the evangelization of the world's children are invited.

cussed. This is followed by chapters on tithe giving as it was practiced in various periods of sacred history, and in the light of the teaching of Christ, the apostles, and the early church fathers. The book is brought to a close with the statement of general conclusions. Probably the best chapter in the book is one devoted to the practical reasons for tithing.—Richard Jackson, Jr.



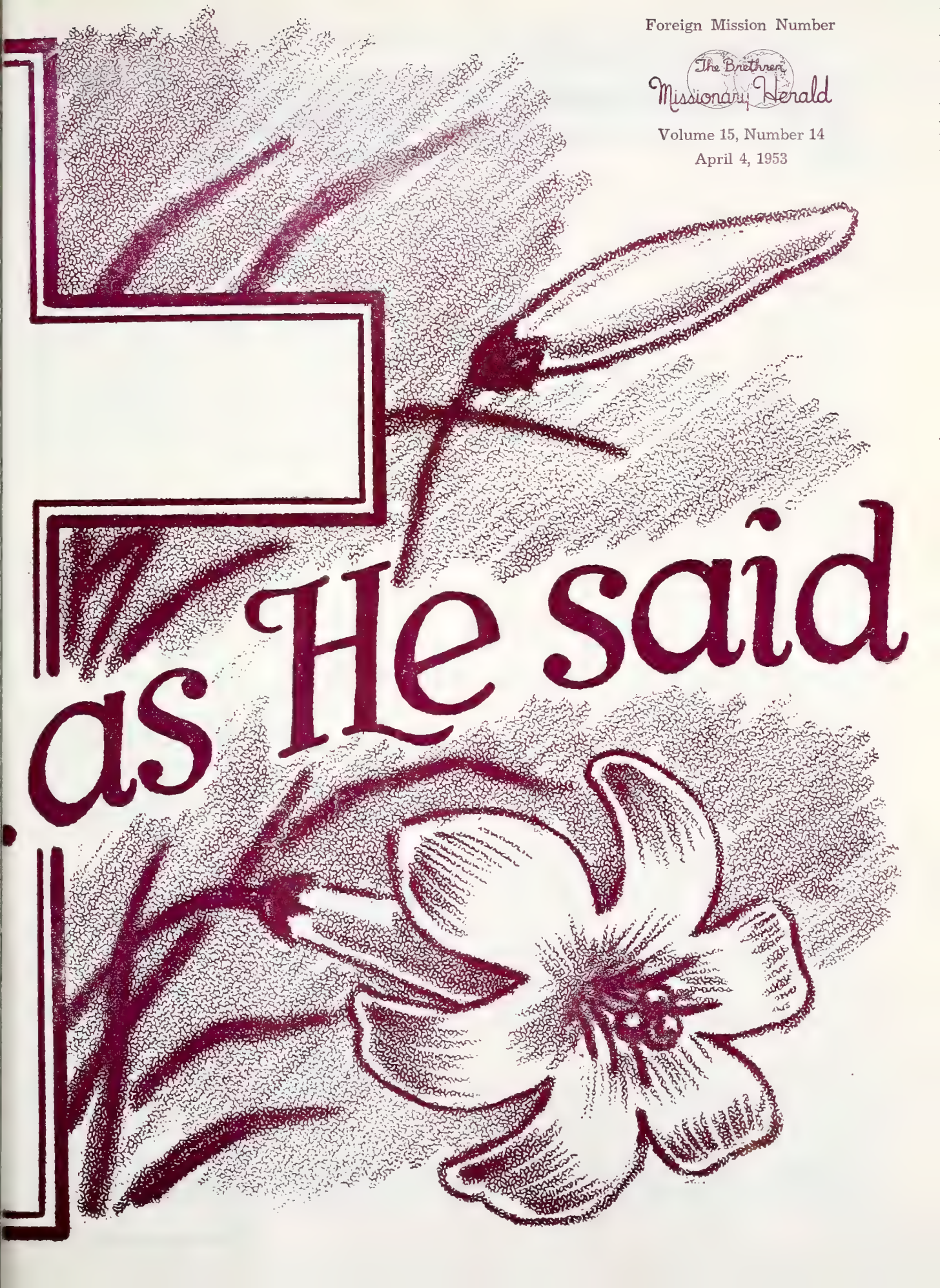
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# as He said





# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

## Joyous Words—"He Is Risen!"

No religion in the world has any comparable message of hope and cheer for dying men. The Christian faith fundamentally has only joyous and blessed truth—"He is risen!" He is Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son and man's only redeeming Saviour. Because He is risen, we, too, shall rise! Death is the conquering enemy to all who are out of Christ, but it is the vanquished foe to all who are "in Christ Jesus" by personal faith.

## But the World Doesn't Know

Thousands of so-called Christians will, by their doings or their failure to do, say, "*And I won't tell.*" Such people remind me so much of the man who found a treasure and then ran and hid the treasure. He wanted to enjoy the treasure but not share it with others. Thank God for the thousands of real Christians who are answering, "*We will tell!*" One of the girls at the little old country school where I attended was always running about saying, "*I know a secret and I won't tell.*" Need I say to you that she was a very unpopular girl? I'm very much afraid that those so-called Christians who know the secret of redeeming love, and won't tell, are very unpopular with the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "*Go quickly, and tell.*"

## How Much Do We Love Him?

Fifty-eight dollars per person spent for alcohol last year—that's an enviable record, isn't it? But that's the report. Such was the average expenditure for every man, woman, and child in the United States. And we're asking for only an average of \$15 per member for every member of the Brethren Church for foreign missions this year. Of course, if you give to foreign missions you probably did not spend a single cent for alcoholic drink—I hope you didn't anyway. But do we love the Lord Jesus and lost souls as much as the drinking person does his drink? You'll be able to read the answer of the Brethren Church in the offering reports following the receiving of the Easter offering for foreign missions.

## A Million-Dollar Estate for Christ

A few days ago, according to the report of a Baptist pastor, a wealthy businessman in Dallas, Tex., signed his entire estate over to the Southern Baptist interests. He

will have the joy of seeing his estate work for the Lord and His church. Thousands of others, reported the pastor, are holding on to their estates and will until the death angel comes. Then their estates will go for taxes, litigation, and the corruption of descendants. There must be hundreds of Brethren families who love the Lord and their church as much as did this godly Baptist gentleman. Why not bless Brethren foreign missions with your estate or a major part of it? In most States there is no inheritance tax, or a very nominal one, if the estate is left to Christian interests.

## Believe It or Not

Last year we gave only \$10 per member for every member of the Brethren Church to foreign missions. Our need for this year—just to maintain what we now have—is only \$12.40 per member. And we can send out those awaiting appointment, in addition to all our present work, for only \$15 per member for every member of the Brethren Church. What member of the Brethren Church can honestly say, "I have not wasted nor spent carelessly far more than \$15 last year!"

Brethren people need to give \$273,000 to foreign missions even more than foreign missions need the gift. Prosperity breeds selfishness, selfishness is beamed toward indulgence, and indulgence results only in spiritual heartbreak. The only answer is give, give, give, and give. Brethren people need to give \$273,000 to foreign missions this year for their own spiritual health.

## It Can Be Done!

No one sees the enormity of the task better than does your general secretary. With an increase of missionary personnel from 27 to 87 in 10 years, with 10 or 12 yearning for appointment to our mission fields this year, and with at least that number annually trained and presenting themselves, how great is the opportunity! How great is the blessing! How great is the challenge!

Our foreign mission income last year was \$180,000. With the additional missionaries sent out during this year the expenditure will be at least \$223,000—an increase of 24 percent. There are 10 or 12 now completing training and ready for appointment this fall. If we send these, our total needs will be at least \$273,000—an increase of 51 percent. The flesh and little faith say, "Impossible." But—*it can be done, if dedicated hearts desire it!*

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# How You Can Support Our Foreign Mission Program—

A MINUTE!

AN HOUR!

A DAY!

A WEEK!

A MONTH!

Total Cost	Time Supported	Number Hearing Gospel	Number Accepting Christ
\$ .42	One Minute	?	?
25.00	One Hour	17	1
611.00	One Day	411	27
4,288.00	One Week	2,885	192
18,583.00	One Month	12,500	833

A MINUTE?

AN HOUR?

A DAY?

A WEEK?

A MONTH?

*"LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"*

## I GO EXPLORING

By STEVE ALTIG

I want to go exploring up the Amazon River on a river boat. The Amazon is very wide, very muddy, and the current is very swift. It is the largest river in the whole wide world. There are sail-boats, canoes, launches, river boats, and great big ships that can go to Manaus. In some places there are sand bars and the big ships get stuck.

The kind of boat I want to go on is a 2-decker and is a wood-burning boat. They go slowly up the river and stop at little towns to unload and get wood for fuel. The day I got on it was raining real hard. This is usual. The food was very good, mainly beans and rice, called "feijoada." For breakfast there was only bread and coffee.

Sometimes I saw a porpoise diving in and out of the water. They say that this fish can turn into a person. When a person is in the water, if you whistle the porpoise will take him to shore.



Steve Altig

I saw big snakes along the shore. It is said that if a believer's hair drops into the water it will turn into a snake.

The houses on the shore are built upon stilts and have thatched roofs. They are built on stilts because the river rises and falls and they don't want their houses to be flooded.

On the boat I didn't do much but take pictures and eat and sleep. I went first-class because it was more comfortable. The third-class passengers go on the lowest deck with all the animals and freight.

I saw some interesting canoes. The man stands up in the back and rows with a long paddle attached to the boat by a ring. He swings it back and forth and still it does not go very fast.

When the big ocean liners passed our boat they made our boat rock. I was glad to get back home after my trip and sleep in a real bed.

(Editor's Note—The above was written by 9-year-old Steve Altig very recently for one of his classes at school in California. Steve and his mother are on furlough from Brazil. Brother Altig will join them in June. The picture of Steve was taken in Brazil several years ago.)

# REPORT OF GIFTS

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—December 1, 1952, to March 1, 1953

ATLANTIC DISTRICT	
Allentown, Pa. ....	\$ 10.66
Hagerstown, Md. ....	37.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	74.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	14.40
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) .....	20.95
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	80.75
Atlantic District Youth Fellowship .....	75.00
	312.76

First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.	
Argentina General Fund .....	10.63

Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.	
Zielasko Funds .....	37.00

Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	
Maconaghy Funds .....	14.00
Zielasko Funds .....	60.00
	74.00

First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	
Bickel Funds .....	14.40

Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	
Bickel Funds .....	20.95

First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.	
Maconaghy Funds .....	35.75
Zielasko Funds .....	45.00
	80.75

Atlantic District Youth Fellowship	
France General Fund .....	75.00

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT	
Artesia .....	43.88
Bell .....	13.00
Bellflower .....	30.00
Fillmore .....	45.85
La Verne .....	34.00
Long Beach (First) .....	2,131.14
Long Beach (Second) .....	20.00
Long Beach (Paramount) .....	2.00
Los Angeles (First) .....	86.00
Los Angeles (Second) .....	1,857.91
Los Angeles (Third) .....	140.00
Modesto (Christian Center) .....	14.53
Modesto (La Loma) .....	347.50
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	10.21
San Bernardino .....	12.00
San Diego .....	10.00
Seal Beach .....	100.00
South Gate .....	15.58
South Pasadena .....	150.69
South San Gabriel .....	33.79
Tracy .....	85.70
Whittier (Community) .....	120.00
Whittier (First) .....	20.00
California District .....	464.00
California District SMM .....	5.00
California District WMC .....	60.35
California District Young People's Camps .....	10.00
	5,863.13

Carson Avenue Brethren Church, Artesia, Calif.	
Africa Leper Fund .....	19.88
Teeter Funds .....	15.00
Zielasko Funds .....	9.00
	43.88

Bell Brethren Church, Bell, Calif.	
General Fund .....	1.00
Foster Funds .....	12.00
	13.00

First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.	
General Fund .....	30.00

First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif.	
Foster Funds .....	22.05
E. Myers Funds .....	11.80
Zielasko Funds .....	12.00
	45.85

First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.	
Zielasko Funds .....	34.00

First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	
General Fund .....	1,773.14
Africa Leper Fund .....	15.00

Baja Calif. General Fund .....	20.00
Balzer Funds .....	12.00
Foster Funds .....	5.00
Kliever Funds .....	5.00
E. Myers Funds .....	5.00
Samarin Funds .....	51.00
Teeter Funds .....	25.00
Zielasko Funds .....	220.00
	2,131.14

Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	
Balzer Funds .....	5.00
E. Myers Funds .....	15.00
	20.00

Paramount Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	
Foster Funds .....	2.00

First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	
General Fund .....	26.00
Foster Funds .....	50.00
E. Myers Funds .....	10.00
	86.00

Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	
General Fund .....	40.00
Balzer Funds .....	1,800.00
E. Myers Funds .....	17.91
	1,857.91

Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Brazil Special Fund .....	135.00
Balzer Funds .....	5.00
	140.00

Brethren Christian Center, Modesto, Calif.	
Foster Funds .....	7.00
E. Myers Funds .....	7.53
	14.53

La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	
Foster Funds .....	5.00
Garber Funds .....	332.50
Zielasko Funds .....	10.00
	347.50

First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.	
E. Myers Funds .....	10.21

Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.	
Zielasko Funds .....	12.00

First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.	
Balzer Funds .....	10.00

First Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.	
General Fund .....	100.00

First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif.	
Foster Funds .....	15.58

Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.	
General Fund .....	20.69
E. Myers Funds .....	5.00
Teeter Funds .....	125.00
	150.69

Grace Brethren Church, South San Gabriel, Calif.	
General Fund .....	21.85
Africa Leper Fund .....	11.94
	33.79

First Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.	
General Fund .....	60.00
Foster Funds .....	15.70
Zielasko Funds .....	10.00
	85.70

Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.	
Africa Special Fund .....	120.00

First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.	
General Fund .....	20.00

California District	
General Fund .....	11.00
Africa Leper Fund .....	400.00
Baja Calif. General Fund .....	10.00
Balzer Funds .....	18.00
Kliever Funds .....	15.00

Samarin Funds .....	10.00
	464.00
California District SMM	
E. Myers Funds .....	5.00
California District WMC	
Baja Calif. Special Fund .....	50.35
Balzer Funds .....	10.00
	60.35

California District Young People's Camps	
Balzer Funds .....	10.00

CENTRAL DISTRICT	
Berne, Ind. ....	22.00
Berrien Springs, Mich. ....	2.00
Covington, Ohio .....	24.39
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) .....	50.00
Flora, Ind. ....	79.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	59.00
Leesburg, Ind. ....	51.00
New Troy, Mich. ....	7.00
Peru, Ind. ....	35.00
South Bend, Ind. ....	39.00
Troy, Ohio .....	31.00
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	31.05
Central District .....	80.00
Central District WMC .....	29.81
	540.25

Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.	
Teeter Funds .....	5.00
Zielasko Funds .....	17.00
	22.00

Grace Brethren Tabernacle, Berrien Springs, Mich.	
Zielasko Funds .....	2.00

First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio	
General Fund .....	18.39
Geske Funds .....	6.00
	24.39

Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio	
General Fund .....	50.00

Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.	
Africa Special Fund .....	60.00
Zielasko Funds .....	19.00
	79.00

First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.	
Mason Funds .....	25.00
Zielasko Funds .....	34.00
	59.00

Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind.	
General Fund .....	4.00
Africa Special Fund .....	7.00
E. Miller Funds .....	40.00
	51.00

New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.	
V. Meyers Funds .....	7.00

Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.	
General Fund .....	4.00
Zielasko Funds .....	31.00
	35.00

Sunnyside Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.	
General Fund .....	20.00
Zielasko Funds .....	19.00
	39.00

Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio	
Zielasko Funds .....	31.00

Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.	
General Fund .....	4.05
V. Meyers Funds .....	5.00
Teeter Funds .....	5.00
Zielasko Funds .....	17.00
	31.05

Central District	
General Fund .....	70.00
Schrock Funds .....	5.00
Ruth Snyder Funds .....	5.00
	80.00



<b>Central District WMC</b>			<b>Maconaghy Funds</b> .....	15.00		<b>First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio</b>	
Byron Funds	29.81				17.00	Maconaghy Funds	57.00
<b>EAST DISTRICT</b>			<b>Iowa District</b>			Teeter Funds	81.55
Aleppo, Pa.	13.00		General Fund	100.00			138.55
Altoona, Pa.	23.50		<b>MIDWEST DISTRICT</b>			<b>Northern Ohio District</b>	
Everett, Pa.	13.15		Cheyenne, Wyo.	50.00		General Fund	90.00
Hopewell, Pa.	16.74		Cordillera, N. Mex.	13.50		Hoyt Funds	15.00
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5.00		Denver, Colo.	5.00			105.00
Leamersville, Pa.	36.36					<b>NORTHWEST DISTRICT</b>	
Martinsburg, Pa.	320.00					Albany, Oreg.	5.00
Meyersdale, Pa.	33.00					Harrah, Wash.	5.00
Parkersburg, W. Va.	10.00					Seattle, Wash.	310.00
Summit Mills, Pa.	9.31					Sunnyside, Wash.	43.50
Uniontown, Pa.	35.55		<b>First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.</b>			Yakima, Wash.	21.00
Washington, Pa.	1.00		General Fund	50.00		Northwest District	1.00
East District WMC	50.90		<b>Cordillera Brethren Church,</b>				385.50
	557.60		<b>Cordillera, N. Mex.</b>			<b>Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Oreg.</b>	
Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.			Zielasko Funds	13.50		General Fund	5.00
Zielasko Funds	13.00					<b>Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.</b>	
<b>First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.</b>			<b>Denver Grace Brethren Church,</b>			General Fund	5.00
Bickel Funds	23.50		<b>Denver, Colo.</b>				
<b>Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.</b>			E. Myers Funds	5.00		<b>Seattle Brethren Bible Class, Seattle, Wash.</b>	
Maconaghy Funds	13.15		<b>NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT</b>			General Fund	300.00
<b>Yellow Creek Brethren Church,</b>			Akron	219.00		E. Myers Funds	10.00
<b>Hopewell, Pa.</b>			Ankenytown	31.59			310.00
Maconaghy Funds	12.74		Canton	23.00		<b>First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.</b>	
Munn Funds	4.00		Cuyahoga Falls	44.45		Zielasko Funds	43.50
	16.74		Danville	15.15		<b>Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.</b>	
<b>Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.</b>			Mansfield	107.70		Zielasko Funds	21.00
Teeter Funds	5.00		Middlebranch	61.00			
<b>Leamersville Brethren Church,</b>			Rittman	46.27		<b>Northwest District</b>	
<b>Leamersville, Pa.</b>			Wooster	138.55		General Fund	1.00
Bickel Funds	18.35		Northern Ohio District	105.00			
Zielasko Funds	20.00			791.71		<b>SOUTHEAST DISTRICT</b>	
	36.35		<b>First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio</b>			Limestone, Tenn.	56.00
<b>First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.</b>			Brazil Special Fund	200.00		Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	98.56
Sumey Funds	320.00		Zielasko Funds	19.00		Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	10.00
<b>Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.</b>				219.00		Southeast District	7.50
Bickel Funds	15.00		<b>First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio</b>				172.06
Maconaghy Funds	17.00		Byron Funds	20.00		<b>Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.</b>	
	33.00		Maconaghy Funds	11.59		Maconaghy Funds	28.00
<b>First Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.</b>				31.59		Zielasko Funds	28.00
Mason Funds	10.00		<b>First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio</b>				56.00
<b>Summit Mills Brethren Church,</b>			<b>Grace Brethren Church,</b>			<b>Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.</b>	
<b>Meyersdale, Pa.</b>			<b>Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio</b>			Africa Special Fund	40.00
Bickel Funds	9.30		Byron Funds	12.25		Maconaghy Funds	44.56
<b>First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.</b>			Maconaghy Funds	21.20		Zielasko Funds	14.00
Bickel Funds	8.54		Zielasko Funds	11.00			98.56
Maconaghy Funds	28.01			44.45		<b>Washington Heights Brethren Church,</b>	
	35.55		<b>Danville Brethren Church, Danville, Ohio</b>			<b>Roanoke, Va.</b>	
<b>Laboratory Grace Brethren Church,</b>			Byron Funds	7.80		Maconaghy Funds	10.00
<b>Washington, Pa.</b>			Maconaghy Funds	7.35			
Bickel Funds	1.00			15.15		<b>Southeast District</b>	
<b>East District WMC</b>			<b>Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio</b>			Maconaghy Funds	7.50
Bickel Funds	50.00		Brazil Special Fund	50.00			
<b>IOWA DISTRICT</b>			Byron Funds	37.70		<b>NATIONAL MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICT</b>	
Cedar Rapids	17.00		Maconaghy Funds	20.00		General Fund	5.00
Iowa District	100.00			107.70		Balzer Funds	100.00
	117.00		<b>First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio</b>			Rottler Funds	10.00
<b>Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa</b>			Byron Funds	10.00		Zielasko Funds	2.00
Byron Funds	2.00		Kliever Funds	25.00			117.00
			Zielasko Funds	26.00			8,935.51
				61.00		Gifts outside the F. M. S.	87.24
			<b>First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio</b>			<b>Total gifts</b>	9,022.75
			Teeter Funds	27.27		Homer A. Kent, treasurer.	
			Zielasko Funds	19.00		Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary.	
				46.27			

## TWO FAMILIES TO LEAVE FOR FOREIGN FIELDS

May 1 has been set tentatively as the date when Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise will leave for Honolulu, Hawaii. This couple is going out on a basis of self-support. We are caring only for passage and transportation costs. They purpose to earn their own livelihood as they minister to the present believers there, and seek to fully establish a self-supporting Brethren church.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers and 2 children expect to leave for Argentina by the middle of May, having now received their visas for entry into that land.

## LEPROSY

A Chinese leper once said, "I am glad I am a leper! For, if I had not been a leper, I would never have come to this mission hospital. If I had not come to this hospital, I would never have heard about Jesus. I had rather be a leper knowing Jesus than to be free from leprosy without knowing Him!"—*The Evangel*.

"My son, if God has called you to be a missionary, your Father would be grieved to see you shrivel down into a king."—*Spurgeon*.

# AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM AFRICA

Bozoum, Africa, February 7, 1953.

Dear Friends,

At this Easter season we again greet you in His wonderful name!

How we do praise the Lord for a risen, living Saviour, who not only saves from sin, but who keeps and satisfies. Our hearts are thrilled to be able to give forth this glorious message of salvation, and continually to see souls being saved, coming out of darkness into His marvelous light. "Great is Thy faithfulness!"

Some 30 years ago French Equatorial Africa was closed to the Gospel, but God gave our Brother Gribble a vision of this large unevangelized territory and, through much prayer and perseverance, those ironclad doors were opened and missionaries were granted permission to preach the Gospel. The Brethren Church has been so faithful these many years in supporting this work with prayers and gifts and, because of this, thousands have come to know the Lord and enjoy this great salvation.

In a recent 2-weeks Bible school that was held at Bozoum, the native pastors, together with the missionary pastor, talked over the work and the needs for the coming year. These men could readily see there were not sufficient workers to cover the field and the people were asking that pastors be sent to their villages. These needy souls are still waiting to hear more of this "good news," but at present there is no one to send. Our chapels are filled and overflowing, the harvest fields are white, doors are still wide open to the Gospel, but many are still unsaved. The needs are so great, not only here but in other parts of the world; our prayer is that the Brethren Church may rally as never before to give and pray that others may be sent forth speedily. "Tomorrow may be too late!"

Just this week a Communist representative visited our village. We have such representatives all about us, but daily God's work goes forth unhindered, for which we are truly thankful. Then, too, a few days ago we were making a visit to one of the French families and we passed several men carrying a large cross painted red. The sign on it read "La Mission Catholic." When we returned home this cross had been planted at the



*Mrs. Jobson giving the Word on a "bush" trip.*

entrance of our mission road—our nearest Gbaya village. These are just a few of the things we see, but, praise the Lord, His Word standeth sure.

Dear friends, let us be willing to really sacrifice at this Easter season, and may our hearts be filled with praise because we, too, have a share in witnessing until He comes. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Yours for Africa,

Mrs. Orville D. Jobson.

## Lion Hunting

(A PARABLE FROM AFRICA)

By Miss Ruth Snyder

Not long ago a native from far out in the bush described an old-fashioned lion hunt for us. As we listened, we gasped to think of the courage displayed by the savage hunters of a bygone day.

A lion hunt must be well-organized. Should one thing go wrong many lives might be lost. Each man sharpens his spear and tests its flexibility before he risks his life facing the king of the beasts. From among the brave, strong men of the village one is chosen to be the target for the lion. "Ah," you say, "this is a lion hunt, not a man hunt." True, but one man becomes the center of the hunt. The other men are divided into 2 groups, one of which goes on either side of the center man.

Taking his shield, this target man advances toward the lion to antagonize the beast. When the lion springs, the hunter is ready with his shield. Instead of pouncing upon the man, the lion lands upon the shield with which the hunter is guarding himself. The man then swings his shield over his head, thus throwing the lion behind him. The anger of the lion is aroused against the man. As the lion prepares to pounce again, the one group of hunters throw their spears at him. His anger is only with the man in the middle. He has quickly reversed

his position and prepared his shield for the return onslaught of the lion. Once again the lion pounces on the man, only to be thrown back over the hunter's head by his adroitness with the shield. As the lion lands at the man's back the other group of men throw their spears. This is repeated for as many as 5 or 6 times before the lion is finally killed.

Is it any wonder that our hearts bounded to hear of the courage of these Africans? But, alas, Africa has an enemy who "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." What shall the target man do for a shield?

We seem to hear the Word of the Lord coming to one of the fathers, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." And once again, "Happy art thou . . . O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help."

This is the day to be throwing our spears at the lion as he seeks to pounce upon Africa. With the shield of the Lord God between us and the adversary, there is no danger from the lion. Is not this generation as brave as the elder? Are there not those who will brave the enemy of men's souls to announce to the African that God is a shield to them that put their trust in Him?



# A Report From Macapa

By Edward D. Miller

In the vast Amazon Valley there are many towns and villages where the only access to the outside world is by boat. The town of Mazagao, in the Federal Territory of Amapa, is a typical example. Although small airplanes are able to land here—and I have made the trip from Macapa to Mazagao several times in the governor's "Bonanza" (airplane)—most of the travel to and from this town is either by motorboat or *canoas*.

In December of 1952 we completed the building of a small chapel in Mazagao and since that time we have had a national worker in charge. During one of my trips of investigation to Mazagao I came in contact with a young man by the name of Jose Paulino Feitosa. He had been a Christian for a few years and had labored with other missionaries during this time, but he had never been baptized nor had he united with any denomination. After talking with him upon several occasions, he was convinced that the Brethren doctrine was correct and thus, through the leading of the Lord, this young man united with the Brethren Church along with his wife and 2 small children.

Since January of this year we have had regular Sunday services with Sunday school in the morning and preaching at night. On Wednesday evening there is prayer meeting and on Friday evening a Bible class. All of these services are conducted by the Brazilians themselves, with the help of the missionary about once a month. Certainly we have much to be thankful for, and we ought to pray continually for this small group of believers, along with our evangelist in charge, Brother Feitosa. This is the first town in Brazil where we have established a witness and built a church with a national worker in charge.

On Sunday, February 8, it was my privilege to baptize our first converts in Mazagao. After Sunday school at 9 o'clock in the morning we all went down to the river, along the main street, and 5 adults, in obedience to our Lord's command, were baptized by trine immersion. Needless to say, it was a blessed experience, not only for those baptized but also for the writer, since it was his first experience in performing this ceremony.

More than 1,750,000 Bibles were distributed in 1952 by the Japan Bible Society, it was announced in Tokyo. This brings to 12,883,023 the total issued by the society since the end of the war. One of the society's most successful activities during the past year was the distribution of Bibles to Koreans on Tsushima Island, off Japan's west coast. These Koreans had been deported from Japan as undesirables but they were refused permission by the Korean government to reenter their native country. The success of this campaign has led the Japan Bible Society to undertake a drive, in cooperation with Korean churches in Tokyo, to provide Koreans throughout Japan with Bibles.—*The Alliance Weekly*.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP,  
MAZAGAO, BRAZIL

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## THE FIVE BAPTIZED ON FEBRUARY 8 IN MAZAGAO, BRAZIL

(Bro. Feitosa, wife, and baby are in  
center of picture.)





# ALMOST TOO LATE

By Mrs. C. B. Sheldon, Bellevue, Africa

The Gospel came almost too late for Semkona. He came to see us when we met for a workers' conference at his village in November. He did not come empty-handed, but brought a young goat, a chicken, and a few eggs. He didn't bring these gifts in order that he might receive an even larger gift as so many do, but he brought them because he loved his Lord and loved His messengers.

Semkona has seen many moons rise and wane. He has waited for the rains to come so he could plant his peanuts, and he has rejoiced with others of his tribe when they first saw the moon that welcomed in the dry season. This meant bush fires, and hunting, and the hopes of an animal, for hadn't "meat hunger killed them for many days"? Ever since he could remember he had made offerings of food to the spirits of his ancestors. His heart was seeking rest but found it not in the many offerings and sacrifices. He wanted something better, but no one came to tell him. The messenger of God seemed so late.

Away across the ocean folks heard of the waiting ones in central Africa. To many of them it brought no response, but a few said they would go. Some others gave of their money to send them on their way. A few faithful ones did not forget to pray for them either. So one day a messenger came with the good news and Semkona accepted the Lord and has since been serving Him. He wanted to learn to read, but his eyes had grown dim. His spirit was not dimmed, for he believed and witnessed to others around him. When one of our Bellevue workers was there once he was astonished to see how this old man had grasped the teachings of his Lord and how eager he was to talk of Him. Once when we were trying to record some of their folklore we asked him about some of it because we knew his memory went back to days of Arab slave raiders, and that he knew so much about their ancestor worship. He surprised us by saying that he didn't remember these things very well since the Gospel had come into his heart.

Semkona brought another old man to hear the Gospel, but his heart had gone so long after idol worship that he could not make the break. We hope that he will still come, but we don't know. The hour is growing late. We must take the Gospel to many more villages this year, this month, right NOW, or else many more will pass on into eternity while we put off telling them that

Christ died for them.

"The restless millions await the light of Him

Whose dawning maketh all thing new,

Christ also waits, but men are slow and few.

Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?"

Miss

Myers

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## BACK TO AFRICA

Yes, we are going back to Africa on our mission to tell the "good news" which the Lord expressed in the hearing of His disciples—wherein eternal life doth consist and the means whereby it is obtained and enjoyed. In His prayer in John 17:3 He says: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

The people in Africa do not know the only true God unless they are told of Him. In their hearts of fear, ignorance, and superstition they bow down to wooden idols, bringing their offerings of a chicken or goat. Their natural life is full of sorrow for they know not the communion and fellowship of the true and living God. They know not the gift of God's love, even Jesus Christ whom He sent that they might have life more abundantly, nor the fruit of the indwelling power—the Holy Spirit. They know not how precious Jesus is in undertaking for us, coming down into our nature to accomplish our salvation, paying the debt for us and abolishing death for us. Thus, through the ignorance that is in them, their worship is to appease idols.

Oh, we long that the natives in Africa may know the true and living God and Jesus whom He sent to save them. He is the One they need to banish all their fears and to scatter their superstitions and to dry up their tears and give them a joy unspeakable.

I wish to thank all of you here at home for your kindnesses to me while I was on furlough. I did so enjoy the fellowship of my loved ones and old friends, and I have met many new ones as I traveled among the churches. I praise the Lord for the love for souls our Brethren Church manifests in the sending forth of missionaries to unevangelized places.

As I am leaving the homeland again to tell the heathen of our blessed Lord, I give myself anew to Him to live or die for Him. "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." And I cry as did Paul, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection.—Estella Myers, Nzoro, Africa.

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Semkona





# What About the New Work in Buenos Aires, Argentina?

By Solon W. Hoyt

Several months have passed by without so much as one word from us, mainly because of our own uncertainty and even an inability to formulate an opinion. Now we feel a bit more oriented and capable of offering a worth-while account of the new Brethren testimony here in Buenos Aires.

## *The First Problem*

Where shall we locate? After Brethren Schrock and Marshall had made some investigations in and around Buenos Aires, and after considerable discussion in the field council meetings, we were all agreed that the problem of location is one which can only be decided finally after living in the area to be reached. Therefore, we were to locate here wherever we could find a house to rent.

## *A Bigger Problem*

Because of a tremendous influx of immigrants from Europe and a general movement from the country to the city, the housing situation throughout the towns and cities of Argentina has been taxed to the limit. But here in this area it has been by far the most acute because most of the immigrants have settled down close to the port of entry and hundreds from the interior have rushed to Buenos Aires to seek higher wages in the factories, which are almost exclusively in this area. After several weeks of searching in every way, shape, and form that it could be done, the Lord directed us to the place in which we now live. The rent is exorbitant, but we have learned not to complain about that since others are paying much more in comparison to what they receive. This house is located in a very new section of a new suburb called Don Bosco. We are 7½ miles from Buenos Aires proper which is just 26 minutes by train. Since we are only 4 blocks from the train station and trains go to Buenos Aires every 18 minutes and sometimes oftener, we may consider ourselves quite well located. This suburb is one of 4 which are built so closely together that one cannot know where to make the divisions between them. People living at the farthest point from us in any of these 4 suburbs could easily attend our meetings, since it would take only from 20 to 30 minutes at the most by bus.

We moved into the house about September 4, and it took exactly 1 month more to get everything out of

## *The Suburb of Don Bosco*



*The Hoyt*

*home in*

*Don Bosco,*

*Argentina.*

*(Note 3*

*Hoyt*

*children at*

*entrance.)*



customs and get things more or less settled and running smoothly.

## *Two Months of Ups and Downs*

During the months of October and November our sole work was house-to-house personal evangelism. Since we knew no one as yet, we didn't know what to do about the children so we could go out together in this house-to-house personal work. We finally decided to take the youngest (Aldo) with us, since we would be visiting first near the house, and leave the other 2. This worked out very nicely and when the time came that we needed someone with whom to leave all 3, the Lord directed us to a neighbor girl of about 16.

Some days we would return filled with joy for the privileges we had had to testify and present the Gospel; other days we returned discouraged and blue. As a whole, however, we had to feel that there is a more open and unbiased attitude on the part of the people here as compared with those of the interior. Very few refused the tracts and a goodly number talked at length with us about spiritual things.

We must confess that our discouragement at times only revealed to us our constant need of His help and direction. Satan is able to check one's effectiveness greatly by discouragement. Has not God promised that His Word will not return void? Upon a careful, calm consideration of the facts, we always had to conclude that the picture was brighter than any we had seen before in this country.

*(To Be Concluded in Next Foreign Mission Number)*

The Roman Catholic population of Japan has increased by more than one-half in the last 5 years. On June 30, 1952, there were 171,785 Catholics in Japan, a 57-percent gain over 1947.—*The Alliance Weekly*.

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The speaking engagements of *Rev. R. I. Humbert*, Flora, Ind., for April include Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., 11-12; the Christian Missionary Alliance Church and Southeastern Bible College, both of Birmingham, Ala., 13-17; Calvary Baptist Church, Athens, Ga., 19-23; Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga., 24; Christian Women's Business Council, Youth for Christ, and the Scripture Stall, all of Salisbury, N. C., 24-28; and the Bible Class, Bessemer City, N. C., 27.

*Miss Shirley Degan*, of the Washington, D. C., church, was awarded a national "Young American Medal for Service" following a contest sponsored by the Department of Justice.

On March 20 the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church was host to the California Association of Christian Schools in a day-long convention, attended by approximately 300 people. Also on the same day, the church entertained the Long Beach Division of Christian Endeavor for its spring banquet, at which Dr. Chester Padgett was the speaker.

Funeral services for *Mr. Joe Lang*, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, were held March 3.

On March 7 Dr. Charles W. Mayes conducted the funeral service of *Mrs. Helen Lodge Taylor*, the 82-year-old widow of a former Presbyterian pastor and faithful attendant in later years at the Long Beach, Calif., First church.

On March 8 the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Second church received 4 members, all junior-high girls, and on March 15 witnessed 13 public decisions following the showing of the film, "Mr. Texas." The pastor of this church is Henry G. Rempel.

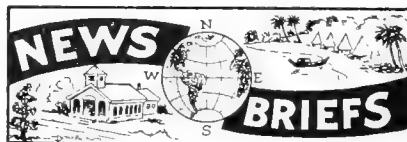
*Pastor Robert Miller*, of Roanoke, Va., spoke to the district ministerium

March 17 and to the Virginia Asher Business Women's Bible Council, Roanoke, March 19.

*Mr. J. P. Oblinger*, of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, died early in March.

At the *Spokane, Wash.*, church, pastored by William H. Schaffer, 10 people publicly confessed Christ as Saviour during the first week of Evangelist Robert Ashman's campaign there, March 8-15. In the children's Happy Hour the attendance rose from 43 to 104.

According to Pastor Gene Farrell, members of the Young Russian Christian Association, with their leader, Jack Green, conducted the evening service March 15 at the *Beaumont, Calif.*, church. This church is rapidly completing its new building in the Cherry Valley section of Beaumont.



The *Osceola, Ind.*, church, pastored by Ward Miller, began junior church services March 1, with Mrs. Violet Garrison in charge. On March 15 this church was host to the Osceola Girl Scouts for the morning worship service. This church and the local Twin Branch Bible Church plan a sunrise service April 5 at the Bible church, with Pastor Miller as the speaker.

Mitsuo Fuchida, leader of the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor, but since won to the Lord Jesus Christ, now working with the Sky Pilots and traveling with Elmer Sachs, spoke at the *Listie, Pa.*, church March 13 and at the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church March 14.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church observed the birthdays of Pastor and Mrs. Glenn O'Neal the first week in March, when 152 people gathered in their honor and gave them useful gifts. On March 4 the prayer meeting was attended by 84 people.

The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church has planned a sunrise breakfast at a local restaurant April 5.

*Mrs. Rosemary Hakes*, formerly of the San Gabriel Academy, the Chris-

tian day school associated with the Temple City, Calif., church, has gone to Counselor Post, N. Mex., to replace Miss Angie Garber, who became ill, in the Indian school.

To *Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Howard*, of San Ysidro, Calif., missionaries to Baja California, a son, Thomas Alden, was born March 17.

While Pastor Miles Taber, of the *Ashland, Ohio*, church, was holding special meetings at the Allentown, Pa., church, March 10-22, the pulpit at Ashland was occupied by 4 young men of the church who are students at Grace Theological Seminary: Don Bishop, Don Farner, Dick Messner, and Dean Risser.

Rev. George W. Kinzie preached at the *Dayton, Ohio*, First church March 22, while Pastor William A. Steffler was concluding special meetings at the Clay City, Ind., church.

*Mrs. Lulu Champion*, member of the Dayton, Ohio, First church since January 19, 1931, died March 16.

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church, pastored by Nathan Meyer, had 89 people present in Sunday school March 15, and 91 March 22.

The average attendance at the morning service of the *Compton, Calif.*, church for February was 159, an increase of 22 over the same month in 1952, and for the evening service the average was 106, an increase of 23, according to Pastor Norman Nelson. Rev. Oscar Stern, a refugee from Czechoslovakia, spoke at this church March 22.

*Mrs. Edwin J. Jones*, who with her husband pioneered the beginning of the Brethren testimony in Honolulu, underwent surgery in a Honolulu hospital March 18.

The *Southeast District* is sponsoring an overnight youth rally at the Limestone, Tenn., church, pastored by Randall Rossman, April 10-11. Speakers for the rally are Evangelist William Smith and Youth Director Ralph Colburn.

Mac Lopez and a gospel team from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles conducted the evening service at the *Whittier, Calif.*, First church March 22, where Carl E. Sisson is interim pastor.

Remember, God is counting on us to make it possible for the 87 Brethren foreign missionaries to continue preaching the Gospel to others in far-away places.



# THESE REQUESTS WILL GUIDE YOUR APRIL PRAYING

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray that the Lord's people, at this Easter season, may give more prayerfully and sacrificially than ever to the work of foreign missions, that new missionaries may continue to go forth to our various fields where the Gospel is so greatly needed.

2. Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of the John Teeter family in Brazil on March 14. Pray for them and for the Zielaskos in their study of the Portuguese language.

3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise, who expect to leave for Honolulu about May 1 to undertake missionary work on a self-supporting basis.

4. Praise the Lord for supplying the Argentine visas for the Victor Meyers family. Pray for them as they make final preparations to sail for Argentina by the middle of May.

5. Pray for Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, who will undergo surgery April 9 in a Philadelphia hospital. Pray for her rapid recovery so that she and her husband may return to Argentina as soon as possible.

6. Continue to pray definitely for the 4 nurses in Belgium at the School of Tropical Nursing. Their course of study is entirely in the French language and is most difficult.

7. Pray for those continuing their studies in France. The Garbers and Kennedys expect to leave for Africa the latter part of June. The Masons and Charles Tabers will remain for a longer period of study in France.

8. Pray for the Fogles as they pioneer a Brethren testimony in Lyon, France. Pray also for the Solon Hoyt family in the new field of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

9. Pray for wisdom for Brother Barnard in consultation with Brethren Haag and Howard as they plan for the future work in Baja California.

10. Pray for the new school year of the Bible institute in Africa, that both faculty and students may be led of the Lord in every activity.

11. Pray that the Missionary Outfit Clubs in the various churches may be blessed of the Lord, and that sufficient funds may come through this channel to care for the outfit needs of the John Teeter family.

12. Praise the Lord for the new Christians and baptized believers in

all our fields. Pray that they will grow in the faith and be constant witnesses of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the development of a new Brethren church in Wheaton, Ill. It is necessary to find another meeting place, as the model home used for that purpose has been sold. Pray for this immediate need.

2. Pray that the new Bible club and the new boys club work sponsored by the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio, may be used as channels for reaching new folks for Christ and the church.

3. The national BYF project is to erect a chapel at a new village, Arroyo Seco, in the Taos area. Pray for this very promising work among the Spanish American people.



4. Remember in prayer the work of Parkersburg, W. Va., where the pastor, Lester Smitley, is supporting himself and working to build a church at the same time. Pray especially that the Lord may direct these people in selecting His location for a church.

5. Pray for a good response to the Minute Man letter for Findlay, Ohio, that funds will be made available soon to start a much-needed building program.

6. Pray for the Navaho Mission School work and especially for Miss Angie Garber that she will be completely restored to health. Also remember the one who is taking her place in teaching the children.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Continue to praise God for the way He has been meeting the regular financial needs of the school through the monthly envelope plan.

2. Continue to pray for the finances of the school, and especially that the extra funds may come in to care for the campus projects, in-

cluding sidewalks and paving, which must be undertaken this spring.

3. Continue to pray for those soon to graduate, that God will lead them into His place of service. Remember especially those looking toward our mission fields, but who must take up some temporary service while awaiting funds to go to the field.

4. Pray for the administrative committee of the faculty and for the executive committee of the board of trustees upon whom many of the policy decisions of the school rest.

## WMC (IOWA DISTRICT)—

1. Pray for our national projects: the car being used by the Fogles in France, and for the property to be purchased in Buenos Aires.

2. Pray for Miss Angie Garber's health, and that this district will reach its goal in supplying mattresses for the Navaho dormitories.

3. Do remember our African and Argentine sisters in prayer.

4. Pray for the new work atavenport, Iowa, and a pastor to take over.

## SMM—

1. Pray for Patty Griffith, national president, who was seriously ill in hospital at BJU when these notes were written.

2. Pray for the spring rallies of the districts.

3. Pray for our offering that it may go over the need in supporting our missionary, Marybeth Munn.

4. Pray for wisdom and God's will to be done in planning programs and activities for camps.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Continue to pray that our young people will more and more get behind our foreign mission program, financially and in prayer. Pray that we might fully meet our goal—the support of Bekoro Station.

2. Praise God for the way every financial need has been met, and pray that this may continue.

3. Pray that we may locate a good used Varsity, at a reasonable price, for our office.

4. Continue to pray that our camps may be planned to the best advantage for reaching and helping young people for the Lord.

# WHAT THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST MEANS TO ME

By Rev. Ralph J. Colburn, Winona Lake, Ind.

The crisis in the war between Britain and France came before the days of modern communications such as the telegraph and telephone. Napoleon's bid for world domination had to be crushed, and Britain's hopes were centered around Wellington's ability to outthink, outmaneuver, and outclass the French forces. But at best it would be a close conflict, so all England awaited news of the famous Battle of Waterloo.

## *The Defeat of the Enemy*

News was flashed across the English Channel by means of large mirrors, spelling out in code the story of the battle progress. After a long period of silence, the mirrors on the French coast began to spell out a message: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D—and just as that much of the message was completed, one of England's dense fogs obscured the entire coast. And waiting England was shrouded in gloom—her champion had failed her in the hour of crisis. Hours later the fog lifted, and the mirrors began flashing again, this time with no fog to obscure the message; they spelled out: W-E-L-L-I-N-G-T-O-N D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D T-H-E E-N-E-M-Y!

So it was at Calvary 2,000 years ago. God's champion, the Lord Jesus Christ, seemingly was felled by the forces of evil. And it seemed as though the Christian church died before it was born! When our Saviour cried out His last breath on the cross, the message was signaled forth, C-H-R-I-S-T D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D. A fog of despair settled over the followers of the Man of Galilee. But that fog was forever lifted on Resurrection Morning, when the tomb burst open, the Saviour arose, and the message was completed: C-H-R-I-S-T D-E-F-E-A-T-E-D T-H-E E-N-E-M-Y!

What does the resurrection of Christ, the most glorious fact of history, mean to me? Ah, many things; more than I could tell, but first of all, it proves that He was—

## *The Son of God*

No other deed or word of our blessed Lord establishes this fact as

unquestionably as does His bodily resurrection. Paul affirmed in Romans 1:4, concerning Jesus Christ, that He was "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead." No other religious leader was ever able to make such a claim, and no one has ever been able to successfully discredit His bodily resurrection.

A man who felt that all religions were rackets once expressed that feeling to a friend, and further expressed that it might be a profitable racket to enter. Emboldened by the other's silence, he decided audibly



Rev. Ralph Colburn

that he was going to start a new religion, one that would be fully as acceptable and popular as Christianity. He asked his friend's opinion as to what he would have to do in order to begin such a religion that would equal if not surpass Christianity. But the friend silenced him forever with the suggestion, "I guess you'd have to arise from the dead."

But the resurrection of Christ was not accomplished solely to prove a point. It means, too, that we have—

## *A Living Advocate*

There are many times along life's road that sorrows and troubles compass the Christian. In such moments it may seem that we stand alone. But we are never alone, for the risen Saviour promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb 13:5). What blessed comfort in the hour of darkness! Is anything too hard for the Lord of life, who conquered death? And He is with us! No wonder the writer of Hebrews exclaimed, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that

come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

## *Life for Believers*

Another wonderful truth made possible through the resurrection of Christ is that we too shall live. In that great chapter, I Corinthians 15, Paul reminds us again and again that our hope of eternal life and bodily resurrection is dependent upon Christ being the firstfruits of resurrection. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22).

Death holds a common fear for all men, but why? Because of the mystery of what might follow death! But Christ, in rising from the dead, removed the mystery by giving us a glimpse into the glories ahead. The dark unknown gives way to eternal realities of beauty and blessing. Then we too can say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:55, 57).

## *Heart of the Gospel*

One other glorious truth stands out to me from the resurrection of Christ. To me it means that we have a message worth telling.

This is the challenge of the resurrection. The angelic messengers who stood by the tomb commissioned the early-morning visitors, "Go, tell, He is risen." Certainly, if Christ had remained in the tomb we wouldn't have much to talk about! But as far as some are concerned, He is still in the tomb. As far as some are concerned, He has never been born! For they have never been told the glorious story of how He came, and lived, and died, and rose again, and is coming again that men might be right with God.

We who know the risen Saviour have the most glorious news in the world. Dare we keep silence? We must show it, and speak it, and send it, that all the world may know the triumph of the Son of God in revealing the love of God to dying men.

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### BYF MISSIONARY PROJECT OFFERINGS GROW

At last reports, 33 churches co-operated in the BYF home mission project offering, the goal of which was \$1,200 for a chapel at Arroyo Seco, in the Taos Valley of New Mexico. This field is ripe for another Brethren chapel, and we have young men available at Taos to undertake the preaching responsibilities there. Gospel teams have been conducting successful services there for some months, and the time seems ripe for a permanent work.

The goal was not reached yet, although some offerings are still coming in. By some oversight they were not sent in with the regular home mission offering and marked "BYF Project." They are still acceptable, however, for this home mission project. The total at the last report was \$783.49, with top honors going to the BYF's at Kittanning, Pa., with \$104.50; Buena Vista, Va., \$79.06; Martinsburg, Pa., \$78.95; Temple City, Calif., \$76.88; and Vicksburg, Pa., \$50.

Right now we hope that many more churches are working on the BYF foreign mission project, the support of Bekoro Station in Africa, for which \$1,200 is needed. If we go over the top (and we surely should), we can earmark the rest for some special need in one of our other mission fields, possibly in Brazil or Argentina. Last year, when we got a late start on accepting and promoting a BYF project for foreign missions, our offering amounted to about \$500 for Bekoro Station. This year, we should go well over the top. If the BYF's of 33 churches can raise nearly \$800, certainly, if we all co-operated, we could more than double that! Let's see if it can't be done this spring!

Remember, this is not another offering, it is a part of the regular foreign mission offering. Encourage your young people to give *more* to missions, and to earmark at least a part of their offering "BYF Project." Then give it through the regular channels of your church, making

Featured in a recent service when the youth director was present at the Flora, Ind., Brethren church was the junior choir. The young people sounded as good as they looked, with their new robes, and well-scrubbed appearance. This choir is the major youth activity of the Flora Grace Brethren Church at present, and they do nice work in simple harmony and arrangements. And you can tell they enjoy it, too! The choir director is Mrs. Mary Stayer.

sure that your financial secretary, or whoever sends the offering in to the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, properly designates it "BYF Project," and both your church and your BYF will get proper credit for it. Let's go over the top this time!

### YOUTH DIRECTOR HEADS SOUTH

About the time you read this, your youth director will be visiting our Brethren students at Bob Jones University, where a Brethren party is planned, among other activities. Then he'll be heading to Brvan University for 2 or 3 days of visiting among our students there. April 10-11 he'll be joining with the young people of the Southeast District in their overnight youth rally at Limestone, Tenn. Then on April 12 he begins a week of youth revival in Johnson City, Tenn. where John J. Burns is pastor. After these meetings he'll be heading back to the Atlantic District, to complete a schedule of services in that area.

"Probably the reason that God made women last was that He didn't want any advice while creating man."—*Concern*.

### YOUTH NOTES

The Waynesboro, Pa., young people enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day party with the youth director recently, and about 25 were present. A wonderful time, with games, pictures, and de luxe refreshments, was enjoyed. This BYF group has a unique plan. They have several young adults working with them, and each Sunday one young person and one of the adults is assigned the program. Working together, they plan and put on some very fine meetings. That way every young person has help, and the responsibilities are divided among several interested adult helpers.

The Hagerstown, Md., BYF occasionally puts on a "demonstration meeting," to which the adults of the church are invited. A special program is lined up for that occasion, with many young people participating. At a recent demonstration meeting, the skit on baptism and church membership, "The Next Step," was featured. This group also enjoyed a Saturday night youth rally with the youth director. About 80 or more were present, including a few visitors from Pond Bank and Waynesboro.



Rev. and Mrs. Jack Dixon

By Rev. Joseph R. Hoffmann,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

On Sunday, January 11, at 3 p. m., Jack Dixon was ordained to the Brethren ministry at the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles. Brother Dixon is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and is continuing graduate work in the evening school of the institute at present.

Bro. Jack Dixon accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour in Ashland, Ohio, and soon thereafter dedicated his life to full-time service. He attended Ashland College while awaiting entrance to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Upon graduation from Biola, he accepted a call from the Indonesia Fellowship as a missionary to the foreign field, and is now looking forward to assignment in the field.

During the past 3 years he has served as assistant pastor at First Brethren Church. For some time he was associated with the International Child Evangelism Fellowship and more recently he has been doing an important work in the production of the Radio Kids Bible Club. This is a worldwide radio program originating in southern California that has been marvelously effective for the Lord's glory and well received by the children.

He and his wife, Donna (nee Beeler), met while at Biola and were married 2 years ago. She is from our Beaver City, Nebr., Brethren church and, too, is consecrated to the Lord in the call to foreign missions. They are both anxious to get

into the harvest field for God's glory. Pray that He will use them effectively and keep them for the praise of His glory.

The elders who participated in the ordination are Glenn O'Neal, Bruce L. Button, Ralph Hatton, and Joseph R. Hoffmann, all of whom are members of the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles.

## S. S. CONFERENCE AT WINONA

The 1953 Sunday school conference, sponsored by Scripture Press of Chicago, is scheduled for Winona Lake, Ind., July 20-24 in connection with the Winona Lake Bible Conference.

During the 5 days there are to be morning and afternoon sessions and workshops to consider the methods, curriculum, and publicity best for the average Sunday school.

Leaders of the conference are to be Mrs. Stella Daleburn, Mr. Henry Jacobsen, and the Misses Eunice Fischer and Ruth Streblow.

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## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Buena Vista, Va. .	March 22-Apr. 5.	Galen Lingenfelter	Luther Grubb.
Portland, Oreg. . .	March 23-Apr. 5.	Vernon Harris. . . .	Robert Ashman.
Akron, Ohio. . . . .	March 29-Apr. 5.	Harold Etling. . . . .	Conard Sandy.
Cedar Rapids, Ia. .	March 29-Apr. 5.	Arnold Kriegbaum	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) . . . .	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo. . . . .	Michael Guido.
Flora, Ind. . . . .	March 29-Apr. 5.	Charles Turner. . .	Alva McClain.
South Gate, Calif. .	March 30-Apr. 19	Alfred Dodds. . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
Waterloo, Iowa. . .	April 1-5. . . . .	.....	Paul Bauman.
Waynesboro, Pa. . .	April 3-5. . . . .	Dennis Holliday. .	John Whitcomb.
Limestone, Tenn. .	April 5-19. . . . .	Randall Rossman. .	William Smith.
Clayton, Ohio. . . .	April 10-12. . . . .	Clair Brickel. . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Camden, Ohio. . . .	April 12-26. . . . .	Robert Betz. . . . .	Ward Miller.
Fremont, Ohio. . . .	April 12. . . . .	Lester Pifer. . . . .	John Whitcomb.
Johnson City, Tenn. . . . .	April 12-19. . . . .	John Burns. . . . .	Ralph Colburn.
Yakima, Wash. . . .	April 12-26. . . . .	Russell Williams. .	Robert Ashman.
Kittanning, Pa. . .	(First) . . . . .	April 18-19. . . . .	Gordon Bracker. .
			Herman Hoyt.

## FULLNESS OF JOY

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

Easter reveals a hint of the joy  
That once was set before the Lord;  
A joy beyond the ken of earth,  
And more than heaven could afford.

Before the mountains had come forth,  
Christ gave Himself for you and me.

From everlasting, His the joy  
To become our perfect Surety.

For this He came: to bear the cross.  
It was His joy, through death to bring  
To God, the Father, many sons  
By one eternal offering.

## MOODY WEEK AT WINONA LAKE

Moody Week, an annual event sponsored by the alumni association of Moody Bible Institute, is set for July 12-19 at Winona Lake, Ind., according to a recent announcement.

Among the speakers expected are Dr. William Culbertson, president of MBI; Dr. Walter Wilson, Bible teacher, of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Albert J. Lindsay, pastor at Tacoma, Wash.; Dr. M. A. Darrow, director of Sudan Interior Mission; and others.

Al Smith and Don Hustad are planning the musical program for the week, and Phil Gammon (Uncle Phil), of Know Your Bible Club, will supervise the children's program.



# THE SEVEN SAYINGS ON THE CROSS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

## VII. THE CRY OF RESIGNATION.

"And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46).

How glad we are to hear that word "Father" again. Only a short time ago our Lord was forsaken and was uttering that dismal cry, "My God, my God," but now He is back again in fellowship with the Father. He has waded the dismal flood. "All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me" (Psa. 42:7). He is again accepted of the Father.

"Into thy hands I commend my spirit."

There comes a time when some part of the human body gives way and the spirit departs. "The body without the spirit is dead" (Jas. 2:26). When the spirit leaves the body it is taken to Hades, the abode of the unrighteous dead, there to await the second resurrection, unless other provision has been made for it.

In ages past there was a consultation among the Godhead and a covenant had been formed between the Father and the Son, and it was



Rev. R. I. Humberd

through the blood of this "everlasting covenant" that the Lord Jesus was "brought again from the dead" (Heb. 13).

And so today God stands ever ready to enter into covenant relation with "whosoever will." At death

God will receive the spirit and conduct it to the heavenly Jerusalem where, with the spirits of other "just men made perfect," it will await the first resurrection. Then He will bring the body forth from the grave, a glorified body, and unite the spirit and the body in eternal joy.

Verily, calamity of all calamities is it to come up to the moment of death having made no provision for the spirit. But joy of all joys is it to be able, like Stephen, to cry with our last breath, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59).

[Editor's note: These 7 messages on "The Seven Sayings on the Cross," which have appeared in the Brethren Missionary Herald during recent weeks and of which this is the last, have been printed in an attractive 37-page booklet and may be secured either from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company or from Brother Humberd, Flora, Ind., at 15c a copy.]



### Chico, California

The Misses Virginia Aamodt and Joy Mackay, of the Pioneer Girls International, were with us February 21-22 and spoke at our church.

The Sunday school attendance rose from 54 on February 1 to 120 on March 1, averaging 84 during that 5-week period. The attendance at the morning worship service March 1 was 93.

The Lord blessed us with a short campaign, March 2-9, under the leadership of Dr. Vincent Bennett. There were 161 people present at the Friday evening service, and several people made public their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ during the week.

The average weekly offering during February was \$68.09. We were able to pay off some of our debts during this time.

Mrs. Roy Parsons, of Richvale, who with her husband visited Palestine in 1952, spoke to our women March 12.

As this is being written (March 14), we are planning to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the founding of this church on March 29. Of the original 22 members 15 are still in the church. During the 5-year period 50 people have joined the church, 15 of them during 1952.—*J. Ward Tressler, pastor.*

### Kittanning, Pennsylvania (North Buffalo)

Judith Ann Cousins, daughter of Brother and Sister Brady Cousins, of our church, died March 16.

Sealed bids have been asked for in order that we may make our decision as to the way we will have our proposed basement addition finished. Much of the basement has been excavated; we want the rest of it ex-

cavated and a block wall and cement floor installed. This addition will double our floor space.

Bro. W. A. Ogden, of Johnstown, spoke here concerning foreign missions March 18.—*Donald W. Rossman, pastor.*

### Troy, Ohio

Our church observed the day of prayer, March 15, with a special meeting in the afternoon. Some of the members of the Clayton and Covington, Ohio, churches were with us for this meeting.

Our Brethren Boys Club and the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha held a St. Patrick's Day party March 16, with a fine attendance and a very enjoyable time for the boys and girls.

Our building program is moving slowly forward. We hope to begin putting the roof on in a few weeks.—*Blanche Garber, secretary.*

Rev. Hann Browne spoke at the Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, of which James C. Beatty is pastor, March 18.



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Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.



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The Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches is scheduled to convene in conference April 21-24 at the Rittman, Ohio, church, of which Charles Ashman is pastor. Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary, is to be the featured speaker.

The New Troy, Mich., church, pastored by Richard Jackson, joined with 10 other churches in the Southwestern Michigan Fellowship of fundamental churches in promoting the 2d annual "global missionary conference" March 21-27. Services were held in each of the cooperating churches, with the 13 speakers rotating from church to church.

Four members of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary—S. Herbert Bess, James L. Boyer, Herman A. Hoyt, and Homer A. Kent, Jr.—plan to attend a foreign language conference at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., April 23-25.

The new Long Beach, Calif., Paramount church, pastored by John Mayes, recently joined the list of churches placing the Brethren Missionary Herald in every home represented in the church's membership. This list included 21 names, which is excellent for a mission church.

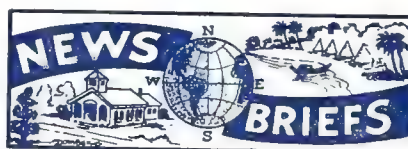
Rev. and Mrs. Joseph R. Hoffmann, of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lois Mae, to Mr. James E. Freeman, March 28.

A new Brethren Bible study class was begun at Paris, Ohio, March 20. The teacher of the class is Pastor Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch. There were 13 people present at the first meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bowser, of the Kittanning, Pa., First church, observed their 53d wedding anniversary March 28.

Miss Marian Bower, of the Japan Gospel Fellowship, spoke at the Berrien Springs, Mich., church March 29, according to Pastor Arthur F. Collins.

Pastor Lewis C. Hohenstein has moved to 540 E. Olive Dr., Whittier, Calif. (change Annual, p. 69). Three "farewell get-togethers" were given by the young people, 2 Bible classes, and the congregation of the Waterloo, Iowa, church for the Hohensteins before they finished their ministry there March 29. On March 28 Brother Hohenstein spoke to the Cedar Valley Youth Fellowship, in session at a Washburn, Iowa, church. He began his ministry at the Whittier church April 5.



The Glendale, Calif., church, of which Charles M. Underwood is the new pastor, recently painted the exterior of the building and planted shrubbery around it.

The Vicksburg, Pa., church, pastored by Dean Walter, took the first step in replacing the recently burned building by purchasing a 2¼-acre tract of land across the road from the former location on which to build. The former lot was too small to permit a larger building, which is needed by this congregation.

Pastor Joseph L. Gingrich reports that the Sterling, Ohio, church observed March 8 as a special day for the Cleveland Hebrew Mission. The Misses Floy Hoover and Florence Hagen, of the mission, were the speakers. The offering for this mission amounted to \$157.56.

Mrs. Wayne (Dorothy) Croker, wife of the pastor at Cheyenne, Wyo., and 2 of her children visited with her relatives in Philadelphia, Pa., the first part of March.

The Philadelphia, Pa., First and Third churches united at the Third

church for special services April 3, from 12 noon to 3 p. m. Pastors of these churches are John M. Aeby and Robert Cessna.

During the first week of the special meetings at the Osceola, Ind., church, pastored by Ward Miller, there were 28 public decisions, and the average attendance was 110. Pastor Walter Lepp, Hagerstown, Md., was the evangelist.

The Harrah, Wash., church, pastored by Jesse Hall, held a special dedicatory service March 22 for new songbooks purchased by the Bible school department. Mrs. Rose Foster spoke there to the combined meeting of the WMC and the SMM, and at the evening worship service March 15.

Dr. Robert D. Culver, of Palatine, Ill., was the speaker at a city-wide pre-Easter series of meetings sponsored by 25 churches March 22-29 in Rapid City, S. Dak. Each day he also spoke over the local radio station.

Judith Lynn Kennedy is the name of the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy born in Paris, France, March 16. Her birth was previously reported, but the name was not then known.

The Lord continues to bless the testimony at Grace Chapel, Honolulu, Hawaii. On March 8 there were 51 people present in the morning service and 7 of them publicly confessed Christ as Saviour. Brother and Sister Edwin J. Jones have been in charge of this work, but they are soon to be transferred by the Government, and the people are looking forward to the coming of the Treises.

The funeral service for Mrs. Myrtle Kool, of New Troy, Mich., was conducted by Pastor Richard Jackson March 22.

Pastor William H. Schaffer wrote concerning the evangelistic campaign at the Spokane, Wash., church, conducted by Evangelist Robert Ashman. Exclusive of the last Sunday there were 13 first-time confessions in the church services and 47 in the children's Happy Hour, 3 decisions for renewal of faith, 2 applications for membership by letter, and 3 people already were baptized and received into the membership of the church.



By John Rea, Winona Lake, Ind.

One of the "musts" on the list of every traveler to Naples is a visit to the site of ancient Pompeii. Heavily damaged by an earthquake in A. D. 63, and then rebuilt, Pompeii was the ill-fated town that was completely buried by ashes from the violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A. D. 79. The 19 to 23 feet of volcanic ash, which stopped many of the 22,000 fleeing inhabitants in their tracks, preserved the forgotten city so well that modern eyes can see just what a Roman town looked like in the days of the apostles.

It was not far away—20 or 30 miles north around the beautiful Bay of Naples—that Paul landed at Puteoli (Acts 28:13) about 20 years before wooded Mount Vesuvius suddenly changed into a raging volcano. Before the last war, visitors could see a plume of smoke rising from its crater, a silent reminder of its grim activity in the past. In March 1944, however, Vesuvius erupted again just as the American Fifth Army was fighting its way northward toward Naples from the Salerno beachhead. It has been dormant since then.

### *Description of Pompeii*

Excavation at Pompeii began in 1748, some years after the ruins had been accidentally discovered when a pipe line was being dug. Even though 200 years have intervened, only three-fifths of the town has been uncovered, giving an indication both of the large extent of the city and of the careful work of the Italian archeologists.

Our party, under the leadership of Dr. Joseph P. Free, spent 2½ hours at Pompeii. We saw many of the public buildings of stone, such as the basilica or law court for trade disputes; the great forum or public square with its portico of over 100 bases for stone columns in front of the markets, temples, and municipal buildings; and the great open-air theater for tragedies, there being also a small theater for comedies and an amphitheater for gladiatorial contests.

### *Life in Pompeii*

Much more interesting than these edifices were the smaller shops of

brick on the side streets and the private dwelling places. In the larger homes the dining room, called a triclinium, illustrates how John the beloved may have leaned on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper. In the center of the room is a low stone table; around it on 3 sides are stone benches or couches on each of which 3 persons could recline while eating. The head of one would be by the chest of the next person, their feet extending diagonally away from the table.

Pompeii was strikingly similar to many a modern European or American city. It had temples and theaters, big homes of the wealthy and slums of the poor, bakeries and restaurants, wineshops and gambling dens, houses of vice, and even small factories.

The making of woolen cloth appears to have been the chief industry of Pompeii, with its several stages: weaving, scouring or fulling, dyeing, and heavy wool making or felting. Foremost of all was the fuller's craft, carried on in one-time private houses. Different rooms were used for the various processes, such as steeping the cloth in troughs, trampling the cloth like grapes by foot in large bronze basins, washing, folding, and pressing.

### *Sin in Pompeii*

Great was the need of Pompeii for the good news of salvation and its insistence upon consequent personal righteousness. While it did not have the evil reputation of Corinth, this southern Italian commercial center abounded in iniquity. Its inhabitants superstitiously worshiped many gods and sacrificed animals upon pagan altars. Lust for money in order to be able to enjoy the pleasures of this world absorbed their attention. Even the most prominent citizens were degraded in their ways. In the House of the Vetti, owned by 2 wealthy merchant brothers, dealers in slaves, is a room into which the guide takes only men. Obscene paintings on the walls and a male statue were designed to prepare the minds of the slave girls for their masters' evil intentions. How the Gospel could have changed the hearts of these men and women!

Pompeii was but a typical city of the first century A. D. The purity and holiness of the writings of the New Testament stand in sharp contrast to this general licentiousness of thought and deed. No wonder the judgment of God fell on Pompeii. Let us take warning.

### *Religion in Italy*

Paul and other early Christians carried a message of redeeming grace to Rome and to Italy, and within 300 years Christianity was proclaimed the state religion of the Empire. Then corruption began in the church. The people of Italy today are little different, so far as their basic spiritual needs are concerned, from the people of ancient Pompeii. If anything, today they are more hopeless.

The state religion, evident in every roadside shrine and every robed priest, hardly lifts a hand to help the masses, but rather extorts money from them to build large cathedrals. The teaching of salvation by works, while false, makes the Italians more responsible than the Pompeians who had no form of Christianity. It is clear that this religion does not satisfy, for only about ¼ of the population regularly attend church.

Unemployment also abounds. So does the sign of the hammer and the sickle, painted on buildings in every town and hamlet.

The state does not grant divorces; consequently thousands of children are born annually out of wedlock. A man will leave his wife and live with another woman. In turn the wife lives with another man, and their children must take the name of her legal husband. The result is lack of support for the children, poverty, and despair.

### *Missionaries in Italy*

In the Naples area, with its several millions of persons, there are only 12 evangelical missionaries to cope with these problems. Of these 12, several are single ladies who are seriously handicapped in their ministry. The Italian at once mistakenly assumes that they are fallen women since they move about with no husband.

The greatest need of Italy is the

# EVEN SO SEND I YOU

By Dr. Elias D. White, St. Louis, Mo.

Word of God. Individuals here and there are hungry for the truth. One man in Naples received a tract distributed by Rev. Stephen Torbico when the latter was in northern Italy. Brother Torbico, now in Naples, received a letter from this man asking for a copy of the Bible and stating that he had never seen one. After he had been contacted in October, he and his younger brother came to talk with the Torbicos in their apartment every night until 1 or 2 a. m. It was not long until they, and a third brother, sincerely received Christ as their Saviour. Now one of the brothers is eager to prepare for full-time work for our Lord.

Brethren, pray for Italy and Europe; not much time remaineth.

## YFC ANNOUNCES LEADERS

The executive committee of Youth for Christ International recently announced the names of the leaders expected at the 9th annual convention planned for Winona Lake, Ind., June 28-July 12.

The speakers' list is headed by the president and vice president, Robert Cook and Billy Graham. Others expected are Jack Wyrzten, Howard Butt, Jack Cochrane, Cedric Sears, Jack Hamilton, Hubert Mitchell, Ted Engstrom, Orval Butcher, Torrey Johnson, Bob Pierce, Grady Wilson, and T. W. Wilson.

Among the musicians expected are Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows, Don DeVos, and the Palermo brothers.

Bewildered and uncomprehending, the disciples met together that first Easter evening.

The day's events were staggering. As it had begun to dawn, even as the women walked desolately toward the sepulcher, "there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door. . . . And the angel . . . said . . . Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:2-6).

Dazzled, they had run at the angel's command to tell the 11 disciples. But that had been in the gray of the morning, and now those who were closest to Him were assembled in that hallowed room. Doubtless Mary Magdalene was there. She had not recognized Him through her tears in the morning, but He had spoken her name, and then she knew Him. Surely the mother of Jesus was there.

Peter was there. His despairing heart had leaped at the words of the women, and he and John had raced to the empty tomb. Later in the day,

Peter told not the time, Christ had appeared and talked to him alone.

John, who had seen the grave clothes and had believed, Matthew, Andrew, Philip—all the 11 but Thomas were there. And even as they spoke, there was excited knocking at the door, and Cleopas and his companion burst in to tell that Jesus had walked with them to Emmaus, and they had known Him only in the breaking of the bread.

Suddenly they realized that He was in their midst. No door was opened, no voice was heard. Their own voices were stilled in something akin to terror. Quietly He gave the old familiar greeting, "Peace be unto you." Then deliberately, majestically, He showed them the incontestable evidence—His hands and His side. Amid the dawning joy of their recognition, Jesus solemnly repeated the greeting, "Peace be unto you," adding almost sadly but with deep meaning, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:19-21).

What can it mean? As God the Father sent Him, so He is sending them. Into a world of sin, of sorrow, and of death; into a life of self-denial and cross-bearing; as the Father had sent Him, He was sending them—and us.

But Christ was not alone. Save for the darkness of the cross, He had been in constant communion with the Father, and continually indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He made the same provision for us. He had promised not to leave us "orphans," and in fulfillment of His Word, He breathed on them, saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:22). Thus was His presence given.

Then He uttered the solemn charge, the first utterance of the great commission: "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained" (John 20:23). Not to the primate priest, but to all that were in the room He spoke—and to us, for He spoke not of a privilege of priesthood, but of the power and purpose of the Gospel. We who live in Him hold the power of God unto salvation in our possession—the Gospel of Christ!

"Even so send I you."



Dr. White

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale . . . . .	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo. . . . .	Michael Guido.
South Gate, Calif. . . . .	March 30-Apr. 19	Alfred Dodds. . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
Limestone, Tenn. . . . .	April 5-19. . . . .	Randall Rossman. . . . .	William Smith.
Clayton, Ohio. . . . .	April 10-12. . . . .	Clair Brickel. . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Camden, Ohio. . . . .	April 12-26. . . . .	Robert Betz. . . . .	Ward Miller.
Fremont, Ohio. . . . .	April 12. . . . .	Lester Pifer. . . . .	John Whitcomb.
Johnson City, Tenn. . . . .	April 12-19. . . . .	John Burns. . . . .	Ralph Colburn.
Yakima, Wash. . . . .	April 12-26. . . . .	Russell Williams. . . . .	Robert Ashman.
Kittanning, Pa. (First) . . . . .	April 18-19. . . . .	Gordon Bracker. . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (First) . . . . .	April 19-26. . . . .	William Steffler. . . . .	Paul Bauman.
Flora, Ind. . . . .	April 19. . . . .	Charles Turner. . . . .	John Whitcomb.



# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION (The Behavior of Christian Laymen in the World)

By Stone J. Lackey

(The following remarks are taken from an address delivered before the Men's Gospel Fellowship of the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church.—Ed.)

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God" (Psa. 50:23). To me the conversation of laymen is a most important factor involved in the winning of souls to Christ. After all, laymen, witnessing is nothing more than a good conversation, whether in word or behavior. Witnessing can be done in everyday conversation such as the conversation Jesus had with the woman of Samaria at the well. Jesus could have taken His drink from the well and gone His way, but instead He used this opportunity to present the water of eternal life to her.

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If we are to be effective witnesses in this present evil world, of which Satan is the god, we should heed the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy: "These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy

youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:11-12). In bringing this message, when I speak of our living and behavior in the world, I would like to include myself because I have had men say to me, "Does this salvation that you speak of do for you what you say it will do for me?" Now let us notice what is involved in these verses: Paul tells Timothy to command and teach—"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an *example* of the believers." We are commanded to be an example of believers. Old things have passed away for the believer and his life has become new in word, in conversation (behavior), in charity (love), in spirit, and in faith, which saved us from the beginning.

Then, too, Paul tells Timothy, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (I Tim. 4:8). Timothy is reminded by Paul that bodily exercise will only profit for a little while, but godliness will profit in this life that we now live and also in eternal life which is to follow. Laymen, I think it would be time well spent if we would take counsel from the words of Paul regarding our conversation to a passing frivolous world going down to eternal destruction. This thing of sowing mixed seed in our conversation will profit little. It may tend to bring professions but, I fear, false professions which will not last.

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I definitely believe that the conduct of the apostles played a great part in their soul-winning ministry. Let us take the Apostle Peter, for instance. His life and dependence upon the Holy Spirit were such that brought about 3,000 souls to Christ in a single day (Acts 2:41). Men were made to tremble at the conversation of Paul. As Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and answered, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I

will call for thee" (Acts 24:25). Even though Felix was not saved he was made to tremble by the presence of the Holy Spirit. This was the second time Paul had been before Felix and Felix knew something of the conduct of Paul.

Laymen, let us ever be mindful that our Christian conversation or conduct is the most important factor in our soul-winning efforts. Let us guard our thoughts, words, and actions that we may keep ourselves clean vessels for God's use.

## HERE AND THERE

Prof. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, spoke to the men at New Troy, Mich., March 21.

The Men's Magnify at Long Beach, Calif., First church met March 17, with Andy Burt as the speaker.

The Men's Gospel Fellowship of the Ghent church, Roanoke, Va., met March 20 at the home of Bro. R. A. Greig. The pastor, Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, spoke.

The Men's Brotherhood of our church in La Verne, Calif., held their monthly supper meeting February 17, and heard Rev. Robert Bradford, pastor of the Pomona Bethel Baptist Church and professor at the California Baptist Theological Seminary.

Norman Nelson was the speaker and brought the special music at the Brotherhood meeting of the First church, Whittier, Calif., March 10.

A father-and-son banquet was held March 12 at Waterloo, Iowa. The new boys club was dedicated.

Virgil Massey was in charge of the meeting of the Men's Fellowship of Winchester, Va., held March 10.

The laymen of the Northern Ohio District met March 23 at the church at Cuyahoga Falls.

At Fort Wayne, Ind., the Men's Fellowship met on March 17, with guests from the Immanuel Baptist church. Bro. Carl Brown was the speaker.

## Questions on Personal Evangelism

*Question—The one I am dealing with says: "A professing Christian has wronged me." Help me to answer him.*

*Answer—Supposing this is true, ask him if it is any reason why he should wrong God who has given him so much, and insult Christ who loved Him and gave Himself for him. What harm has Christ done to him? Emphasize Jeremiah 2:5.*

*Also ask him if that is any reason for him to commit the evil of forsaking Him. Emphasize Romans 14:12.*

*Again, try to show him that he is doing himself a greater wrong by depriving himself of eternal life and thus perishing (John 3:16, 36; Luke 13:3, 5).*

*(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)*

# Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

## Rogers Quits Western Movies

Roy Rogers and his wife, known professionally as Dale Evans, according to Dr. Percy Crawford in Youth Newsette, "have answered the prayers of many evangelicals and quit making cowboy films." They "went to court and broke the contract ties" between them and a film-producing company. It is expected they will soon begin making Christian films.

Wonderful though this is, there is a sad note to the whole affair. The film-producing company with which they worked have hundreds of negatives of films that they can use to continue making pictures of the pair almost indefinitely. Though Roy and Dale have forsaken the "pictures," the "pictures" have not forsaken them.

The old, unchanging law of sowing and reaping is with them, and ought to be a solemn warning for every individual person on the face of God's earth. It is still true: "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). God can and does remove sin and its eternal effects from the believer, but He permits the reaping of results from past living. So here, the couple can leave the "pictures," but the effects of their former identification with that industry cannot be thrown off as easily.

It ought to be the desire of the saints that somehow Mr. and Mrs. Rogers will be able under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to have restored unto them that which "the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25).

## We Must Suffer to Reign

Ghulam Nabi is in a predicament that is demanding the attention of the Congress of the United States of America.

Mr. Nabi came to this country in 1949 from Afghanistan as a student. While in this country he deserted the Moslem faith, which is the predominant faith of his country and people, and accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. Since then he has united with the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City and has married a Christian girl. Reaction

from his family to these 3 acts of his has been violent and he is certain he will be put to death if compelled to return to his country. But his visa has expired.

The National Association of Evangelicals and Representative Albert H. Bosch, of New York, are asking Congress to grant "religious asylum" to Nabi, on the same ground that "political asylum" is granted to refugees from countries under the domination of Soviet Russia.

This incident is a reminder again of Christ's words to His disciples: "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and they shall scourge you. . . . And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child. . . . And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake" (Matt. 10:16-24).

But there is another side to this truth also, as revealed to the church by the Apostle Paul: "It is a faithful saying: for if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself" (II Tim. 2:11-13).

## Christians Are Best Insurance Risks

According to a recent release by the Christian Mutual Life Insurance Company, Concord, N. H., Christians are considered the best candidates

for insurance. The company claims that "believers in Jesus Christ, in good standing with their churches," are the best risks because they "do not smoke, drink, or live immoderately."

There may be another very wonderful reason why Christians are better insurance risks—their lives are secure in Christ Jesus forever and they are here on earth to fulfill His mission for them. (An excellent passage of Scripture to read in this connection is Colossians 3.) The body of the Christian has been redeemed and is now the temple of the Holy Spirit, and He will take care of His abiding place, if permitted to do so (Rom. 12:1-2; I Cor. 6:19-20).

## Bible Reading Among Soldiers

A group of soldiers stationed at the Hardy Barracks in Tokyo, Japan, have organized themselves to read the Bible, according to the post chaplain, Major Jesse H. Crossett. The group meets from 12:30 to 12:45 p. m. every week day. "A reader is selected who serves for a week and reads a chapter of the Bible each day. Prayers are said and the audience participates in a discussion. Organ music precedes the reading."

As God reminded Elijah, so he is reminding us that not every knee has bowed to false gods, not even in the U. S. Army. It is always a sign of hope when people engage in reading the Word of God.

Christians, pray that God will richly bless these men as they read and that they will yield to the power of the Gospel. Pray also that many other groups in the military service will be led to organize for the same purpose.

## JOINT MEETINGS IN TRACY

As this Herald was going to press word was received from Pastor William Clough that the Tracy, Calif., church and the local Baptist church were planning special meetings together to last for 3 weeks, with Rev. Charles N. Garrett, Reading, Pa., as the speaker. Prayer is requested, but no dates were given.





# History of the Camden, Ohio, Church

By Pastor Robert W. Betz

Greetings in our Saviour's wonderful name! This brief history of our church was written at the request of the editor.

Our building was erected in 1869 by Universalists, and was used by them until 1910.

In 1916 Rev. Sylvester Lowman came to Camden and held some meetings in the old opera house. He was able to secure the old Universalist building for the Brethren in the spring of 1917 and soon followed with dedicatory services. He remained until the fall of that year.

A Brother Weimer succeeded Brother Lowman and remained until the early part of 1919. Then Bro. Jesse Eickenberry pastored the church for the next 6 years. During his ministry the church was incorporated and received its charter in 1922.

These men were followed by Brethren Roush, Beery, Royce, and William Beachler, each of whom served only a short time. Then Bro. Arthur Carey, now of Troy, Ohio, pastored the church for a short time.

The church went through a "depression" from 1932 to 1934, at which time (1934) Bro. Sylvester Lowman returned to Camden and reopened the doors of this church. He had to get back the building, which was then being used for a basketball court. He added a side room, and 5 years ago 4 more rooms were added, 2 downstairs and 2 upstairs, onto the front part of the building.

This time Brother Lowman continued as pastor for 15 years. In 1949 Bro. Roy Kreimes was called. He continued until the present pastor arrived on the field in July 1951.

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Though this church has not been used by the Universalists since 1910, yet the indelible stamp of the teaching of that religion is still in this community influencing the people. Certainly God meant what He said, as recorded in Exodus 20:5—"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them [idols of any kind], nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."

Recently the interior of the building has been redecorated (see front cover of this magazine) and a program to improve the exterior is under way at the present time.

Much has been accomplished in the past in the hearts of men, but the field remains white unto the harvest. The church is now praying for revival in the hearts of the saints and that the town might be turned right-side-up for Christ.

We are now looking forward to and praying for our special meetings April 12-26 under the leadership of Bro. Ward Miller, pastor of the Osceola, Ind., church. Join with us in prayer that the Holy Spirit will give us souls.

## BLUEPRINT OF SALVATION

By Leona D. Cole, Long Beach, Calif.

There was grace for all of Egypt

With her sinfulness and sham  
In the Law of Substitution;

In the spotless paschal lamb.

Many living lambs were bleating

In that country, far and wide,

If their life blood had been sprinkled  
Egypt's firstborn would not have died.

Only one thing was the angel

Of destruction looking for;

It was blood that had been sprinkled

On the posts outside the door.

God had given them a token

In the blood that had been shed,

When He promised to pass over,

If a lamb died in their stead.

Thus we find the Lord and Saviour

In the Book of Exodus;

Even Christ, our own Passover.

Who is sacrificed for us.

Ex. 12 Isa. 53:7 I Cor. 5:7 Rev. 5:6, 12

## Browsing Among The Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**THE TYPOLOGY OF SCRIPTURE**, by Patrick Fairbairn. Zondervan Publishing House. Two volumes in one. Pp. vii, 420, v, 484. Cloth. \$6.95.

This book should be in the library of every serious student of the Bible. It covers a field that is quite often abused and thus it becomes a valuable aid to the child of God who earnestly desires to "rightly divide the word of truth."

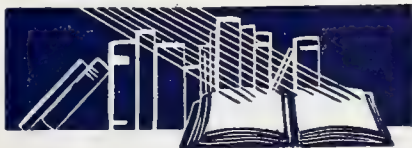
Dr. Fairbairn begins his study with a scholarly critique of the various schools of allegorical and typical interpretation beginning with the early church fathers and continuing to his own time. He follows this with a discussion of the mechanics of typical interpretation, in which chapter VI is of particular help and interest, for therein he sets forth 5 basic principles and directions to aid in this field of study. The remainder of the book involves discussion of some specific types.

This is a sober, learned, systematic work on the subject of typology.—Richard Jackson.

**WINKY AND THE ENCHANTED FOREST**, by Ken Anderson. Zondervan Publishing House. Pp. 57. Stiff cover. \$1.

This is another of Ken Anderson's books in the "Winky" series for boys and girls.

Winky became very curious about a voice he and some other children heard deep in the woodlands of Colorado. The desire to know the origin or owner of that voice led him into a very peculiar situation. The reader will not lay the book aside until he learns what Winky learned and what happened to him as he went alone into that forest.—C. S.



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## LOVE'S PERILS

By Rev. Dean I. Walter, Duncansville, Pa.

Whether it was wit or wisdom which led your editor to ask an old bachelor to write on the perils of love, I know not; but of this one thing I am confident: your editor was wise to include a discussion of the perils along with the powers of love. In spite of the fact that everyone has experienced love to some extent, and therefore each considers himself to be something of an expert on the subject, no one has ever given a very satisfactory definition of love. Few attempts are more profound than that of the schoolboy who wrote:

"Love is such a funny thing; it's something like a lizard. It wraps itself around your heart, and nibbles on your gizzard."

So with everyone being involved, and no one quite certain in what he is involved, it is not surprising that confusion arises, that hearts are broken, that lives are shattered, that souls shrivel and disappear into a loveless abyss.

### *Love's Perspective*

We don't want to be too scientific about love and attempt to resolve it into mathematical equations and chemical formulae, lest the young folks with spring in their hearts and stars in their eyes promptly consign us to an attic or an asylum. But we can be logical. We must start at the beginning, and God is always at the beginning. We read in God's Book that "God is love," and again, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God" (I John 4:7). It is quite reasonable then to believe that an understanding of true love must come from an understanding of God, who is both love and truth (John 14:6). By starting at this point, we are surveying the entire panorama of love, not merely an isolated patch of passion, perversion, or pathos. If we first grasp something of the love of God, all other loves will fall into their proper perspective, whether it be the love of a barefoot boy for his puppy, the love of a man for a maid, the love of a mother for her son, or the love of a sinner for his Saviour.

### *Love's Perversion*

At first thought, it would seem that if love is of God, there could be no wrong in all the realms of love and that the whole of love is merely the sum of its various phases and facets. Indeed much modern theology is built on this thought—we learn to love God by loving each other—each drop of human kindness is helping to fill our reservoir of righteous reserve, and someday we shall be like Him, when our reservoir runneth over! There could be some comfort in this kind of thinking, were it not that Satan became involved in the relationship between God and man. Satan has always followed close behind the works of the Almighty. No sooner had

God placed man in his paradise and pronounced His works very good, than Satan came to make a subtle modification, and perfection became perversion. Our first parents did not recognize the change; neither have the greater number of their children in the ages that followed.

Christ said of Satan, "He is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). He was the first counterfeiter, the issuer of the first reasonable facsimile. Satan is always subtle and always an imitator. He rarely denies that God is good; he merely offers something that appears just as good, and easier to have. Love, he admits, is nice, but lust is more natural. God is fine for the "sweet by-and-by," but here and now gold will get you by better. Laws may be desirable, but a license is always available. Christ, he would have us believe, is another name of culture. Thus the Perverter is at work.

Since it is written in Romans 13:10 that "love is the fulfilling of the law," we might expect that the greatest perversions of life would fall within the realms of love. If to love God is the first and great commandment (Matt. 22:38), then Satan's chief mission will be to substitute a word for love in some instances and a word for God in others. For those who have an inclination to be religious, he may say, "Serve Him; give Him the best that you have; help God to do the work of His kingdom here; and spread brotherhood to the ends of the earth." (Now all these things are fine, but they aren't love.) To others he may say, "To love God's creatures is to love God; all nature is your cathedral, and God whispers his love from every pine and poplar." And do not be deceived, the Perverter does not abandon the true Christian upon whom the redeeming grace of God has come! He may not deny us our heritage as sons of God, but he may succeed in denying Christ of the rich love that He longs to have. He may get us into such a sweat over service that we develop a hot head and a cold heart. He will let us think we have fervor, when we merely have a fever.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth," wrote the inspired apostle (Col. 3:2). But there have been many good men of God who in their teaching of tithing have appeared to set their affection on the morning collection and rest their hopes on the envelopes. "The cattle upon a thousand hills" are His (Psa. 50:10). He doesn't need our money. He wants our love. Christ showed Peter how any poor fish could come up with enough tribute money to pay Caesar (Matt. 17:27), but Peter learned the hard way that the tribute due to Christ was not a random or reckless thing. Apparently the sort of love Christ sought from Peter was not the proposal for a building program on the Mount of Transfiguration, when he knew not what he was saying; not a thrilling testimony of his deathless devotion, when



Satan was boasting through him; not a demonstration of his willingness to get into a fight for the faith, when he forgot what Spirit he was of; but rather a willingness to be subject to the will of God and be led by the Spirit of God until there was one mind, one will, one passion, one purpose; until there was, as Aristotle defined friendship, "One soul in two bodies."

### *Love's Perfection*

In the face of so many subtle snares, the thought of achieving any true and worth-while love would appear utterly hopeless, were it not for the fact that we have One who first loved us and overcame the wicked one. Satan's imitations have their limitations, for Satan has nothing to compare with Christ. There is no reasonable facsimile for the Christ on His cross, giving His life a ransom for many. There is no arm longer than His arm

of mercy, reaching down to the uttermost. There is no synthetic for the solace that the Saviour brings to a sinner at his "wit's end." There is no substitute for meeting Jesus Christ, and at that meeting the text becomes clear and alive which reads, "We love him, because he first loved us" (I John 4:19).

Love has its clear definition in a realm above the grasp of natural man and beyond the grip of Satan. It flourishes in the atmosphere of the Eternal. It finds fulfillment as the redeemed one loses his identity in his Redeemer. It was this mighty theme that throbbed through the soul of Christ when He prayed for us in the garden: "That they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (John 17:22-23).

## MAKING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE WORK

By Althea S. Miller

### IS CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE A RIVALRY OR PARTNERSHIP?

Your spontaneous answer to this question is that marriage is a partnership. But like many other quick answers we speak first and think afterward. We know what we should do but have neither the will nor the ability to perform. God knows all about our weaknesses and has provided for our needs. No problem in life, marital or otherwise, can be corrected or solved apart from God's Word. It must be further remembered that apart from the death of one of the partners, marriage cannot be "unmade." Contrary to popular belief, marriages are not made in heaven. People usually plunge in to suit their own fancies. This is all too often true in the lives of Christian young people. If more Christian youth would ask God to lead in this all-important "till-death-do-us-part" relationship there would be more Christ-honoring homes and fewer broken hearts. And if more Christian parents really faithfully taught II Corinthians 6:14-15 to their children, and had literally obeyed this portion of the Word themselves, there would be fewer children making foolish, thoughtless, sinful marriage contracts.

Marriage is a partnership. When one member overrates himself (or herself) at the expense of the other that marriage is bound for the rocks. I know a woman who belittles her husband in every accomplishment and in all his faithfulness. "What you did is fair, but I would have done it better, or this way," is her cry. The only difference between him and the furniture in the house is that he brings home the wherewithal to buy new furniture! It is true that the man is very quiet and not too aggressive. Perhaps that's where he made his first mistake. As his bride he gave his wife too free a hand which she has used in turn to belittle and crush any spark of originality or incentive.

The husband or wife who is big only because his marriage partner is belittled shows an inherent weakness. True married love encourages the slightest sign of improvement or adjustment in both parties. It applauds any accomplishment, no matter how meager, never comparing the results with the superior attainments of the other.

True married love is a partnership. What weakens the one member is bound to pull down the other. That which exalts the one is bound to reflect with honor on

the partner. Marriage should be a life of ideals fulfilled one by one as you walk together. If I fail my husband in an ideal I know he has for our marriage and he fails to call it to my attention (if I am so blind as to not notice it), then he has allowed a seed of bitterness to get started in his heart. As the bitterness grows he fails to fulfill some of my ideals for our marriage. A vicious circle is thus started. Slowly and certainly the lovely edifice which love has been a-building down the corridors of the years is undermined and will ultimately collapse. But gentle love as it checks on that first neglected ideal can avert a tragedy.

Build the castle of your marriage on high Christian ideals based on God's Word. If you've been drifting without any goal as to your relationship and responsibilities to each other, sit down TONIGHT and face the facts of your failures up to this point. First read Ephesians 5:21-33. Then honestly admit where you each have failed. *This is not easy.* But you must do it in order to make your fresh start.

On the basis of God's Word you must in honor prefer one another (Rom. 12:10). Sometimes this is extremely difficult to obey, especially where one or both parties are high-spirited and determined. But it is possible to let this portion of His Word operate in your heart to its fulfillment. Gone will be the "chip-on-the-shoulder" attitude. No more reading motives into what the other says or does, or does not say or do. This will require grace on your part many a time until that "old nature" is really reckoned dead (Rom. 6:11). But God has promised grace for the need. Saturate your soul with II Corinthians 12:9. Living according to the principles of God's Word, rather than according to your own pet prejudices and what you think the other person should do, will be your victory IF YOU WANT IT. God will not force His will for victorious living in your marriage if you don't want it.

You've read the Word and acknowledged your own personal failures in your marriage. Now pray together and rejoice in the knowledge that you do this not in your own strength. "All things are possible, only believe." Marriage is a challenging experience in partnership when it is lived according to God's design. Why not partake now of this glorious delight?

# MISSIONARY LETTER FROM THE FOGLES

March 3, 1953.

Dear WMCers,

Fred and I join together in a hearty "thank you" for the part you have pledged to give toward the car for France.

Car, in French, is in the feminine gender, so perhaps she could be considered as an honorary WMC member. She is saving many hours and much energy. She is delivering New Testaments into many homes that have never before had the Word of God in them. She's carrying Scripture-text posters and tracts to nearby towns. She has and will be transporting many missionaries and their baggage hither and yon. She is transporting French Christian workers less fortunate than we. In sum, she's doing all she can to help us with the Lord's work.

You probably wonder what we have been doing since we finished school. Well, we've been very busy moving, getting settled, and getting things started. Fred has been preparing sermons for the meetings we hope to have in the spring. He has been and is even today posting gospel posters in and around our town, and then visiting those who write in for the New Testament that is offered free at the bottom of each poster. We have covered Caluire with tracts in every mail box. I've been helping with this, and I'm putting my vote in for straighter, one-way streets. I never saw so many little streets going off the main streets this way and that, but

I was careful not to neglect even the smallest path, remembering the value of *one* soul.

There have also been many letters to write to people who for one reason or another have written to us. Fred is corresponding now with one man who writes such lengthy letters as 14 pages full of questions and arguments. He is an erudite unbeliever who knows lots of history and a little of the teachings of different cults, but who knows nothing of the Book that contains *all* the answers. How thankful we are to have the Word of God to answer this man with, for while we need other books to convince him of historical dates and names, it's only the Word itself that can melt his heart and that "will not return void."

Praise God for people with thinking minds. Fred met one man that pointed him to a book in which were words to the effect that if a person is faithful to attend the mass every week for the period of 9 months, he can be assured of salvation. And this same man said, "I know that isn't sufficient for my salvation." God help us to make the *way* of salvation plain to these seeking hearts who have never had a satisfying explanation.

The date has been set for a meeting of a small group of people to decide on a time and place for a Bible class. We trust that it will not be long before we can get started really working for Him.

This is a good opportunity for me to sound another note of thanks for all the cards and letters you have sent our way. We have appreciated them all, but thank you especially for the cards you have sent the children. Only their happy faces could convince you of the thrill they get out of them. Beckie is getting cards right now for her birthday and is repapering her bedroom wall with them. She's thrilled with them from the least to the greatest, and when the mailman comes she promptly stops me from my work to get me to see if there is any mail for her. Vick's constant question is, "Is dat one for me?" Mother always says, "No, lamby, yours will be along a little later." Then it's a new thrill for both of them all over again when his start to come. Neal Lee found his only good to chew on last year, but I believe he will appreciate them a bit more this year because he loves to look at books and pictures now. Many, many thanks.

In closing I would ask you to pray for these people of France. They are people just like you with souls just like yours. They are people who have been forced to endure war not across the ocean, but right in their own backyards. They speak much of war, for it is clear in their memories. One old woman told us just last week of a vision she can't forget of American planes swooping down on all the roads picking off the Germans, and of the stench of dead bodies. Another young woman spoke just yesterday of the bombs falling all around and of how one feels when he is "waiting his turn to die." And all this they have endured without so much as the assurance of salvation in their hearts. Pray, pray, PRAY.

Your ambassadors to France,

Fred and Maurita Fogle.

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## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

By Althea S. Miller

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### MRS. ROBERT ASHMAN

The national recording secretary of WMC is a very busy capable mother, graduate nurse, and wife of an evangelistic preacher. Bernice (Miller) Ashman is a native Pennsylvanian. At the age of 9 she found Christ as her Saviour in the First Brethren Church of Johnstown. During those years in that particular church Bernice came to know one of Pastor Charles Ashman's sons quite well. Being a very determined young man as are some other preachers' sons I know, Bob Ashman won the heart and hand of Bernice after she won her R.N. degree.

Mrs. Ashman has been a hard-working secretary for WMC. Her records have been faithfully kept and this means lots of hard work. Two daughters, Joyce and Miriam, complete this home and are the joy of their mother's heart. Bernice has been pressed into almost full-time nursing duties, which means she has no extra time to waste on trivials.

WMC owes Mrs. Ashman a debt of gratitude for her unstinting service. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon her as she grows in spirit from day to day. (Incidentally, Mrs. Robert Ashman is the sister-in-law of the national WMC president, Mrs. Kenneth Ashman.)



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# SUGGESTED MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM—MAY 1953

By Althea S. Miller

## A TALENT TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

How about a home talent program for your mother-daughter meeting this May? Just as soon as you read this begin to lay plans. Don't leave anything for last-minute doing. Instead of a banquet or big meal, how about serving tea and hot chocolate, cookies, nuts, potato chips. Or serve cold drinks, open-face sandwiches, chocolate-covered mints, nuts, or cheese sticks. All of these items can be prepared beforehand for a minimum of work at serving time. Serve at the close of the program.

An appropriate theme for this talent program would be "Mother's Songs." For individual programs, as well as for a decoration motif, make miniature harps. Get colored construction paper to make the harps. Cut them about 5 inches long and 4 inches wide so that you can really get the program on the inside pages of ordinary white paper. These will serve as favors for the guests to take home. On the front of these replica harps draw 6 or more lines down the length to simulate harp strings. Down these lines put the following:

S - inging	W - e
M - aking	M - anifest
M - elody	C - hrist
Eph. 5:19	I Tim. 5:25a

Oversized musical notes strategically arranged around the room and hung from wires will do much to add a lilt to the meeting. Use all the pastel spring flower colors both in the paper used to cut the harps and in the actual use of flowers. Don't limit yourselves to just one or two spring flowers. Here is a program you may want to follow. It can be varied according to your local possibilities or limitations.

Opening Prayer—The oldest mother present.

Special Recognition—Of the oldest and youngest mothers present. Also to the mother of the greatest number of children. (No ulterior motive here. I enjoyed this long before I had 8 children!)

Piano Duet—"Beautiful Garden of Prayer" (by 2 girls if possible).

Welcome—By Council(s) president(s).

Hymn—"Faith of Our Mothers" (same music and other words as "Faith of Our Fathers"). All singing.

Toast to Mother\*—By girl or young woman who speaks with expression.

Mother's Response\*—By a mother who reads and speaks with expression.

Solo (vocal or instrumental)—"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." (What greater tribute to the Christian mother than to have her daughter in active service for the Lord?)

Scripture—Proverbs 31:10-31.

Hymn—"The Old Rugged Cross" (to be sung by all the mothers).

Poem—"The Songs My Mother Sang." \*

Hymn—"In the Sweet Bye and Bye" (to be sung by all the girls up to 20 years of age).

Trio (girls or young women)—"My Mother's Prayers."

Closing Remarks—5 or 10 minutes by your local pastor's wife.

## \*TOAST TO MOTHER

Christian mothers are God's choicest gifts to daughters. Though we are hard to understand at times and very trying in our attitude toward her counsel, Mother plods on with infinite patience and much earnest prayer that we, her daughters, will ultimately realize that she always acts for our good. Though we grieve her with our impudence and cause her to smart under our know-it-all sarcasm, Mother is always willing to forgive when we show a contrite spirit. And though she is some years beyond the thrills of girlhood she understands the struggle of our adolescent spirits, and enters into our lives with great enthusiasm. Mother remembers she was once young and someone had to help her over the rough places of development.

Mother is more than our pal. She is our confidante and counselor. She delights to see us develop mentally and physically as we attain unto the goal of maturity. Yet greater than that delight is the deep-down joy of seeing us mature spiritually. When Christ's will for our lives becomes our greatest desire Mother knows then that all her sacrifice and struggle in our behalf has been more than compensated.

Mother is our inspiration. When we see her buoyant Christ-centered life we are convinced that her faith in Him is real and not just a cloak she dons to impress people. From Mother we first learned to love. She taught us that true love is giving, not alone receiving. She does not alone talk of Christ's love, she daily demonstrates it.

Christian mothers, we salute you this night! We pray our lives will ever be a blessing and a benediction to you. Mother, we love you and the Lord Jesus Christ who is your first love. Because you have relinquished your hold on us in order that God may use us, we will give ourselves to Him unreservedly. And though He calls us to serve Him in vineyards close by or sends us to earth's remotest nation, YOU, Mother, will ever be close in prayer, loving us over the hard places. And by God's grace we will honor you each day of each year that we live, not just one day out of each year.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed. . . . Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:28-30).—A. S. M.

## \*MOTHER'S RESPONSE

Christian daughters, we thank you very humbly for your salute. We know all too well how unworthy we are of the great task which has been committed to us as mothers. We realize we have failed and sinned even as you, and many times, too. Because we are but flesh and blood, and may you ever remember the fact, we have been short-sighted at times in dealing with you and the problems you present. And many times you have been

### DEVOTIONAL STUDIES FOR MAY

Bible Study—"The Pull of That Love."  
Mission Study—"Evangelizing Israel."

most patient with us in our blunderings. If you can ever keep before you the truth that our love for you goes beyond this day, you will have opened the gate to sweet obedience and joyous living. No true daughter of the King can deny that "to obey is better than sacrifice." Your obedience to the Lord who bought you at so great a price, and your obedience to us is our crowning reward.

Your sweet freshness and eagerness to live full is to us what the spring rains are to the earth. Your boundless energy so often lifts our jaded spirits and eases the next mile. You take us out of the humdrum of everyday living with all its trials and responsibilities with the lilt of your song. For all these blessings we thank Him who gave you to us. But most of all we thank God that you love Jesus Christ and have put Him and His will ahead of us and your own will. All our love and desire is fulfilled when we see you, our daughters, yielding your lives in their rosebud stage to the only One who can make you "abound unto every good work." In this, then, is our joy full.

"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all" (Prov. 31:29).—A. S. M.

#### \*THE SONGS MY MOTHER SANG

I hear them in the whispering winds,  
The forest's rhythmic strain,  
The chime of bells, that sinks and swells,  
The patter of the rain.  
I hear them in the vesper call  
Of birds from copse and tree;  
Each note prolongs the dear old songs  
That Mother sang to me.

I hear them in the ocean's voice,  
The prattle of the child,  
The dashing rill, the fountain's trill,  
The tempests fierce and wild.  
I hear them through the silent night,  
In dreams they echo free,  
Since memory throngs with tender songs  
That Mother sang to me.

I heard them when a babe I lay  
Upon her loving breast,  
And when a child their charms beguiled  
My eager brain to rest.  
I hear them now, and some last hour  
Across death's swelling sea  
My soul shall wing, while angels sing  
The songs she sang to me.

—Richard Burton.

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REMEMBER  
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Here are a few added suggestions for that Missionary Hope Chest YOUR council is filling:

Men's socks, children's socks, birthday candles and decorations, baby bibs and waterproof pants, baby shirts, little children's underwear. Can you think of anything else? Have you heard any missionary express a particular need which we've failed to include in our list? If you've heard of any such item or have further ideas, how about sharing them with all the councils by sending them on to your WMC editor.

Mrs. Kenneth Ashman suggests you read Psalms 119-150 for the month of May as your extra Bible reading for that month. Take 5 or 7 days to read the 119th Psalm since it is quite long.

We are hearing from many councils that they do NOT miss the monthly hostess booklets which WMC has always given until this year. Have you reported your pleasure in this matter? One council said they are glad to make their own booklets hoping that the cost of making and printing these booklets will be used toward the support of a WMC missionary.

We are hearing many fine reports of your response both as councils and individuals to the monthly Bible and mission studies this year. Women all over the country are saying they just never knew a thing about the Jews before the study this year. Would you like to see this mission study regarding Jewish evangelization which we are studying this year printed in booklet form? We most certainly would appreciate an expression from you all. It would be refreshing to be able to refer to various sections of a book on the different angles of Jewish evangelization and missions. Drop a card to your WMC editor.

#### MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

##### Africa—

Rev. S. Wayne Beaver.....June 2  
Nancy Grace Hill.....June 8, 1949  
Rev. Roy Snyder.....June 15  
Miss Marie Mishler.....June 19  
Robert Hill.....June 29, 1945

##### Argentina—

Clifford Wagner.....June 4, 1949  
Mrs. Ricardo Wagner.....June 17

##### France—

Rev. Martin M. Garber.....June 14  
Mrs. Harold Mason.....June 26  
Mrs. Lester Kennedy.....June 30

##### United States—

Donald Sheldon (at school).....June 5  
Mrs. Rose Foster.....June 9  
Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr. ....June 12

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# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20



## READY TO SUFFER

By ADA M. ETLING

Did you ever move from one city to another? Did you often yearn for letters from your friends or have the desire to visit them?

Paul and Barnabas had completed their first missionary journey, had returned to Jerusalem, and were awaiting the momentous decision of the Jerusalem conference.

Suddenly Paul suggested to Barnabas that they revisit the converts of their first journey just to "see how they do" (Acts 15:36). Barnabas agreed, but contention arose over John Mark, and Paul selected Silas as his companion. Barnabas and Mark went to Cyprus. Paul and Silas journeyed through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches and then on to Lystra, where young Timothy was selected as an assistant.

Trace the travels of our missionary band as they traveled through Phrygia and Galatia. How they wanted to go on into Asia, but the Holy Spirit was doing His office work and forbade preaching at Bithynia and in Asia. While they waited, there came a vision and the call: "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9). What a thrill must have come to the heart of Paul and his party. We used to live in a rural community and every time the fire siren blew, every volunteer fireman made a wild dash down the street to the fire station, ready to face danger for the opportunity of helping a neighbor. So Paul and his party were ready to face whatever danger there might be in this foreign land, just for the opportunity of helping men to know Christ as their Saviour.

They left Troas, crossed the Aegean Sea, and entered a great continent for Christ's sake. Heretofore Asia had led the world. Now Europe, and finally America, was to hear the glad, good news. Had Paul not been ready to suffer discomfort and weariness, had he not obeyed the call, Christianity may not have reached us!

Neapolis was the landing place, from where they pressed on to Philippi. Here 2 women caused upheaval. Lydia, the seller of purple, accepted the Lord. She and her household accepted Christ and her home was opened to the sojourners. As they walked down the street Paul cast an evil spirit from a slave girl. (Girls, let us realize and appreciate how much Christianity has done for

womanhood!) This angered the employers of the girl and stirred resentment. What do you suppose they accomplished? Turn to Acts 16:22-23 and discover that the missionaries had their clothing torn off, they were beaten, and finally put into prison. All of this because they were ready to suffer for His sake! Could names, mistreatment, even imprisonment defeat our heroes? Nay! From the depths of their hearts they sang a song of trust. There was an earthquake and the earthquake opened the locks of the prison doors!

Does it pay to serve Jesus? Oh yes, He giveth songs in the night. What was the result of their suffering for Christ? The jailer and his family believed! Do you need proof that it was genuine? Then see what they did. They bathed the wounds of Paul and Silas. They treated them now as friends and brothers in the Lord. Yes, when we are born again, we are new creatures in Christ.

Read how suffering came in Thessalonica; how the Bereans were more gracious; how Paul dared to speak of the true God in Athens; how he worked in Corinth by night in order that he could preach by day. He had come to this city quite discouraged. He had heard of trouble at Thessalonica; he knew that Corinth was a cosmopolitan center tremendously wicked. Did he fear for the Gospel? Did he fear for his own life? Our God is able! The opposition of the Jews was overruled, and in Corinth there was victory for Christ!

"Onward," is our heroes' motto. On they go to mighty Ephesus. Yes, the Word of God is the power of God unto salvation. Let us be ready in season and out of season to be alert for Christ. Will you say, "I am ready to suffer for His sake if necessary"? Are you willing to take mental and physical discomforts and even affliction that others may hear the glad, good news?

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR MAY

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Using "Prayer Suggestions."

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:129-144.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Roman Catholicism."

Middlers—"Ready to Suffer."

Juniors—Look in next week's issue of the Brethren

Missionary Herald for your topic.

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Ready to Suffer."

Middlers, Juniors—"William Bagby."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

### PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for those who are preparing to go to the mission fields soon.
2. Pray for other SMM's as we all strive to meet our goals.
3. Pray for our missionary, Marybeth Munn, and the leper work; pray that the patients will come to know Christ as Saviour.

In dealing with the system known as Romanism or Roman Catholicism, we find ourselves confronted with one of the most aggressive systems in the world today. It differs from the common cults of the day in that it does not deny the great doctrines of the Scriptures nor the Scriptures themselves as the inspired Word of God. Its main error is that it has added so much in the way of tradition and ceremony to that which is revealed in the Bible.

I. *Origin.* A definite time cannot be assigned to the origin of Romanism. The system came into being gradually. Some think it had its rise in the days of the Emperor Constantine, in the 4th century, when the church and the state were practically joined, and when the popularity that Constantine gave to the church opened the gates for the incoming of many of the pagan ideas to be found in Romanism today. There is a sense, however, in which both Protestantism and Romanism had their origin in New Testament times. Both claim to be founded upon the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. But little by little there was a variation from the simplicity of the New Testament church. Some of the ceremonialism that was common to paganism was introduced into the liturgy of the worship services. A distinction grew up between elders and bishops, the bishop assuming a dominant position which ended finally in the recognition of a bishop of bishops located in the city of Rome. Devotion to images took the place of worship of pagan deities. The idea of baptismal regeneration early crept into the church, and with this a host of human works which were given the place of meritorious value.

Thus little by little a huge section of Christendom was given over to a system filled with additions to the New Testament revelation and to a group holding to salvation by good works through the agency of the church.

Alongside these who stepped aside from the simplicity of the Gospel, there were always those who held to evangelical truth and repudiated the innovations which had been brought into the church. Finally, in the 16th century, beginning with Luther's nailing of his 95 theses on the door of the church at Wittenburg against the sale of indulgences (1517), the differences came to a climax and there was brought into the open the 2 distinct groups, Romanism and Protestantism.

II. *Characteristics.* For one thing, Romanism is a system of intermediaries. It knows nothing of direct access to God. It says that in order to be saved a person must go through the agency of the church with its priests, saints, and not least, the Virgin Mary.

Again, Romanism is a sacramental system. Salvation is obtained through the observance of the sacraments and regulations of the church. The sacraments have a mystical power about them which minister grace to the recipients. Romanism recognizes 7 sacraments: baptism, confirmation, the eucharist, penance, extreme unction, matrimony, and ordination. The last 2 are not necessary to salvation, since only laymen marry and only priests are ordained, but they bestow especial grace to the participants. The first 5 of these sacraments are necessary to salvation plus purgatory, indulgences, and suffrages. *Baptism* washes away original sin and bestows the grace of regeneration. *Confirmation* seals the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The *eucharist*, wherein the bread and the

cup actually become the body and blood of Christ, remits venial (lesser) sin, but not necessarily its punishment. In the sacrifice of the mass Christ is repeatedly "victimized" for human sin. *Penance* takes care of mortal sins committed after baptism. *Extreme unction* removes all sin not previously remitted. *Purgatory* and *indulgences* are also inventions of Romanism connected with salvation.

Furthermore, Romanism is a system of uncertainty. It knows nothing about assurance of salvation. The latter for them is not a present reality, but only a future hope. For them salvation only comes after purgatory, which is one of the additions they make to the plain teachings of the New Testament.

III. *Winning Romanists.* Romanists will not be won by criticizing their system, their priests, their veneration of the Virgin Mary, or their ideas on the church and salvation. This will only antagonize them and forbid dealing constructively with them.

We can win some of them by presenting the true nature of salvation. It is a salvation that can be enjoyed as a present reality, not just a future possibility or hope (John 5:24). It is a salvation that must be received directly from Christ with no ceremony or sacrament intervening (I Tim. 2:5). It is a salvation that must be received by personal faith in a living Saviour (Eph. 2: 8-10) apart from all human works, sacraments, or ceremonies. There are no meritorious works as far as salvation is concerned. Christ has provided all the merit necessary through His work at Calvary. To attempt to add anything to this finished work is an insult to God and diminishes the value of our Lord's complete work on the cross in the minds of men.

The salvation of the Gospel is a salvation which must be received directly through God's Word. Hence it is good to get Catholics to center their attention on the great salvation passages of Scripture.

## OFFICIAL REPORT

*ALUMNAE MONTH:* Yes, May is alumnae month. Although we do not stress it anymore, it is nice to know about it.

*MAY 10:* This is the deadline for sending in your Birthday Project Offering. Get yours in on time.

*NEWS ITEMS:* Have you sent in a postcard telling of the activities of your SMM? Remember—this is one of your local organization goals; so if you want to be an honor SMM, you had better get it in.

*PERSONAL PROJECTS:* Have you learned I Peter yet? Time's getting short—better get started on it! Try learning the names and fields of our missionaries. That wouldn't be too hard!

*NEW AWARDS:* We now have some substitute awards for learning the missionaries' names and fields. If you learn the names of all the missionaries, you will have a choice of an SMM pin or an SMM head scarf. If you learn the names of all the home missionaries and 50 of the foreign, you will have a choice of an SMM emblem and a little shoe bookmark. Be sure to specify which you want when you send in your name.



When William Bagby was born in 1855 in Texas, his mother dedicated him to God and prayed that he would grow up to carry the Gospel to the unsaved. The prayer was answered in a wonderful way, for he was used of the Lord to open up Brazil to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As he grew up and struggled for an education, he felt his heart strangely drawn toward the work of Christ in a foreign field. He had been saved when he was 11.

Meanwhile God was preparing a helpmate for him. Anne Luther, who was in a different college, felt that after her graduation she was to carry the Gospel to some other country. She was afraid that she would fall in love with someone who would not want to be a missionary, and that she would have to leave her country with a broken heart.

But God had arranged it all. When William met Anne at a Sunday school convention, he promptly fell in love with her. They were married 2 years later, in 1880.

Early the next year they set sail for South America, where they expected to contact a Christian dentist at Rio de Janeiro for help in getting started in the work in Brazil. They were much disturbed to find that he had gone to the United States on a visit. While pondering it over they received a letter from a lady at Santa Barbara asking them to use her home for a stopping place.

During their 3-week visit with her they saw God's purpose in it all, for there God gave them their first native assistant, a former Catholic priest named Antonio, who became converted when he heard the Gospel. Antonio became a wonderful preacher whom the Lord used mightily to win many souls.

The next year 2 other missionaries from the States, Rev. and Mrs. Taylor, joined them, and the 5 of them organized the first Baptist church in Bahia, where they had settled.

The first convert was a confirmed gambler and drinker. His life was so changed that those who knew him previously marveled at him.

Their meetings were held in a very simple room furnished with 12 chairs, 10 benches, and a pulpit they had remade. The Catholics called this simple beginning the "candle-moth invasion of Brazil." But a work had been started by which the power of Satan was shaken.

At the end of 2 years the little church had a membership of 20. The Bagbys felt led to leave this work to the Taylors and to start a work at Rio de Janeiro.

An English lady, who had been converted in Spurgeon's church at London, opened her home for the new little church at Rio de Janeiro, which was to become one of the largest in Brazil during the 17 years that Mr. and Mrs. Bagby worked there.

William felt the need of a native helper and asked God to furnish him one. The answer was a Brazilian named Mesquita who, like Antonio, was a great help to them. By 1885 they had 18 members in their church at Rio de Janeiro.

In answer to prayer Mr. Bagby recovered from a severe attack of yellow fever. Then they returned to the States to rest and to get more recruits. Brazil changed from a monarchy to a republic about this time, which meant they could now preach the Gospel freely.

The Bagbys had 9 children, 5 of whom lived to become missionaries like their parents. In addition to raising their children, Anne Bagby opened a school for girls at

Sao Paulo, one of their stations. This school was the means of winning many souls to Christ and sending out many home missionaries.

William Bagby departed this life in 1939, and his wife followed him 3 years later. They had inspired many others to become missionaries and had also been used in stirring up the Brazilian Christians to help evangelize their own country.

## WILL YOU BE ASHAMED?

### *A Message From Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, National SMM Patroness*

After we ascended the plush-carpeted stairway and entered the exquisitely appointed living room, Mrs. J—graciously welcomed us and anon she plunged our conversation into the Word of God. Her life story would glitter brighter than that of any glamorous socialite, and chill the blood of any avid mystery reader. But now fear was clutching the very innermost of this attractive woman. She was asking the pastor if there was hope for her, if God would forgive, if God would undo the tangles of her life.

At an early age she had confessed Christ as her Saviour, but now she was reaping 40 years of saying "No" to the Spirit of God who had continuously tugged at her heart and mind. Human medics were helpless with the disease that raged through her body. Later she took my hands and, covering them with her tears, she quietly moaned, "Oh, LauraBeth, if only I can win a few souls before I meet the Lord." And from her bed, which literally became her couch of death, before she passed from this sphere of life, in those 4 short months, she faithfully witnessed to members of her family. The amazing grace of God, His great mercy astounds us, His children, more every day.

Have you glibly said the words, "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and then fussed about enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ? Anything worth while is not easy. Dig right in, put your shoulder to the wheel and help your SMM win the honor and banner goals. Meeting your SMM goals is such a pleasant way to serve the Lord.

By the way, an interesting feature in one of your programs would be to have the girls give Bible verses which prompted the goals.

Your devotion and good works, do they glorify God? Jealously guard your Q T with the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness so you won't need to be ashamed when you see Him face to face.

*Will you be ashamed?*

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR AFRICA:** Marybeth Munn needs the following things for her hospital work: nurses' aprons, large and small gowns for children, large and small pneumonia jackets. Complete instructions and patterns can be obtained from the bandage secretary.



Mrs. Kriegbaum

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Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.



### Introducing Your National Officers—

Literature Secretary  
**MYRA JOY CONNER**  
Roanoke, Va.

## SMM NEWS

The ASHLAND, OHIO, SMM, only several months old, has been growing rapidly and is very active. Among some of their activities were entertaining the District SMM at their church, making bookmarks and scrapbooks, rolling tracts, and bandage rolling. They are working on their "giving" projects now.

A special blessing came to the Sr. SMM of MUNDY'S CORNER, PA., at the Christmas season when they gave a Christmas program at the large children's home nearby.

The girls at BERNE, IND., had their mothers meet with them for a "bandage rolling time" and ended up with 250 bandages.

In FORT WAYNE, IND., the Sr. SMM has a project night to work on projects. Their local project is making scrapbooks for children in the hospitals. Recently they had a Sunday evening church service devoted to a beautiful SMM candlelight service.

The Sr. SMM of MARTINSBURG, PA., has been working on their projects by helping to fill a missionary chest, giving gifts for shut-ins at Christmas, and also buying books for the church library which they started.

One of the girls of the CANTON, OHIO, Sr. SMM made a map on which members of the church were to place dimes for the national project. As a local project they painted the nursery furniture.

The SMM of ALLENTOWN, PA., collected clothes for the Navaho Indians. Future plans are for the giving of a skit.

The Sr. group of OSCEOLA, IND., packaged candy at Christmas to be given to the children at Taos.

A slumber party was enjoyed by the girls of the Jr. SMM of WINONA LAKE, IND. Recently they made SMM jumpers.

# THE FIFTH GENERATION

From Our SMM Missionary, Marybeth Munn

My nurses' class was reading the Book of Job in French on Fridays. They were impressed by Job's godly testimony and his earthly blessings, they were startled by Satan's taunt and request of God, they mourned with Job at each tragic loss, and they suffered with him in his devastating illness. Finally we arrived at the victorious end of this righteous man. He had been tried and found faithful to God.

As each earthly possession was restored they shared his joy. And the biggest thrill was that Job saw his children's children to the 4th generation. They said they often see the 3d generation but that not many see the 4th. That would be true joy to see the 4th generation.

At this point, Joshua, a Karre man of Beandje, said that he knew an old man who saw his 5th generation. Poor Job was quickly forgotten as Joshua enlarged on his story of this fortunate man. Joshua explained that the old man was too senile to realize whose children he was seeing as he must have been well over 100 years old. The entire class gasped as they thought of such an age. Then one other nurse made this profound statement: "Why that old man must have been born about the time that Christ died." The rest of the class nodded in agreement.

Time doesn't mean much here. To them each Bible story from Adam to John is almost a current event. Their faith isn't dulled by thinking of all the time that men have waited for Christ's return either. They, as the Word says to do, are listening with us for that shout and trumpet. What a glad day that will be!



Marybeth Munn

## GENERAL FUND OFFERING—JANUARY 31, 1953

Atlantic District .....	\$ 29.51
California District .....	49.09
Central District .....	106.89
East District .....	127.96
Iowa District .....	32.08
Midwest District .....	5.00
Northern Ohio District .....	92.65
Northwest District .....	6.42
Southeast District .....	37.81

Total ..... 487.41

Mary Hooks, Treasurer.

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## FINISHED ALEXANDRIA CHURCH DEDICATED MARCH 29, 1953

(Inset) Mr. Roy Glass, Sr., building committee chairman, presents the keys to Mr. Edward B. Murphy, trustee chairman. The other members of the building committee standing in the background are Mr. J. E. Means, Mr. Frank Gardner, Mr. O. H. Taylor, and Mr. Willis Wood. Seated on the left is Pastor Kenneth L. Teague, with Rev. Galen Lingenfelter beside him.





# DEDICATE NEW ALEXANDRIA, VA., BRETHREN CHURCH

AGAIN GOD HAS SCORED A MAJOR VICTORY IN BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS!

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, MARKED THE DEDICATION DAY FOR THE RECENTLY COMPLETED HOME MISSION CHURCH BUILDING IN ALEXANDRIA, VA.

THIS BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL TYPE BUILDING WITH AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AUDITORIUM WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY FOR THE DEDICATION SERVICE. OUR HEARTS WERE THRILLED AS WE CONTEMPLATED THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD WHICH HAD LED UP TO THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING.

THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION GOES TO THE PASTOR, BRO. KENNETH TEAGUE, AND TO THE LOYAL GROUP OF PEOPLE GOD HAS GIVEN HIM. MEN AND WOMEN WITH VISION IN THE SERVICE

## WE'RE SORRY

DUE TO THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME BETWEEN THE ALEXANDRIA DEDICATION AND THE DEADLINE FOR THE COPY TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE HERALD COMPANY, WE WERE UNABLE TO INCLUDE ALL THE ALEXANDRIA DEDICATION PICTURES. THE LORD WILLING, WE WILL PRINT THEM IN THE MAY ISSUE.

OF CHRIST AND WITH A SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT HAVE MADE THIS GREAT VICTORY POSSIBLE.

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL IS INDEED PROUD TO PRESENT ANOTHER FINISHED CHURCH BUILDING AS AN ADDITIONAL HOME MISSION DIVIDEND TO THOSE WHO HAVE PRAYED FOR AND GIVEN TO THIS WORK OF GOD.

## "IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS"

By Rev. Kenneth Teague

Though God would permit us to live many, many years, I do not believe that my wife and I will ever forget the day of July 4, 1951, for it was on that particular day that our family climbed into our "old" Ford and found our way to the city of Alexandria, Va., the place where we were to begin our first pastorate. In a way it seems like ages since we began that journey, and yet the days and months have flown by as we have busied ourselves seeking to fulfill the task that God has given us to do in His vineyard. How we do thank God for the precious experiences that have come to us these past months, and for the hard and trying trials, for they have strengthened our faith and trust in God and in the promises of His Word. Truly God is wonderful and is ever so near to those who desire to lean upon His strong arm.

Our hearts are full and overflowing with praise to God as we come now to this day, for which so many have prayed and waited so long—the day of dedicating this new building, the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we think back over the months in which God has permitted us to labor here, we can only say with Paul of old, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Time and space will not permit our rendering thanks for all the blessings that God has poured out upon us, but we do desire to mention just a few of the blessings for which we render thanks in this great hour.

### *We Do Indeed Wish to Thank God*

#### I. For His Great Faithfulness.

Truly no one who has ever dared to trust God and the promises of His Word has ever found Him to fail. I am more deeply convinced each day that our God delights to

find a group of people, or an individual believer, who will take Him at His Word, will claim His promise by faith, and then prove to the world that God is faithful, that His Word will not fail, and that God is able and willing to perform that which He has spoken. We have learned from very practical experience these past months that our God can be trusted, that His Word is true, and that He delights to answer the prayers of His children who come to Him in faith believing. The Alexandria church is a testimony to the faithfulness of God.

#### II. For the Faith, Courage, and Vision of God's People Here in This City.

Yes, the Lord is faithful, but God needs human instrumentality through whom to work. God needs men and women, through whom He can work, to show and prove to a skeptical and unbelieving world that He is real and that He is accessible to any who call upon Him in faith believing. We cease not to thank God for the people of our congregation who have manifested real faith, real courage, and real vision, in establishing a Brethren testimony in this city. With just a small membership and a small congregation, they have undertaken a tremendous task of building a beautiful place of worship here in the heart of this growing city. On this day of dedication, it is evident God has honored that courage and faith, for that which was only a vision is now a living reality and a door of invitation to the thousands yet lost in this place.

#### III. For the Evidence of His Blessing Upon the Spiritual Work of the Church.

We are all interested in beautiful sanctuaries and places of worship, and rightfully so, but God is more interested in the beauty of transformed lives. Lives that

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have been completely changed by the wonderful power of His wonderful Word. We are thankful to God that we have not only witnessed the building of a beautiful house of worship in which God's people can meet, but we have witnessed the building of many temples that are now the dwelling place of God the Holy Spirit. It is unto God that we give thanks for the many who have found the Saviour, and the many who have joined us in our fellowship here in this place. In the past 15 months there have been 34 precious souls that have found the Saviour, and 37 that have joined the fellowship of this church. We feel that God is giving to our people a great vision of the real work of the church, the winning of the lost sheep into the safety of the fold. God has given to our new people the same burden and concern for the entire work of the denomination so that they too have become enthusiastic for the work of home and foreign missions.

#### IV. For the Faithful, Prayerful Guidance and Assistance Given by Our Home Missions Council.

Oftentimes God's people have faith and courage to move ahead in their desire for doing a task for the Lord, but they seem to lack the knowledge or wisdom as to how to begin. We in Alexandria shall never cease to thank God for raising up in our denomination an organization to lend just such a hand in time of need. Our Home Missions Council has been most wonderful to us in helping to crystallize our plans, and give to us the added assurance and confidence that was needed in this undertaking. They have stood by us in times of real need, and have given to us the prayerful guidance and financial assistance that was so necessary in building this church for our Lord. Our relations with the council in all our dealings have been most wonderful. Truly the Home Missions Council has proved to be a friend that did not fail in the time of need. It has won for itself many ardent supporters here in the Alexandria congregation. Our prayer is that we shall be able to return to them a portion of the blessing they have brought our way.

Surely the Lord has greatly blessed in this venture of faith here in the city of Alexandria. We pray that our God will not only enable us to sow the Word in this place, but that He will soon enable us to be self-supporting so that our Home Missions Council will be able to move into some other needy city of this great land.

### NOTHING CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF GOD'S WORD

By Mrs. J. E. Means

Thanks be unto God for the Brethren Church! It was there I realized I needed a personal Saviour. I had always gone to church and even taught a Sunday-school class, but I was a self-righteous person, depending on works to get me to heaven. I had been taught the ordinances according to another denomination and for that reason I seldom attended any other church but the one I was brought up in.

One day I attended the Brethren church after hearing Rev. Bernard Schneider teach in the Washington Bible Institute, and how clear the Word of God sounded, and how it stirred my heart! There I found what I had been seeking—assurance of salvation, and food for my hungry soul. Now after 10 years I still am praising God for leading us to the Brethren Church.

### THE LORD LED US EVERY DAY AND ALL THE WAY

By Frank H. Gardner, Building Committee Secretary

March 29, 1953, A. D.! This date set for the dedication of our new church to the glory of God. We look in retrospection to Thanksgiving time, 1944, when first a group of devoted people met to worship God and learn more of His Word and seek to know His will for our lives here in Alexandria.

Surely our Lord led us on, for we met in His name, thus placing Him in our midst. We can say now the way has not been smooth, but he has seen us through, having gone with us all the way.

Space does not permit us to give a complete history of our travels, but we can say that after having met for some 8 months in the home of one of our members, God led us to an abandoned chapel, which we used for 3 years. Then our new location was the auditorium of the Jefferson School Annex, which we used for nearly 3 years. During this time the ground-breaking service was held, and the erection of our new building took place.

On July 8, 1951, we first used our new basement. Since this time space grew smaller, and it necessitated completion of the interior of the main auditorium. Most of this work was done by donated labor. Many gifts for God's glory have brightened our new church. We have been richly blessed of God. This shall not be the end of our work, for it is now just beginning. We must possess the land!

While we have much to praise God for now, we know these things are nothing to what shall yet be revealed to us.

We cannot complete this article without also praising God for our own Home Missions Council, which has freely given us the benefit of its experiences in building churches, to say nothing of the financial assistances received as it was enabled to give because of the many friends it has in our great denomination.

### THANKFUL FOR THE LORD'S ABUNDANT BENEFITS

By Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Murphy

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Psa. 68:19).

We, the Murphys, praise the Lord for His many marvelous benefits to usward. We praise Him for the blessed assurance of our salvation, and again we praise Him for the blessed Christian fellowship which we have experienced for the last 3½ years with the brethren here in Alexandria. For 18 years the Ghent church in Roanoke had been our church home. Needless to say we were feeling rather uprooted and lonely after moving into the Washington area. We were utter strangers here, but not for long. The good people of the Alexandria church soon had us feeling very much at home in their midst.

It has been a real privilege and a joy to become one of them and to share in the work they are doing for the Lord. It has been an inspiration to witness the courage and the unswerving faith of these people as they have labored to establish a testimony for the Lord here in this needy city. God has signally blessed this work, for today we have a beautiful church in which to worship and serve him. How our hearts thrill at the manifestations

of the Lord's good pleasure in the establishment of this church! Truly He has loaded us with benefits. He has not been lax in providing ways and means as well as wise leadership under the Home Missions Council and within our own group.

We praise the Lord for our faithful pastor and his dear wife. The Lord chose to lay upon their young, inexperienced shoulders a heavy load of responsibilities. Not in their own strength, but in the strength of the Lord they have faithfully and humbly served, waiting upon the Lord in prayer for guidance and wisdom in the performance of His great commission—to preach the Word, to win lost souls to Christ, and to minister to the spiritual needs of his church family.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised" (Psa. 145:3).

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## HOME MISSION WORK IN ALEXANDRIA

By Roy E. Glass, Sr., Building Committee Chairman

He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). Truly this has been so in Alexandria, and here you can see that God has again let His abundant blessing be manifest through the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Despite the seeming immensity of a project like we have for such a small congregation it in no way caused the vision of the people to waver, because they knew they were backed up by the loyal prayers and gifts of the entire brotherhood and had the counsel of the Home Missions Council in the organization and the furtherance of a Brethren testimony in our city.

The building committee with the fine cooperation of the members and friends all worked together. Many difficult hours were spent to complete the project. Above all we believe to a man that it was only the goodness of God and His evident hand guiding the council and the Alexandria people that enabled us to do what has been done.

Of course every person who contributed to the Home Missions Council had a very definite part in our work. We thank you for this and trust you will continue to give materially and spiritually before the throne of grace, that Alexandria will soon become self-supporting and that many new churches can be started in this needy land of ours.

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## I RECEIVED ASSURANCE IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mrs. Neva Huffman, WMC President

It is indeed a privilege to give testimony as to what the Brethren Church has meant to me. Five years ago, after attending services at the little "Brethren Chapel," now Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, I felt the need to rededicate my life. Having gone forward in another church, I believed I had done all that was necessary to be saved. There never had been any assurance of salvation. However, under the faithful teaching of the true Gospel, which I received at the Brethren church, I learned that I could only be saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus, and not by good works.

The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church and the sweet Christian fellowship I have found there have been

## FREMONT COLORED BRETHREN CHURCH



The Fremont, Ohio, colored group met on Monday night, March 30, 1953, and voted to become a Brethren church. The picture is not the group that met on this particular night but it is a recent picture of the group. They will be petitioning the Northern Ohio District to become affiliated with them in the next district conference. Approximately 30 were present, and following the business meeting the film, "The Forgotten Navaho," was shown by Rev. Lester Pifer. Mr. Granville Tucker, who is the leader in this new colored work, was a member of Brother Pifer's church at the time he started this work among his own people. The first meeting was held on October 19, 1952, and regular services have been conducted since that time by Brother Tucker.

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priceless. I have received so many blessings, mainly because through the true teachings of the Word of God I came to realize that by letting the Lord Jesus come into my life and trusting Him as Saviour, I have life eternal.

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## BRETHREN CHURCH PROVIDES RICH FELLOWSHIP

By Bill Spilman

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). There's not a truer verse in the Word of God than this, for I have trusted in the Lord and surely He has directed my paths. About 5 years ago the Lord led me to the Brethren Church, but it wasn't until a year later that I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Since then I've found peace and joy I never before dreamed of. I thank God daily for the fellowship we have found in the Brethren Church. Here is where we receive spiritual food for our souls. Thank God for the abundant life.

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## REJOICE EVERMORE

By Willis A. Wood, Building Committee Treasurer

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord" (Phil. 3:1). The dedication of our new church building causes great rejoicing to the Brethren in Alexandria, Va., and the nearby areas. May our rejoicing be in the Lord who has made this joyful occasion possible. If space permitted I should like to write of the many blessings that I have personally experienced, for which I rejoice. At this particular time, however, I will confine my testimony to thanksgiving for the home missionary vision of Brethren

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## FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN CHICO

On March 29, the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Grace Brethren Church of Chico, Calif., we praised the Lord for the material and spiritual blessings of the last 5 years. We especially praise Him for the beautiful church building which He has provided for our worship, and for the 50 that have been added to the membership as well as for the many souls that have come to know Christ as Saviour during that time.

A wonderful setting for the day was provided by the beautiful California sunshine, several baskets of flowers in the church auditorium, and the bulletin board filled with pictures and Missionary Heralds reminding us of the early days of the church.

With 100 present in the Sunday school and 85 in the morning worship service, our hearts were thrilled as we listened to the testimonies from 2 charter members, Mr. E. V. Rife and Mrs. Nellie Kerr, and our most recent member, Mrs. Jean Tyler. Brother McCall, lay member of the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles, gave a brief word of greeting as a member of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Brother Polman, of Temple City, Calif., sang a solo and then gave a message from the Word. The Holy Spirit spoke to hearts and 5 re-dedicated their lives to greater usefulness to the Lord in the work of this church. All our hearts were stirred.

Shortly afterward, enjoying the company of all those that love the Lord, we gathered in the basement for a fellowship dinner (pot-luck) with 65 present.

Following the Christian Endeavor hour at which Brother McCall gave his testimony, Brother Polman sang and spoke impressively on the love among the Brethren. Afterward, Mr. D. L. Yeater showed colored movies of the building program.

Fifty remained for the evening service to taste the lovely 3-tiered birthday cake with 5 candles which was baked by Mrs. Irene Suit, who recently accepted Christ.

## WAITING AN INTRODUCTION TO GRACE SEMINARY

By Jacques Crapusettes

I was introduced to the Brethren Church by my sister, Mrs. George Heany, whose husband attended Grace Seminary with Rev. Kenneth Teague. I had been a Christian for several years, but I had been going to what would be termed a "high church" in some circles. In other words it was austerity with little real food for your soul.

When I walked into the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, I heard real gospel singing under the leadership of Roy Glass, and I was sure the Gospel would be preached following such singing. When Brother Teague got through preaching there was no question about it.

I soon found that I couldn't sit comfortably under the preaching of the Word by Brother Teague. He was hitting too close home for me, because I knew I was not living as the Lord would have me. During the Thanksgiving revival services with Evangelist Bill Smith I dedicated my life fully to the Lord and I am now making plans to enter Grace Seminary next fall in preparation for the ministry. If I had not attended the Brethren church in Alexandria, I believe there is little chance I would have made this decision God would have me make.

## PICTURE STORY OF THE YAKIMA, WASH., CHURCH



Identification, top down: The new junior choir, directed by Dale Parton. The younger primary class, taught by Mrs. Charles S. Ashman. The older primary class, taught by Mrs. Jane Shaver. The junior and senior classes, with Mrs. Rose Foster, guest speaker. The adult Bible class, taught by Rev. D. F. Eikenberry.



## HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

**YORK, PA.** (*Gerald Polman, pastor*)—

I am very glad to report to you that our church at a special business meeting last night voted to put me on a full-time basis beginning April 1, 1953. To make this possible the church also voted to increase their portion of the salary \$10 more per week. I know this will certainly make it a lot easier for me to do some of the very important work that has been neglected here on the field. For almost a year I have been working at a part-time job in a building block plant and I feel this is another step forward in the progress of our new church. Our attendance has been steadily increasing, with a record of 58. We are using the building shown in the picture, which was a former supermarket. The other pictures include the York group present for a church service and the York group at a fellowship meeting.

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** (*J. C. McKillen, pastor*)—

How would you like this group meeting in your home as a Sunday school? I am sure you too would be anxious to have a church building, and we are working as rapidly as possible toward that end. Plans are in the making and we would like to break ground sometime during April. It really takes a lot of our physical strength to move everything in the house to accommodate upward in the 80's for Sunday school. This must be done on Saturday night and then on Monday you have the house to rearrange. We have found that in order to receive the maximum capacity and the minimum wreckage to our furniture, it is necessary to do this arranging ourselves. There are periods during the year that classes can meet outside and in fact some are held outside right now. Other periods the weather would be too hot for such a procedure. Pray for every detail to be worked out in our building program.



*York, Pa., Group*



*York, Pa., Fellowship Meeting*



*Former York Supermarket*



*Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday school.*



DENVER, COLO. (Lowell Hoyt, pastor)—

Boys Club in the Denver Grace Brethren Church is a growing institution! We started out in February with 2 boys. This number has increased until now we have 9 above 11 years old, and also another group of smaller boys. The burden of handling these young live-wire fellows became so great that I was forced to plead for



Denver Boys Club Meeting



Denver Boys Club on a Hike

assistance. The assistance came in the person of Mr. Miller, shown with the group, a fine Christian layman of this area.

Two of the boys have already "sprouted wings" by fulfilling the recruit requirements in order to get their silver membership wings. These requirements include memorizing 10 scripture verses on salvation, and being able to explain them in their own words. And then each boy must become a Christian, for our club is a missionary organization. Attendance in Sunday school is also a "must." A number of the boys were already Christians before they joined the club, but one confessed Christ as Saviour before the church just a few weeks ago.

Another point of interest about the boys is that 5 of them are trumpet players. Three of them were featured in a special service recently in the church and gave a good account of themselves.

DRY HILL, KY. (Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)—

Fourteen beautiful new church pews arrived for our chapel at Dry Hill. They were presented to us as a gift from Mr. Leroy Hodson and Mr. Edison Yoder. We certainly are happy with these new pews and will do our best to fill every one of them for every service. Our Sunday school voted to send \$10 each month to the

Brethren Home Missions Council to help with the expense of the work here.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (Russell M. Ward, pastor)—

Five more persons were baptized upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Sunday, March 8, 1953—Mrs. Catherine Peck, Mrs. Herbert Tanner, Mrs.



Cleveland Baptismal Candidates

George Baer, Herbert Tanner, and George Baer, Jr. These fine folk have been faithful attendants of the public services of the First Brethren Church for many months, climaxing this by obeying the Lord in Christian baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Peck have already been received into membership of the church. Mr. Tanner relates that his father was a preacher who held to the same old-time Gospel as is preached in the Brethren Church, but it took him many years to yield his heart to the Lord.

TAOS, N. MEX. (Sam Horney, missionary)—

The enclosed snapshot was taken at Arroyo Seco, where we have been holding services in the home in the background. The young man beside the car is Jacob Maestas, one of our Bible institute students. He has been doing the preaching here, assisted by Tony Luna, David Tollardo, and Cora Luna. This will be one of the new towns added to our list for D. V. B. S. this summer.



Jake Maestas

Plans are under way here at the mission for one of the greatest missionary programs in the history of this work. Another new town will be added for D. V. B. S. work in Vadito, making a total of 10 schools for the summer. A Brethren couple, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus, from Kittanning, Pa., plan to spend their vacation with us to help teach. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Inman, candidates for Argentina, will be with us for the summer. Other help will be sponsored by the national BYF. We are looking forward to some real blessings in this work this summer.



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# *As the Editor Sees It — —*

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By L. L. Grubb

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## STALIN LIVES IN MALENKOV

There seems to be much wishful thinking abroad these days to the effect that since Russia's Stalin is dead that the Bear is preparing for a long hibernation.

The truth of the matter is that Malenkov is a "little Stalin" in his general policies and plans, and yet more dangerous than Stalin because of his lack of discretion and his obsession with Russia's power. As a dictator Malenkov is just as ruthless in liquidating his enemies as Stalin ever was. In fact, during many years of Stalin's rulership in Russia Malenkov was his trigger man. His strategy is identical with that of Stalin. He wants to keep the war going in Korea and has already thrown out his chest to the western nations while barely in the seat of power 1 week, by shooting down a British bomber in the British zone of Germany with the loss of all the crew, and also by attacking and shooting down an American jet.

Those who look for mercy from Malenkov are not only shutting their eyes to explosive world conditions but are forgetting the revelation of Ezekiel 38 and 39. These Scriptures indicate a constant spreading of Russia's power and influence. There is no teaching of her subjugation until our Lord brings her existence to a timely end. During this time of uncertainty Ezekiel's prophecy should bring special comfort to God's children, for we are assured of the absolute and utter defeat of this atheistic, ungodly nation and her rulers.

Let the Word of the Lord thrill and fortify your soul for the troubled days which certainly lie ahead.

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## NEW DAYTON CHURCH GETS FINISHING TOUCHES



The new Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, is much farther along than indicated in this picture. The goal is to dedicate the church on the anniversary date of the organization, which is the latter part of May. Mr. Thomas Bailey, the building superintendent, hopes to have all the finishing touches completed by that time so that it can be used for services, although there will be some remaining work to do.

"Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: and I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee. . . . Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands. . . . And I will send a fire on Magog . . . and they shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezek. 39:1-6).

## U. S. WILL FEEL THE PINCH

Malenkov's attitude means much to Americans both materially and spiritually.

It means that the 104 billion dollars set aside by Congress for armament will be spent—perhaps more. It means that the arm of the draft will no doubt tighten around our boys and that deferments will become much more difficult. It means that additional pressure must be balanced by additional spiritual emphasis from our churches. We live in a world where war is as inevitable as the fact of human depravity. Its time and severity are in the permissive will of God. The assurance of the Word of God is needed by mothers who have had their children snatched from their side and plunged into fox-holes. Spiritual nurturing and strengthening is needed by these same boys who are thrust into the very jaws of sin. A new emphasis on the Christian's position in relation to war is needed and should be taught by pastors well informed on this subject.

These are indeed momentous days in every respect. Let us face the fact that with them comes a momentous responsibility for each child of God.

## AMERICA A MISSION FIELD FOR BUDDHISTS

During the past 30 years foreign religions of all types have converged on our land because here are not only many gullible people but much money to propagate these religious schemes.

Some think that Buddhism is strictly an oriental religion. This is far from the truth.

The Buddhist Mission of North America was organized in 1914 and incorporated in 1942 under that name. It represents Buddhism in America. This faith is based on "the anatman doctrine, supplemented by the idea of karma, and nirvana, the holy ease or a blissful mental state of absolute freedom from evil."

There were 47 churches in 1950 with a membership of 73,000, which is thrice our membership.

You may be certain that men will worship something or somebody. The appeal of Buddhism is an intellectual one and is more readily accepted by those in a position where they may influence or teach others.

We are convinced that if the evangelical forces do not step up the program of evangelization, which means the wider preaching of the true message of the Gospel, these oriental cults will grow and thrive rapidly.



# INCREASE IN HOME MISSION OFFERING

By L. L. Grubb

Again God has manifested His blessing upon the Brethren home mission program through His people by giving us a fine increase in our Thanksgiving offering. The total offering was \$131,923.82, which represents an increase over last year of \$15,987.32, or on a percentage basis a 14-percent increase over the 1951 offering. For this we profoundly thank the Lord and express deepest appreciation to both the pastors and people of our churches who have been God's anointed instruments in the increase.

The over-all home mission budget for this year approximates \$145,000, which is by far the largest budget ever planned by your council directors. If we continue on this present budget basis we will do so by faith, expecting our beneficent Lord to send the additional \$13,000 to meet our needs and an additional sum to meet the needs of new churches which are constantly cropping up all across the nation.

Some interesting facts appear among our churches in the offering statistics. The offering increased in all but 2 of our districts. The highest commendation goes to the Iowa District, which showed a 43-percent increase in its offering. This is one of our smaller districts in number of churches and membership, but is showing splendid possibilities of increase during the next few years.

Proof that the number of our churches is substantially increasing is found in the fact that 136 churches sent in offerings. Eight new churches sent in offerings for the first time. Increases in the offerings were seen in 79 of our 136 churches. Decreases in the offering appeared in 49 of our church offerings. The picture is that 64 percent of our churches were responsible for the increase in the offering. This group of churches made up the loss in offering of 8 percent by the 36 percent showing decreases. It is apparent that the over-all increase in the offering would have been about 22 percent instead of 14 percent if the 36 percent of our churches showing decreases would have at least held to the offering figure of the previous year. This 22-percent increase would have enabled us to meet our large budget and show an increase in new churches this coming year exceeding anything in our history. This demonstrates how important it is for us to at least *hold the line* in all our churches.

The largest church of our brotherhood in Long Beach, Calif., again came in at the head of the list in the amount of offering given to a total of \$12,912.13. The Mansfield, Ohio, church, a former home mission church, was second with a total of \$6,867.82. Other churches on the list of the leading 10 are seen in the report.

The number of life members who gave \$100 or more to the offering this year increased from 102 in 1951 to 112 in 1952. We praise God for this victory also.

An unprecedented number of opportunities to establish new Brethren churches face us during the coming months. Therefore you see that it will be necessary for us to squeeze every penny to the limit to take advantage of even a few of these opportunities.

The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council are deeply grateful to every child of God who gave at least one penny to this fine offering. We covet the

prayers of God's people for wisdom in handling these funds aright so that they may bring honor and glory to our blessed Lord.

## THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INCORPORATED, THANKSGIVING OFFERING COMPARATIVE REPORT

Note: Gifts sent in designated for local projects, district missions, or other work extraneous to the council are not included in this report. No gifts for the Jewish mission work are included in the Thanksgiving offering.

<i>Atlantic District</i>	1951-1952	1952-1953
Alexandria, Va. ....	\$508.40	\$327.27
Allentown, Pa. ....	349.98	344.08
Baltimore, Md. ....	110.45	....
Hagerstown, Md. ....	1,815.00	2,208.76
*Harrisburg, Pa. ....	535.81	891.05
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	405.00	750.29
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) ..	3,175.00	3,609.09
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) ..	1,883.40	2,791.59
Seven Fountains, Va. ....	67.72	19.00
Washington, D. C. ....	3,281.91	2,385.60
*Waynesboro, Pa. ....	2,588.27	2,269.85
Winchester, Va. ....	1,828.04	1,699.31
*York, Pa. ....	140.00	241.07
Isolated members .....	20.00	20.00

<i>Southeast District</i>	16,708.98	17,556.96
Boone Mill, Va. ....	91.57	60.00
Buena Vista, Va. ....	1,501.02	712.81
Covington, Va. ....	1,037.42	476.47
Hollins, Va. ....	575.35	398.00
Johnson City, Tenn. ....	118.68	139.15
Kingsport, Tenn. ....	30.00	....
Limestone, Tenn. ....	528.50	558.00
Radford, Va. ....	129.95	105.63
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) ..	....	136.60
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ....	2,892.60	2,690.00
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights) ..	225.01	146.45
Isolated members .....	20.00	10.00

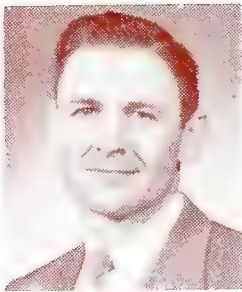
<i>East District</i>	7,150.10	5,433.11
Accident, Md. ....	20.20	10.00
Aleppo, Pa. ....	147.00	204.90
Altoona, Pa. (First) ....	309.70	721.83
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ....	518.40	588.31
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1,435.01	1,062.22
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) ..	688.86	696.48
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) ..	....	29.00
Everett, Pa. ....	....	100.00
Grafton, W. Va. ....	128.36	60.03
Hollidaysburg, Pa. ....	160.33	512.77
Jenners, Pa. ....	210.07	151.95
Johnstown, Pa. (First) ....	3,344.06	3,075.77
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside) ..	225.00	65.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ....	1,311.00	1,559.10
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) ..	171.66	45.00
Leamersville, Pa. ....	208.80	591.90
Listie, Pa. ....	668.17	753.73
Martinsburg, Pa. ....	980.93	1,502.61
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	395.35	466.00
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills) ..	623.69	501.50
Parkersburg, W. Va. ....	....	33.00
Uniontown, Pa. ....	538.00	620.66
Washington, Pa. ....	43.15	5.00
Yellow Creek, Pa. ....	231.81	283.08
Isolated members .....	35.00	30.00

<i>Northern Ohio District</i>	12,394.55	13,669.84
Akron, Ohio ....	2,586.00	1,906.53
Ankenytown, Ohio ....	541.20	507.26
Ashland, Ohio (West Tenth St.) ..	2,073.88	2,127.08
Canton, Ohio ....	1,186.63	1,138.94
Cleveland, Ohio ....	151.60	229.55
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio ....	465.09	253.24
Danville, Ohio ....	330.60	404.00
Findlay, Ohio ....	155.00	230.14
Fremont, Ohio ....	1,032.75	1,075.37
Fremont, Ohio (Colored Work) ..	....	19.10
Homerville, Ohio ....	605.31	1,394.81
Mansfield, Ohio ....	4,180.71	6,867.82
Massillon, Ohio ....	50.00	70.00
Middlebranch, Ohio ....	354.50	463.59
Rittman, Ohio ....	1,134.91	1,745.59
Sterling, Ohio ....	498.55	716.54
Wadsworth, Ohio ....	38.20	....
Wooster, Ohio ....	886.05	1,300.26
Isolated members .....	10.00	20.00

16,280.98 20,469.82

\*These churches were transferred from the East District to the Atlantic District.

# CONGRATULATIONS, IOWA DISTRICT



These pastors represent the district showing a 43-percent increase in the Thanksgiving Home Mission Offering for the year 1952-53. Above (left to right)—Clarence Lackey, North English; Lewis Hohenstein, Waterloo; True Hunt, Dallas Center; and Edward Bowman, Garwin. At left is Marion Gates, Leon, and at right is Arnold Kriegbaum, Cedar Rapids.

Central District	1951-1952	1952-1953
Alto, Mich. ....	153.00	95.08
Berne, Ind. ....	2,815.15	2,752.24
Berrien Springs, Mich. ....	84.20	60.81
Camden, Ohio ....	102.46	128.66
Clay City, Ind. ....	171.00	257.07
Clayhole, Ky. ....	82.34	109.24
Clayton, Ohio ....	348.50	523.41
Covington, Ohio ....	73.64	133.43
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) ....	.....	50.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) ....	6,262.00	5,300.90
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) ....	5,023.42	4,455.75
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) ....	810.75	866.20
Dryhill, Ky. ....	21.61	.....
Flora, Ind. ....	1,281.65	1,760.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	1,981.09	2,446.76
Huntington, Ind. ....	50.00	47.39
Jackson, Mich. ....	27.77	60.87
Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	259.65	525.25
Leesburg, Ind. ....	152.72	293.78
New Troy, Mich. ....	470.00	418.13
Osceola, Ind. ....	891.54	1,327.67
Ozark, Mich. ....	.....	15.75
Peru, Ind. ....	394.65	323.61
Sampleville, Ohio ....	17.00	50.00
Sharpsville, Ind. ....	39.90	13.50
Sidney, Ind. ....	1,000.03	1,013.78
South Bend, Ind. ....	321.78	318.90
Troy, Ohio ....	83.00	115.05
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	2,392.41	3,006.07
Isolated Members ....	420.00	390.00
	25,731.26	26,859.30

Iowa District	1951-1952	1952-1953
Cedar Rapids ....	524.47	505.15
Dallas Center ....	838.20	981.77
Garwin ....	273.93	373.15
Leon ....	386.40	442.34
North English ....	258.60	1,256.75
Waterloo ....	1,870.24	2,383.86
	4,151.84	5,943.02

Midwest District	1951-1952	1952-1953
Albuquerque, N. Mex. ....	22.56	12.45
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex. ....	10.00	28.00
Beaver City, Nebr. ....	125.73	194.19
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	221.37	.....
Cordillera, N. Mex. ....	.....	42.00
Denver, Colo. ....	47.00	113.00
Indian Mission ....	.....	48.95
Portis, Kans. ....	600.00	810.25
Taos, N. Mex. ....	111.05	114.60
Isolated members ....	10.00	25.00
	1,147.71	1,388.44

California District	1951-1952	1952-1953
Artesia ....	152.10	246.43
Beaumont ....	371.65	359.50
Bell ....	150.32	132.54
Bellflower ....	575.61	875.74
Chico ....	147.24	125.51
Compton ....	697.74	755.07
Fillmore ....	283.25	427.00

## COMPARISON BY DISTRICTS

1952		1951
1. Iowa ....	Increase 43%	Northern Ohio
2. California ....	" 30%	Central
3. Northern Ohio ....	" 25%	Southeast
4. Midwest ....	" 20%	Northwest
5. East ....	" 10%	Atlantic
6. Atlantic ....	" 5%	East
7. Central ....	" 4%	Iowa
8. Northwest ....	Decrease 0.8%	California
9. Southeast ....	" 24%	Midwest

	1951-1952	1952-1953
Glendale ....	758.22	555.40
La Verne ....	1,420.29	1,355.29
La Crescenta ....	.....	93.90
Long Beach, (First) ....	9,857.88	12,912.13
Long Beach, (Second) ....	1,785.98	3,333.78
Long Beach, (Paramount) ....	.....	212.63
Los Angeles, (First) ....	1,933.89	2,454.70
Los Angeles, (Second) ....	1,385.28	1,657.39
Los Angeles, (Third) ....	139.51	203.35
Modesto ....	806.00	892.05
Phoenix ....	.....	116.94
San Bernardino ....	294.10	366.23
San Diego ....	252.52	131.10
Seal Beach ....	197.38	273.94
South Gate ....	1,025.44	1,207.17
South Pasadena ....	766.17	842.62
South San Gabriel ....	16.88	182.14
Temple City ....	1,000.00	1,585.55
Tracy ....	138.50	476.06
Whittier ....	3,036.92	3,181.75
Whittier (Community Brethren) ....	.....	567.97
Isolated members ....	205.00	150.00
	27,397.87	35,673.88

Northwest District	1951-1952	1952-1953
Albany, Oreg. ....	243.03	294.88
Harrah, Wash. ....	1,023.10	520.84
Portland, Oreg. ....	275.59	316.33
Seattle, Wash. ....	232.10	542.00
Spokane, Wash. ....	450.46	600.00
Sunnyside, Wash. ....	2,133.93	1,986.70
Yakima, Wash. ....	600.00	663.70
Isolated members ....	15.00	5.00
	4,973.21	4,929.45

Totals	1951-1952	1952-1953
Atlantic District ....	16,708.98	17,556.96
Southeast District ....	7,150.10	5,433.11
East District ....	12,394.55	13,669.84
Northern Ohio District ....	15,950.38	20,469.82
Central District ....	26,061.86	26,859.30
Iowa District ....	4,151.84	5,943.02
Midwest District ....	1,147.71	1,388.44
California District ....	27,397.87	35,673.88
Northwest District ....	4,973.21	4,929.45
	115,936.50	131,923.82



1. First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. ....	\$12,912.13
2. The Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio .....	6,867.82
3. First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio .....	5,300.90
4. North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio .....	4,455.75
5. First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	3,609.09
6. Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. ....	3,333.78
7. First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. ....	3,181.75
8. First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. ....	3,075.77
9. Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. ....	3,006.07
10. Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	2,791.59

NEW LIFE MEMBERS FOR 1953

Mr. Emmitt Adams	Mr. J. W. Lowery
Mr. Robert Agler	Mrs. Ruth S. Mathews
Mr. Carl Baer	Mr. John N. Martin
Mr. A. V. Beard	Mr. Clarence McCall
Mrs. W. E. Berg	Mr. William R. Miller
Miss Margery Bolender	Mr. A. C. Moine
Mr. Robert Boroff	Mr. Floyd Moine
Mr. Thomas Bothwell	Mrs. Laura Moine
Mr. William Bracker	Mr. Ivan Moomaw
Mrs. Earl Brennehan	Mr. I. J. Moulton
Mr. Max Brennehan	Mr. John Murray
Mrs. Dora C. Brill	Mrs. W. Nelson
Mr. John Brown	Mr. John Page
Mrs. John Brown	Mrs. D. G. Parish
Mr. G. C. Brumbaugh	Mr. J. E. Patterson
Mr. John Carman	Rev. George O. Peek
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Mr. Paul Circle	Mrs. Frank Poland
Mrs. Karl Clark	Mrs. Elmer Radcliffe
Mrs. J. B. Coykendall	Mrs. Gladys Randall
Miss Ruth Ann Crawford	Mr. John Rea
Mr. Gene Culp	Mr. George Reel
Mr. Brooks Dawson	Mr. J. R. Reed
Mr. J. E. Dilling, Jr.	Mr. B. E. Rickert
Mrs. L. Joseph Dombek	Miss Joyce Rickert
Mrs. G. Eaton	Mrs. James Ridenour
Mrs. Harly Etter	Mr. Ralph R. Rigg
Mr. Chester Finley	Mr. Harold Robinson
Mr. Forrest Fishburn	Mrs. Travis Rooney
Mr. G. Flatten	Mr. Wayne Roy
Mr. Robert Gallaway	Mr. Donald Royer
Mr. John C. Gault, Jr.	Mr. Kenneth Russell
Mr. Paul Grisso	Mrs. R. R. Russell
Mr. John Guthrie	Mrs. H. E. Scheid
Mr. Ken Hancock	Mrs. Royce Schultz
Mrs. Robert C. Hayden	Mrs. Mildred Seger
Mr. G. E. Helman	Mr. John A. Shubert
Mrs. A. E. Herring	Mr. James H. Starbuck
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Mr. Owen Landis	Mr. John Whitcomb
Mrs. L. Ray Layman	Mrs. E. D. White
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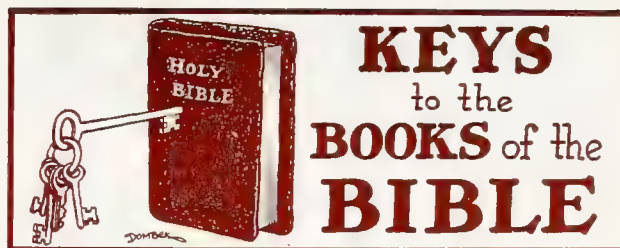
REJOICE EVERMORE

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which has made it possible for me to enjoy the dedication of our building.

I rejoice because years ago an isolated Brethren family recommended that I attend the First Brethren Church in Washington, D. C., when I moved to that city. It was in that church that I found the assurance of my salvation, which I had not found after attending a church of another denomination for many years. I rejoice that the Brethren in Washington had a missionary vision, which led them to sponsor the mission point in Alexandria and which resulted in our present church. I rejoice that Brethren district missions helped with a building fund appropriation.

Finally I rejoice in the Lord because of the Brethren Home Missions Council. At our invitation they gave valuable advice, leadership, and financial support, without which I feel sure we would not have our present church building.



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COLOSSIANS

I. Presents.

A. Two great Christian doctrines.

1. The fullness of the Godhead is in Christ—the doctrine of the person of Christ.
2. The saints are filled in Christ—the doctrine of saintship.

II. Key Words.

- A. Created (1:16, 16; 3:10).
- B. Head (1:18; 2:10, 19).
- C. In Him (1:19; 2:7, 9, 10).
- D. In Whom (1:14; 2:3, 11).
- E. By Him (1:16, 16, 20, 20).
- F. Fullness (1:19; (2:3 implied); 2:9).
- G. Let (2:16, 18; 3:15, 16; 4:6).

III. Key Verses.

- A. 2:9—"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (cf. 2:3; 1:19).
- B. 2:10a—"And ye are complete in him." (And in Him are ye made full.)
- C. Key verses giving the appeal.
  1. 2:8, warning against a false philosophy.
  2. 2:16, warning against false mediation. Also 2:18.
  3. 2:20-3:1, warning against false confidence.

IV. Key Outline.

- A. Introduction and prayer (1:1-12).
- B. Permanent doctrine (1:13-2:3).
- C. Present danger (2:4-3:4).
- D. Personal deportment (3:5-4:6).
- E. Final remarks (4:7-18).

V. Key Thoughts for Today.

- A. Warning against a false philosophy (2:8).
  1. Tradition of men—speculation.
  2. Rudiments of the world—materialism.
- B. Warning against false mediation (2:16, 18).
  1. Ceremonialism—eating and drinking.
  2. Worshiping of angels.
- C. Warning against false confidence (2:20-3:1).
  1. Slavery to human opinion.
  2. Asceticism.
- D. The application of these things to the church of God today.
  1. Her doctrine of Christ is of supreme importance for her life and service. As a man thinks, so is he.
  2. To hold fast the Head as He is revealed in this epistle.
    - a. First-born of creation.
    - b. First-born from the dead.
    - c. In whom is all the fullness of deity.

## A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

By Leanoire Button

For the "umpteenth" time the shrill ring of the telephone interrupted my work. I reluctantly put aside the cake I was trying to bake and hoped it would be a short conversation. When I recognized the voice on the other end of the wire as that of my friend, Frieda, I sighed and looked around for something to sit on. Frieda was always good for a half-hour at the very least.

"I just finished the book," she said. "I read until 2:30 last night."

I sighed, thinking of my cake. A day or so before, Frieda had given me another book on evolution and in return I had given her an excellent book containing explanations of certain prophecies concerning the Messiah and written by a Jewish man who believed them. You see, Frieda has never given up the idea that if I were properly informed I couldn't fail to see the ignorance of my belief in the Messiah and the Bible as the Word of God.

"The man who wrote that book doesn't know what he is talking about," she said breathlessly. "It only proves to me what I have told you already. Everyone has a different interpretation of these things."

I grinned to myself. "You don't surprise me," I told her. "I didn't expect you to understand. After all, unless God gives you the faith to believe these things you couldn't if you wanted to."

"Faith! Such glib phrases! You are so——"

"Narrow-minded?" I suggested. Frieda and I had gone over these things so many times.

She didn't want to be impolite. "The Jewish religion is a way of life," she said; "a broad way of life. I wouldn't want my children to grow up in a narrow way of life, full of fear and insecurity. It seems to me that when a person is secure and happy they don't have to tell others as you do. I think you talk about these things to convince yourself they are true. You *want* them to be true so you can't bear the thought that God is a God of love and all roads leads to Him."

I felt tired. I almost had to force myself to go on because I knew what we would say before we said it. In the past year my husband, Isobel, and myself had repeated these same things in the same way many times. I had told her her portion would be eternal hell if she didn't consider the Word of God. To all this her reaction was, "Poor Bruce. Poor Jerry. Such nice people but so fanatic." Even we who love her become weary of such constant repetition and the realization that nothing we have said regarding the Word of God has had any effect—at least any visible effect.

"I'm sorry you feel that way," I told her. "And you are right about the Jewish religion being broad-minded. In fact, it is so broad that you no longer believe the Tenach."

"I do believe in the Tenach."

"How can you believe in it when you don't read it? You tell me your copy is packed away in a trunk. You don't believe God created man upon the earth or that He led the people of Israel from Egypt and through the waters of the Red Sea. You say *Moses* fashioned a nation and gave them a name!"

"Well," she said, searching for words, "Moses knew if he told the people to do certain things they wouldn't do them, so he told them God gave the orders. You see, the people were superstitious and ignorant."

"Hmmm. Moses was a most deceitful man."

"He made his mistakes, of course."

"But not a sinful man?"

"He only did what he thought was best for the people. In those days——"

"Then it was Moses and not God who led the people of Israel from captivity?"

Frieda hedged. "Moses was a brilliant man, far advanced beyond his time. He grew up in the Egyptian court and learned many things, such as when the waters of the Red Sea would roll back."

"But if he learned this from the Egyptians, why did they perish in the sea? Didn't they have the same knowledge?"

There was an irritated tone now in Frieda's voice. "You see, the Jewish people taught their children many things. He probably learned things the Egyptians didn't know."

"But you just said they were ignorant and superstitious people!"

"Well, maybe he was like Da Vinci, who painted airplanes before the world had ever heard of them."

"Oh, come now, Frieda," I said. "Do you expect me to believe a tale like that? The Bible gives a clear, concise, logical story and here you cook up something like this. Do you actually believe such a thing?"

"I keep telling you, Jerry, everyone interprets things in his own way. I believe the Tenach and I believe in God, but my concept of God is so broad there is no room for fear. He isn't dealing with the Jewish people today. The reason for their persecution [we had been discussing Jewish persecution and chapter 26 of Leviticus] is man's inhumanity toward man."

"Man's sin, you mean," I said.

"That's your interpretation."

And so we were, at the end of 3 hours, back where we began. When I mention sin or anything she doesn't like, it's "your interpretation" or "glib phrases."

When I hung up the receiver there was no joy in the thought of her inconsistency. Of all the people we have dealt with here, Frieda has had more light than any other one. If she spends an eternity in hell it will be of her own choosing. Our duty to her has been fulfilled many times over. And yet how we long to see these people open their eyes and hearts to the blessed Word of God! As anti-Semitism sweeps Europe and as their eyes and hearts turn toward their suffering loved ones, can they not see their **ONLY HOPE** is in the Messiah of Israel? Or will they continue to twist the Word of God and take away the wonderful miracles He did for them? Will they continue to believe, as Frieda, that the story of creation is a fable; that man isn't inherently sinful; that God isn't punishing a disobedient Israel? Or will they see before it is too late?

"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God



himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth:

I said not unto the seed of Jacob, seek ye me in vain . . . Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:18-22).

## NEW BIBLE A FINANCIAL RACKET

By Dr. Carl McIntire, President, International Council of Christian Churches

[Editor's note: This news release by Dr. McIntire should be read by every child of God. Aside from the doctrinal discrepancies in the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible it reveals one of the more subtle aspects in the purposes of the National Council of Churches in the publication. In addition to commercializing the Word of God this royalty racket will make millions of dollars available for the propagation of the modernism and apostasy of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. We are printing Dr. McIntire's statement verbatim.]

It has just been revealed in a statement of policy entitled, "Privileges of Quotation, Revised Standard Version of the Bible," released by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, Division of Christian Education, which holds the copyright on the new Bible, that it intends to collect royalties not only on the text of the Bible itself but upon all books, novels, concordances, commentaries, Sunday-school lessons, and any and every publication and book that is sold for profit which uses more than 250 verses of the new Bible.

The National Council declares that it "reserved to itself the right to grant permission to quote portions of the text which are less than any full book (a gospel or epistle) in length." Under the statement entitled, "Royalty Policy for Use of This Text," it is specifically stated that in "books or publications which are sold for profit" in which 250 verses or more are used that a royalty shall come to the National Council of Churches. It is further said, "Any charge for permission will depend upon (a) the amount of quotation for which permission is desired, (b) the number, size, and price of the proposed edition, and (c) the type of publication. Each such case will be decided solely by the *Division of Christian Education* on the basis of the evidence which is submitted with the application. In such cases, two copies of the publication must be submitted to the Division immediately after publication." These provisions give the National Council absolute control over the use of this Bible in all books and publications and opens up a field of profit-making for the council itself that is virtually unlimited. As the necessary books, commentaries, Sunday-school publications, and the like are produced—in fact an entire library of literature, including concordances, will be necessary—the National Council will receive royalties running into many thousands of dollars.

It is impossible to estimate the money the Council will receive from these sources in the years to come, and this commercializing, making merchandise of the Scriptures in this way, is beyond anything which has yet been seen in the history of the Protestant church.

This statement of policy, "Privileges of Quotation," also stipulates, "Acknowledgment of copyright will be required as indicated in Section II of this statement."

This section is entitled, "Copyright Notices Required," and it is explained that even when any verses of the Bible are quoted, a copyright notice must be included. And in the case of books and publications using more than 250 verses, on which the Council is to receive a royalty, on every particular page where a quotation begins of more than 1 chapter in length, there shall be a footnote at the bottom of that page declaring that it is copyrighted and carrying the name of "the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches and used by permission." And in a general acknowledgment on the inside copy of the publication the following must appear: "The Bible text (or Scripture quotations) in this publication is (are) from the *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible, copyrighted 1946 and 1952 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, and used by permission." In this manner the National Council of Churches not only receives royalties, but it requires publicity and recognition concerning itself. No plan or scheme yet devised in the history of the Protestant church for the promotion of a particular religious organization has ever been inflicted upon the Christian public.

The announced plan of the National Council of Churches to have the new Bible accepted as the "authorized" version and to replace the King James Version is now being pressed on every side, with a recent revelation that another half-million dollars will be spent in the publicizing of the new book. It is further estimated, and easily seen by those who are studying the problem, that it will be necessary for the National Council to sell as a minimum between 40 and 50 million copies of the new Bible throughout the English-speaking world, in order for it even to begin to replace the King James Version.

With the sale price of \$6 and \$10 per volume, this alone would include on a minimum basis, \$240,000,000, and with the usual royalty commission of 10 percent on each book the National Council of Churches will receive \$24,000,000. The Council has refused to reveal to the public the percentage of its royalty on the Bible.

If its royalty is even half of this amount, the National Council stands to gain \$12,000,000, and without doubt it will be considerably more.

The whole program now revealed by the National Council of Churches constitutes one of the greatest religious rackets in the history of the church and this racket has to do with the sale and the control of what men have always considered "God's Word." The whole situation should be offensive to all liberty-loving Christians who believe that the Bible should be a free book, for a free people, and that it should be used to free men from their sins by the proclamation of the glorious Gospel that Christ died for our sins and that His blood cleanses from all sin.

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The *Altoona, Pa.*, churches—First, pastored by Mark Malles, and Grace, pastored by Phillip J. Simmons—held an afternoon service April 3 at the First church with Pastor W. A. Ogden, of Johnstown, as speaker.

Pastor Miles Taber reports that the *Ashland, Ohio*, church held its largest communion service April 4, and had 596 people in the Easter morning unified service, with 18 of them making public decisions. The offerings on Easter totaled \$1,656.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Page, Long Beach, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, *Beverly Jane*, to *Homer A. Kent, Jr.*, son of Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind. An early August wedding is planned.

*Pastor George M. Richardson* terminated his ministry at the *Bellflower, Calif.*, church April 5, after serving there for 6½ years. He has no definite future plans.

The *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church, pastored by Arthur F. Collins, held joint services with the local Baptist church April 3, with the Baptist preacher, Rev. Dillon, giving the message.

Effective April 20 the new address of *Pastor Edward Bowman* will be Hollins, Va. (change Annual, p. 67).

*Pastor J. Ward Tressler* resigned as pastor of the *Chico, Calif.*, church effective June 30.

*Bro. Harry Parks*, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, father of Mrs. Charles W. Turner, Flora, Ind., died April 5.

The *Akron, Ohio*, church had 418 people in Sunday school April 5, a new high, and 254 in morning worship service, reports Pastor Harold H. Etling.

A Bible class was started in *Salem, Oreg.*, April 6 by Pastor Glen Welborn, of Albany, and Pastor Vernon

J. Harris, of Portland. Any person living in that area or who knows of people living in that area who are interested should communicate with one of these pastors.

*Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.*, preached at the *McCoy Memorial Baptist Church of Elkhart, Ind.*, April 5.

*Pastor and Mrs. Robert L. Bates*, Jackson, Mich., announce the birth of a son, *Stephen LaVerne*, March 13.

The annual conference of the *Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches* is scheduled for the *Rittman church* April 21-24.

The *Harrah, Wash.*, church was host to the churches of the western end of the *Yakima Valley* for afternoon services April 3.

*Pastor Jesse Hall*, Harrah, Wash., conducted funeral services for *Glen Smith*, who accepted the Lord under Brother Hall's ministry just 1 week before he died.



*Pastor Russell Weber*, Harrisburg, Pa., was the speaker at a local sunrise service April 5 held at the *Sand Beach Independent Church*.

The *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church was host to the *Philadelphia Bible Institute* choir April 6 in a sacred music program.

*Pastor Robert Holmes* was ordained to the Christian ministry at the *West Homer Brethren Church*, Homerville, Ohio, where he has been serving as pastor. The service was held March 27 with Pastor *Kenneth Ashman*, *Wooster*, delivering the message and other pastors of the district assisting in the ordination.

*Mrs. Alice Lambert*, of the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church, died February 23.

*Rev. and Mrs. Walter H. Nowag* placed their membership letters in the *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church, and Brother *Nowag* preached there March 22. He recently retired from the active ministry, having served the *Singer Hill church* as his last pastorate.

The *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church, pastored by W. A. Ogden, had an average of 145 people present for the

Bible conference conducted there by Dr. *William A. Mierop* March 8-12. This church is to be host to Dr. *Percy Crawford* April 18 and Dr. *Hyman Appelman* April 25.

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church, pastored by *Nathan Meyer*, had 100 people in Sunday school, witnessed 10 public confessions and 8 baptisms, and received 9 members on Easter Sunday.

Pastor *William Clough* reports that records were broken at the *Tracy, Calif.*, church April 5 with 180 people in Sunday school and 162 in the morning worship service. This church is joining with the local Baptist church in special meetings April 12-19 at the Baptist church, with Rev. *Charles Garrett*, Reading, Pa., as the speaker; and April 19-26 at the Brethren church, with Pastor *Harold Painter*, of Modesto, Calif., as the speaker.

The *Leon, Iowa*, church had a rally of protest against the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on March 22 with *A. M. Veltman* as the speaker and with 275 people present. On Easter Sunday 181 people attended the Sunday school and 310 the morning worship service, reports Pastor *Marion D. Gates*.

A daughter, *Nancy May*, was born to *Pastor and Mrs. Marion D. Gates*, Leon, Iowa, March 23.

*Pastor George O. Peek* reports that 15 people made public confessions, 7 for the first time, at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, Second church March 29. In the evening 14 people were baptized and received into church membership. On Easter Sunday 14 more people made public decisions, 8 for the first time. This church held duplicate services Easter morning, with 1,041 people present. A helpful part of the evening services has been the music given by the men's chorus directed by the assistant pastor, *James Sweeton*.

*Pastor Glenn O'Neal* was one of the speakers at a union Friday afternoon service, April 3, in the southern section of Los Angeles.

*Mrs. Chester McCall*, Los Angeles, Calif., national treasurer of the *Women's Missionary Council*, fell recently and fractured 2 ribs.

The *La Verne, Calif.*, church, pastored by *Orville Lorenz*, held a special musical program March 29. The program was presented by 3 members of the church: Mr. *Vere Raley*, baritone soloist; Mrs. *Vere Raley*,



violinist; and Mrs. Charles Doyen, organist.

Pastor Henry Rempel reports that Rev. and Mrs. Herman Baerg, former members of the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Second church, presented a program at that church March 29.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Third church, of which James C. Beatty is pastor, held its own Friday service, April 3, and followed it with the spring communion service.

The *Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa.*, churches, pastored by H. Leslie Moore, held an Easter sunrise service at Meyersdale with James Hoffmeyer, Jr., and Edward Kerschensteiner as speakers.

The *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church, reports Pastor Edward Lewis, held its own sunrise service April 5. It was a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Ted Henning.

Bro. W. V. Findley, of the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church for 30 years, died March 28. Before moving to Roanoke he had been a member of the Glenford, Ohio, Brethren church. At the time of his death he was moderator of the local church, secretary-treasurer of the Ghent Men's Gospel Fellowship, secretary-treasurer of both the Southeast District mission board and the men's fellowship, secretary of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. He was born November 11, 1891. He was faithful in all the work of the Lord, having at-

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale . . . . .	March 29-Apr. 19	Clyde Balyo . . . . .	Michael Guido.
South Gate, Calif. . . . .	March 30-Apr. 19	Alfred Dodds . . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
Limestone, Tenn. . . . .	April 5-19 . . . . .	Randall Rossman . . . . .	William Smith.
Camden, Ohio . . . . .	April 12-26 . . . . .	Robert Betz . . . . .	Ward Miller.
Johnson City, Tenn. . . . .	April 12-19 . . . . .	John Burns . . . . .	Ralph Colburn.
Yakima, Wash. . . . .	April 12-26 . . . . .	Russell Williams . . . . .	Robert Ashman.
Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	April 13-26 . . . . .	Russell Weber . . . . .	Clyde Landrum.
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) . . . . .	April 16-19 . . . . .	William Howard . . . . .	Lester Pifer.
Kittanning, Pa. (First) . . . . .	April 18-19 . . . . .	Gordon Bracker . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (First) . . . . .	April 19-26 . . . . .	William Steffler . . . . .	Paul Bauman.
Tracy, Calif. . . . .	April 19-26 . . . . .	William Clough . . . . .	Harold Painter.
Flora, Ind. . . . .	April 19 . . . . .	Charles Turner . . . . .	John Whitcomb.
Phoenix, Ariz. . . . .	April 26-May 17 . . . . .	J. C. McKillen . . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
South Bend, Ind. . . . .	April 26 . . . . .	Russell Ogden . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Warsaw, Ind. . . . .	April 26 . . . . .	Charles Horne . . . . .	John Whitcomb.
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) . . . . .	April 28-May 10 . . . . .	Robert Miller . . . . .	Bern'rd Schneider.

tended a communion service in his local church just 2½ days before he died.

Pastor Robert Holmes, of the Homerville, Ohio, church, was the speaker at the sunrise service April 5 at the *Rittman, Ohio*, church, pastored by Charles Ashman.

Robert (Bob) Miller, son of Pastor and Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, Roanoke, Va., is recovering very slowly and should be remembered in prayer.

Pastor G. D. Engelman reports that the *San Diego, Calif.*, church had an average of 132 people in Sunday school during the first quarter of 1953, with a high of 163.

The *South Pasadena, Calif.*, church extended a unanimous call to Dr. Charles H. Ashman to become its pastor. He has been serving as interim pastor since January 1, and with Mrs. Ashman will move to the parsonage about June 20. This congregation just recently purchased the parsonage and also spent \$4,000 on improvements on the church building. Bro. Dave Willis preached there March 29 while Pastor Ashman was holding special meetings at Ramona, Calif.

Pastor Clyde Landrum reports a record high of 309 people in Sunday school Easter, with 296 in the morning worship service and 196 in the evening service, and 3 people made public confessions in the morning, at

the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church. The pre-Easter communion service was attended by 93 people.

The *Washington, D. C.*, church had its redecorated auditorium ready for the Easter services, according to Pastor James G. Dixon. Dr. Homer A. Kent, former pastor of the church, preached there March 29 and April 1, and with his son, Homer, Jr., helped with the spring communion service April 2.

The *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church had 56 people with perfect attendance in Bible school during 1952; for Grace Boyer it was the 23d year of perfect attendance, for B. L. Stains, 21; for LeRoy and Mary Yingling, 16; for Charles Alter and Albie Newcomer, 13; and for Harry Rosenberger, 10. The semiannual communion service was attended by 167 people March 29, according to Pastor Dennis Holliday.

Alexander A. Margin, of the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, church, died March 24. Funeral services were conducted by Caleb Zimmerman, former pastor of the church, assisted by Pastor Dennis I. Holliday.

On March 15 the *Philadelphia, Pa.*, First church honored Mrs. Schill on her 85th birthday. Missionary Hill Maconaghy was the speaker at the Easter sunrise service at the church. Rev. John Neely spoke there March 29 and directed the choir in its special Easter musical program.

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Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . .	3
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# "THE DAYSPRING FROM ON HIGH HATH VISITED US"

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

Springtime is now here, and the warming rays of the sun encourage us as we look forward to the good things of summer. The chill and gloom of winter are gone and the prospect of approaching summer delights our hearts. Could anything be a finer setting for the words of the father of John the Baptist at the birth of his son when he prophesied of the coming of Christ: "The day-spring from on high hath visited us" (Luke 1:78)?

"The rising out of the east" is quite literally what Zacharias said. Perhaps he was thinking of the Shekinah Glory which took its flight to the east some 6 centuries before. But when the Glory departed night settled in upon Israel. Winter came upon them. The chill winds of judgment blew over them. The silence of heaven deepened. But Zacharias, with many others of the faithful in Israel, looked for a return of the Glory. And it finally came.

But when the Glory returned, "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory)," as John says (John 1:14). The Lord Jesus Christ came. Heaven had broken the long silence, and God spoke His last word "by his Son" (Heb. 1:2). Final triumph is the tremendous message in the Son. In these days, balmy with spring, stop long enough to let the sunshine of triumph in Christ shine in upon your soul.

For this purpose the book club committee has chosen the companion to the April first-choice for the month of May. It is "The Triumph of the Crucified," by Erich Sauer. This is the first-choice book. This one will be sent to members of the club unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to the contrary before May 1. In the event members desire the second-choice book, or some other book listed previously in these columns, as a substitute, do not fail to notify the company to that effect.

The second-choice book is "The Jade Elephant," by Elise Fraser.

As a premium for joining the book club, your choice of the following books is offered: "Stranger Than Fiction," by Florence Gribble; "The Biography of Robert Murray McCheyne," by Andrew Bonar; or

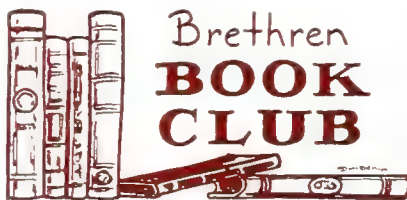
"Prayer: Asking and Receiving," by John R. Rice. By ordering 1 of the 2 books listed for the month of May you become a member of the club and are entitled to 1 of the premium books.

To members of the club who will be purchasing books April through July, a dividend book will be sent—"How to Obtain Fullness of Power," by Reuben A. Torrey.

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE CRUCIFIED

By Erich Sauer

This is the companion volume to "The Dawn of World Redemption." If you have read the first volume, you will not want to miss the second. In these 2 volumes, covering one



great whole, the message of the entire Bible from eternity to eternity, is contained the theology of redemption. And what a story.

In this second volume, the writer begins with the incarnation of Christ and traces the movements of God's plan through the Age of the Spirit, this present dispensation; through the Age of the Son, the millennium to come; and through the Age of the Father, the eternal state as the grand consummation.

In remarkable fashion he analyzes the kingdom of Satan in its revolt against God, and the final stages of rebellion which shall bring the judgment of God, swift and sure. Every lover of premillennial truth will exult in the way the author depicts the close of this present age. The reader will see from the Scriptures in a new and even a more amazing way how Satan has blinded the minds of men and has cleverly deceived many students of the Bible. He will see that nothing short of the coming of Christ for His church, the world-shaking events of the tribulation period, and the sudden appearing of Christ in

revelation glory will be sufficient to consummate and usher in the kingdom.

This volume, with its companion, will be read and reread, and will serve as a reference work for the student of the Scriptures. Price of the book, \$3.—*Herman A. Hoyt.*

## THE JADE ELEPHANT

By Elise Fraser

Who can guess what fortune or misfortune can follow a casual visit to a souvenir shop? Certainly Adrienne could never have imagined what was in store for her as she entered a small shop in the Chinese section of Los Angeles and there purchased a "white elephant." It would be so much fun to have a real white elephant. As she looked at the trinket no price could be seen, but there was a small scratch on the bottom of it which was later to be of real significance. When a price of five dollars was agreed on, Adrienne paid it and departed with her new miniature—for adventures unknown.

Imagine her surprise when in the course of events the amount of \$20,000 was offered for this little white elephant! Was this some regal treasure? Was it some real antique? She did not know, but determined to find out. On another visit to the shop she gave those in charge her address in case they needed to contact her about the elephant. That night her apartment was entered and practically turned upside down. On another occasion her life was threatened on her way home from work. What was the meaning of all this effort on the part of someone to gain possession of a jade elephant purchased in a shop in Chinatown? Perhaps you have guessed, but to be sure you must read this latest novel from the pen of Elise Fraser (author of "The Emerald Necklace").

In addition to the suspense and romance of "The Jade Elephant," you will find a Christian atmosphere which is lacking in so many of our current novels. You will see once again how the Lord is able to make all things work together for good for those who love Him. This is a story which you will not want to lay aside till you learn how it all comes out. Price is \$2.—*Blaine Snyder.*



# GARDENS

By Rev. Harold H. Etling, Akron, Ohio

A very dear friend of mine came into my office a little while ago and said, "Well, Harold, do you have your potatoes planted yet?" and then he laughed. He has always loved to "kid" me about my garden, for it is a very ordinary garden. As a matter of fact it is the poorest garden in the community, for I do not have the proverbial "green thumb." A few vegetables and a few flowers planted early in the spring make up my garden.

Yet my garden is more—it is the place where I have opportunity to talk with my neighbors, and gardens ought to be like that. All winter long all of us have been closed in by the cold and snow, but now with the coming of spring it is time again to start thinking about gardens and those neighborly chats across the back fence. Perhaps the most important thing a Christian can grow in his garden is the friendship made across the fence. The Lord Jesus used such a place for one of the last opportunities He had to teach His friends. He took the disciples into a garden and there made 3 important statements for them and for us.

## *The Request*

The first statement took the form of a request. It is almost that of a command, for it comes from the lips of the Saviour and Creator and is given to disciples and creatures. As He took His intimate friends with Him into the inner garden He said: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41). These would always be significant words, but coming from the lips of Jesus at the time just before the cross they are of more than ordinary significance. He knew better than anyone in the garden the danger of temptation. He knew that Satan was and is still the most subtle of all creatures.

The Saviour knew that His hour had come. He knew that it was an hour of loneliness and suffering, and so He invites the disciples to pray with Him. He knew the strength that can come when another prays with him and for him.

What a challenge it ought to be to us as we begin to work in our gardens this spring. There are men and women all about us who face testings and problems in life in which we

might share if we would only enter into friendship with them. There are neighbors and friends to whom we might witness if only we would heed the admonition to "watch and pray." The two can never be separated. If we watch without prayer we may fail as did Peter by depending upon our own swords. If we pray without watching we may miss the opportunity. How important even for our own lives, as we face the temptations of Satan, that we watch and pray!



Rev. Harold Etling

Someone has said: "To pray without watching is fanaticism, and to watch without praying is presumption."

## *The Rebuke*

And then there is a second word spoken by our Lord when He said: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26:40). It is spoken with sorrow and yet becomes a rebuke. The disciples had fallen asleep. They had allowed natural weariness to overcome them, so that they had no part in the conflict of the inner garden endured so near them and for them.

But there was greater reason for the rebuke, for on the outside of the garden the enemies of Jesus were wide awake. They were gathering their forces. They were mapping their strategy. They were plotting their false trials. So is it ever with the people of the world. Their watchfulness ought to be a rebuke to our sleepiness. Those who frequent the places of pleasure are often more eager than members of Christ's body to invite their companions to join them.

Even a little garden is a reminder, for when we neglect it for a short time it becomes filled with weeds.

Gardens require faithfulness. The Garden of Gethsemane demanded faithfulness, but the disciples, in spite of all their promises, were faithless. As we go out this spring to do our work in the garden, let us remember His words, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

## *The Regret*

But the third statement seems to me to be the saddest of all. After Jesus had found His friends asleep, and knew that the enemy was at the gate, He said, "Sleep on now" (Matt. 26:45). Their opportunity had passed and it would never return in the identical manner. Because they had failed, they had missed the power that could have been theirs for the hour of crisis.

What a difference between Jesus who had seized the opportunity and the disciples who had failed. He had prayed while they slept. Now He is very calm and assured of victory. They are still sleepy and unprepared for the crisis. They forsook Him and fled, while He went willingly to the trial and the cross.

Beloved, gardens are not just places to plant flowers and vegetables. They are places of friendship, of opportunity, and of blessing. As we work in our gardens this spring "let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (I Thess. 5:6) lest He should say to us, "Sleep on now, and take your rest."

## 1953 YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Forty-seven copies of the 1953 "Charis," yearbook of Grace Theological Seminary, are available at the price of \$4 each.

The 88-page book contains full-page photographs pertinent to the school. Perhaps one of the pages most interesting to Brethren people is the full-page portrait of Dr. McClain, taken just a few weeks ago. Also outstanding are the photos of the school taken at night.

Order from Jesse D. Humberd, editor, Winona Lake, Ind.

## "MY FAVORITE MAGAZINE"

"Enclosed is \$2 for my favorite magazine subscription for another year. (Signed) Mrs. G. W. Shook, Elyria, Ohio."

# WATERLOO, IOWA, MEN DEDICATE BOYS CLUB BUILDING

Eighty-three men and boys enjoyed a wonderful father-and-son banquet March 14, and dedicated a fully equipped Brethren Boys Club building in back of their church at Waterloo, Iowa. The boys' clubhouse was made by converting a cement-block garage and is equipped with 3 jigsaws, a wood lathe, a table saw, and 6 work benches equipped with wood vises and small tools. The equipment was donated by Christian businessmen in the church, some of whom are also working with the club.

A former pastor of the church, Arnold Kriegbaum, was the speaker at the banquet and brought a stimulating message entitled, "A Father's Challenge." Ralph Grady, youth director of the church, was master of



*Father-and-son banquet in basement of Waterloo, Iowa, church, showing speaker's table and a small part of the crowd.*



ceremonies, and Rev. Hilmore Cedarholm furnished special music. Clyde Stitt, BBC chief, outlined the plans, aims, etc., of the club, and Lew Deits gave the dedicatory remarks and prayer for the clubhouse.

Brother Stitt is getting real cooperation from a number of the men of the church and is doing a great job with the recently reorganized club in this church. And with that fine set-up, they really ought to be an active, growing club!

## POND BANK CHURCH SHOWS PROGRESS

Talk about a singing church! The Grace Brethren Church at Pond Bank, Pa., near Chambersburg and Waynesboro, certainly qualifies! The people enjoyed learning a number of new choruses during the recent 5-day campaign with Youth Director Ralph Colburn. Attendance ranged as high as 66 in the basement auditorium of their new, but unfinished, building. Pictures were shown each night.

Rev. Edward Clark leads in a full schedule of services at this church. A child evangelism class is also to be started in the community very soon.

## WINCHESTER YOUTH ENJOY PROGRESSIVE DINNER

More than 20 young people from our Winchester, Va., church met at the pastor's house on a recent Tuesday evening and received napkins and celery sticks as the first stage of a progressive dinner. Spring had just arrived, and it was a lovely evening, so they walked from place to place for juice, then salad, then turkey, vegetables, potato chips, and hot rolls, then an elaborate dessert stop for ice cream, cake, cookies, mints, nuts, and punch. Various games were played and choruses sung at all the stops. Then at our last stop toothpicks were passed out, and devotions enjoyed, under the leadership of Youth Director Ralph Colburn. Last reaction: "Let's do it again tomorrow night!"

## YORK YOUTH ENJOY "BACKWARD" PARTY

Everybody had to dress with part of their clothes backward, and the whole emphasis was on fun and foolishness at the April Fool party of the York, Pa., Brethren young people. Games, refreshments, and pictures filled the evening with enjoyment for the fine group of young people present. Rev. Gerald Polman is pastor of this church.

"The only happy people are the ones who get a big kick out of the way they do their daily jobs. The fancy words for this are 'challenge' and 'self-fulfillment,' but whatever you call this meeting and mastering of the problems of the day, it gives the most solid sense of worth-while-ness."—H. L. Brown in *Changing Times*.



*Clyde Stitt, BBC chief, showing one of the boys how to operate a jigsaw in the new clubhouse, while some of the men and boys look on.*

## GOSPEL IS STILL POWERFUL

The Pocket Testament League claims that "you don't need motion pictures, snappy choruses, or a brightly lighted auditorium to get Korean soldiers to a gospel meeting. To them the Gospel is good news. They crowd into stuffy quonset huts, stand in windy fields, sit on cold hill-sides to listen to someone tell the old, old story of salvation."

Evangelist Don Robertson, working under the supervision of the league, tells of an experience he had. He reported that "2,000 men in the 2d ROK Replacement Battalion, with full combat packs, sat on the cold ground as we preached the Gospel. We told them of a Saviour worth dying for and a Lord worth living for. We explained fully what it means to be a Christian. Then we gave an invitation. Like one man they raised their hands."

Another evangelist in Korea wrote: "The burden of the fighting in Korea is resting more and more with the ROK troops. It's a tremendous privilege and responsibility to speak to these soldiers who may soon be facing death."

Brethren, pray for the soldiers in Korea.



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# ANNOUNCING OUR SECOND CRUSADE TEAM



CHARLES BERGERSON  
*Pianist*



WALTER A. LEPP  
*Evangelist*



FRANK COFFIN  
*Song Leader*

## AN "ALL-BRETHREN" TEAM

**WALTER A. LEPP**—He has served pastorates in Los Angeles, Calif.; Cleveland, Ohio; and Hagerstown, Md. He has been successful in evangelistic meetings wherever he has gone. He has felt the definite call of the Lord to full-time evangelistic work for a long while. He is now leaving a very happy and successful pastorate of 7 years, during which time the attendance increased 100 percent, and the annual financial report shows receipts of \$38,657.74.

**CHARLES R. BERGERSON**—He has been professor of music in Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind. He has been pastor at Flora, Ind.; Cleveland, Ohio; and assistant pastor at Hagerstown, Md. But his heart has been in evangelism ever since he was a member of the "America Back to God" quartet.

**FRANK S. COFFIN**—He is a member of the First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa. He graduates from the School of Music at Bob Jones University in May. He has felt the call to the field of evangelism, and effectively prepared himself for the work.

*This team is scheduled to start work September 1 in the Central District. They have 2 dates in September and October still open. The rest of the season is full for them.*

All teams under the Crusade will enter any field, large or small, with an intensive evangelistic campaign purposed not only to win the unsaved people to Christ, but to leave the church geared to go on winning souls. Pastors and congregations desiring a meeting with this team or other teams under the Crusade should get in touch with your district Crusade representative as follows:

*Atlantic*—Rev. Walter A. Lepp  
*California*—Rev. Glenn O'Neal  
*Central*—Rev. William Steffler  
*East*—Rev. Clyde Landrum

*Iowa*—Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum  
*Northern Ohio*—Rev. Lester Pifer  
*Northwest*—Rev. William Schaffer  
*Southeast*—Rev. Robert E. Miller

For the sake of economy, and the accumulative force of evangelism in each district, the Crusade purposes to schedule enough churches in one district to enable a team to work there for an entire season. So it may not be possible to send any team anywhere at any time to meet one church's desire. Cooperation and patience from our pastors and congregations will help us much.

***Don't Let America Accuse Us at the Judgment. Let Us Do All We Can to Evangelize Our Own Country!***

## The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade

## SARAH'S SCHOOLMATES

By Mabel Donaldson

[This is the article promised in last week's issue of this paper for the Sisterhood girls.—Ed.]

Sarah came home from school in a "dither." She was exhausted. She had had so many extra things to do that day. Her Aunt Sue, who was visiting the Barrs for a week, wanted to give Sarah all the comfort and sympathy she could, so she began to ask questions to find out what had happened.

"Oh!" said Sarah, "Miss Bell, the teacher, assigned many of us various tasks to do to get ready for the school fair. She gave all the girls jobs like decorating, getting the booths ready, and making the signs and cards for advertising. She gave the boys the jobs of hammering, sawing, constructing, and moving. She put John in charge of the boys and asked me to supervise the girls. Well, things went along pretty well for about an hour, then the girls began finding silly excuses for not doing their individual jobs. One broke her fingernail and she was 'ill' for the rest of the day because her hands were not 'pretty' any more. Another was afraid to use the paints for fear she would stain her dainty hands. Some of the girls didn't want to sew or use thumbtacks because they might get stuck. So, of course, I had to just work, work, work, as well as take the responsibility that the things were done by the end of the day. I am 'just plumb tuckered out,' as Aunt Mose would say."

"Sarah, you might have had a lot of trouble, and I do feel sorry for you, but your difficulty has stirred a little note of joy and thanksgiving in my own heart," said Aunt Sue.

Sarah was truly startled by this remark. She was quite anxious to know how her troubles had made her Aunt find a bit of appreciation in her own life. Now it was Sarah's turn to ask the questions, and she hastened to say: "Well, Aunt Sue, that is surely a strange remark. How in the world could all my trouble at school make you express a note of thanksgiving?"

"It causes me to think about God. I am so glad that each member of the Godhead does His part and does not shirk, for without Christ I would not have my salvation; without the Father I would not have my assured home in heaven; without the Holy Spirit I would be really floundering in this old world of sin and misery.

"Now consider the Holy Spirit. He had and has many jobs to do for the whole universe and for the believer in particular. According to Psalm 33:6 He had a definite part in the creation of this universe: 'By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath [Spirit] of his mouth.' Then the creation of man is attributed to the Spirit. Job 33:4 says, 'The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.' The power of the Spirit is

seen in preserving nature: 'The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it' (Isa. 40:7). This is a great, staggering thought—the Spirit comes in the fierce east wind with its keen, biting blast of death. He comes also in the summer breeze which brings life and beauty."

"Why, Aunt Sue," said Sarah, "you are right. Suppose He did not do His work properly, we really would be living in a jumbled-up mess of a world. Please tell me more."

Then Aunt Sue told how the Spirit has some definite work to do among all human beings, according to John 16:8-11. She remarked how sad it was that humans ignored the work of the Spirit, for if they would pay attention to Him they would be a happier group of people. She also spoke of the Spirit being the Spirit of Truth and testifying for the believers. She read from John 15:26 and from Acts 5:32 about the Spirit being a witness to the work and power of Jesus Christ.

"But," said Aunt Sue, "the part I like best about the Holy Spirit is the work He does for me, a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has special work to do for God's children. He regenerates and renews the believer. When I get weary, tired, and discouraged in my work for the Lord, He comes along and gives me a 'boost' so that I take heart and do more for my Master. John 3:3-5 and Titus 3:5 are good verses to read for this. He lives right in my body and is a constant help to me. In I Corinthians 6:19 we read: 'Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you.' Romans 8:9-11 tells us that no matter how weak we may be, or how poor a Christian we may seem to be, we have the Spirit within to help if we will only let Him take full charge.

"Then, too, the Spirit seals the believer and gives him daily assurance of his salvation. He causes us to *know* in both our hearts and minds that we have had sins forgiven and that we have become a part of God's family. He also gives the believer the power to do any task God has for him to accomplish. So no child of God has any right to say he can't do anything that he is sure in his heart the Lord wants him to do. All one needs to do is ask the Spirit to take control and give the power and wisdom for the work. He loves to give wisdom to God's children. Part of His work is to guide the believer's life. Romans 8:14 and Galatians 5:16, 25 tell us to 'walk in the Spirit.' There is no detail of a believer's life that may not be under the control and direction of the Spirit. 'The steps [and, as one has well said, "the stops"] of a good man are ordered by the Lord.' He guides the young believers into their field of service.

"So, Sarah, as you are growing older, always look to the Spirit of the Lord to help you choose your work for you. He'll never fail you like your schoolmates did today. He'll never find 'silly' excuses to keep you from getting the job done. He never thinks of Himself first, like your chums did. Now, don't you feel you can praise the Lord, too?"

### HOW?

1. How does the Spirit of God assure us of salvation?
2. How did the Spirit help in creation?
3. How does He control nature?
4. How can we be sure that we can do a job for the Lord?
5. How can we know He is with us constantly?



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# Grace Seminary 1953 Graduation Services

## THE CLASS SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 10:45 A. M.

At the Winona Lake Brethren Church  
(Chapel of Grace Theological Seminary)

William F. Short, Class President, Presiding

W. Russell Ogden, Director of Music

Piano Prelude.....Mrs. Harriet Hoyt  
\*Processional  
\*Call to Worship—Doxology  
\*Invocation.....Richard DeArmey  
Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy"—No. 17  
Responsive Reading, Romans 10.....Scott Weaver  
Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation"—No. 25  
Scripture Lesson.....R. Paul Miller  
Prayer.....Glen Schwenk  
Hymn—"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"—No. 23  
Announcements.....Rev. Herman W. Koontz  
Presentation of Offerings  
Solo.....Robert Belt  
The Class Sermon.....Ivan French  
(President of the Student Body)  
\*Hymn—"Channels Only"—No. 286  
\*Benediction.....Richard D. Tevebaugh  
Postlude  
\*Congregation Standing

## THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 10, 7:30 P. M.

Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude.....Mrs. Helen Bartling  
Processional (the congregation standing)  
Invocation.....Rev. Herman W. Koontz  
Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation"—No. 14  
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Milton L. Dowden  
Announcements.....President Alva J. McClain  
Hymn—"Praise Him! Praise Him!"—No. 24  
Prayer.....Rev. George E. Cone  
Vocal Solo.....LeRoy Hawkins  
Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. Miles Taber  
(Pastor, W. 10th St. Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio)  
Hymn—"I Know Whom I Have Believed"—No. 85  
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. J. Frank Meyers  
Postlude

## THE GRADUATION SERVICE

Friday, May 15, 7:30 P. M.

Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude and Processional.....Mrs. Beatrice Horne  
Academic Procession (the congregation standing)  
Invocation.....Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Th.B.  
Hymn—"Amazing Grace"—No. 40  
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Earl Umbaugh, B.D.  
Annual Seminary Announcements.....Rev. William A. Ogden  
(President of the Seminary Board)  
Hymn—"Immanuel's Land"—No. 370  
Prayer.....Rev. William J. Sweeting, Th.D.  
Seminary Trumpet Trio.....Edwin Cashman,  
Edward Smith, Harold Westing  
Graduation Address...Rev. Allan A. MacRae, Th.B., Ph.D., F.R.G.S.  
(President, Faith Theological Seminary)

Presentation of the Class Gift.....William F. Short  
Response.....Prof. S. Herbert Bess, A.B., M.A., B.D.  
Recognition of  
Honors.....Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., A.B., B.D.  
Presentation of  
Candidates.....Dean Herman A. Hoyt, Th.M., Th.D.  
Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees....President Alva  
J. McClain, Th.M., D.D., LL.D., assisted by Vice Pres-  
ident Paul R. Bauman, B.D., D.D., and Registrar  
Homer A. Kent, Th.M., Th.D.  
Hymn—"Fade, Fade, Each Earthly Joy"—No. 268  
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. Ward Miller, B.D.  
Postlude

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# DIRECTORY OF THE 1953 SEMINARY GRADUATING CLASS

To acquaint our readers with the 37 students who make up the 1953 graduating class of the seminary and college divisions, the following directory has been prepared. Churches or individuals desiring to contact any of these students may reach them by mail or phone in care of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., until May 15, unless otherwise indicated in the items that follow.

**BURTON LOUIS BARTLING**—Member, First Baptist Church, Mentone, Ind. Accepted Christ January 13, 1946. Married. Two daughters, aged 4 years and 6 months; one son, aged 3 years. Education: Student, Moody Bible Institute; Grace Theological Seminary (collegiate division), A.A.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Personal work at Chicago missions; young people's work at First Baptist Church, Mentone. Future plans: Possibly several years more of schooling.



**ALVIN F. SHOWALTER**—Member, Church of the Brethren, Darlow, Kans. Accepted Christ in 1943 while in military service. Education: College of Jewish Studies, Moody Bible Institute. Will graduate in May with theological diploma. Practical experience: Street meetings, deputization work, Sunday-school class teaching while in school, and preaching. Future plans: Completed work at end of first semester and left for Israel the latter part of February to work as a missionary among the Jews. Present address: Box 857, Jerusalem, Israel.



**ROBERT W. BELT**—Member, First Baptist Church, Kewanee, Ind. Accepted Christ April 1943. Married. One daughter, 9 months of age. Education: Student, Otterbein College, A.B.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (magna cum laude). Practical experience: Young people's work, Sunday-school teacher, 3 years; gospel-team work, 4 years; supply pastor, 3 months; pastorate, 2½ months. Future plans: Continue as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Kewanee.



**IVAN HARRY FRENCH**—Member, First Christian Church, La Grande, Ore. Accepted Christ in 1936. Married. One daughter, aged 3½ years. Education: Student Northwest Christian College; Eastern Oregon College of Education; Westmont College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (magna cum laude). Practical experience: Choir directing, gospel solo and quartet work; rural Sunday school work, 3 years; student pastor, 3 years. Future plans: Pastor, McCoy Memorial Baptist Church, Elkhart, Ind.



**HAROLD G. BUNCH**—Member, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa. Accepted Christ in 1933. Married. Two sons, aged 3 years and 7 months; one daughter, aged 2 years. Education: Student, Temple Missionary Training School; Grace Theological Seminary (collegiate division), A.A.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Services and personal work at county home in Iowa, and nursing home in Fort Wayne, Ind. Future plans: Going to San Diego, Calif., awaiting call for pastorate.



**FRANK THOMAS INMAN**—Member, Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Married. One daughter, 5 months old. Education: Student, Kansas State Teachers College; William Jennings Bryan University; Tabor College, A.B.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (summa cum laude). Practical experience: Bible-school teaching, Sunday-school teaching, youth work, camp work, some pastoral work, gospel-team work. Future plans: Work in Taos, N. Mex., and later to Argentina.



**GARTH DALMAIN CONGDON**—Member, First Federated Church, Des Moines, Iowa. Accepted Christ Easter evening, 1939. Education: Student, University of Oklahoma; William Jennings Bryan University, A.B.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Young people's work; gospel-team work, 2½ years; pastorate, 1 year. Future plans: Further education for Th.M. degree.



**RICHARD DELMAR TEVEBAUGH**—Member, Edgemont Bible Church, East St. Louis, Ill. Accepted Christ in 1946. Married. One daughter, 3 years old; one son, 8 months old. Education: Student, William Jennings Bryan University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (cum laude). Practical experience: Street-meeting work, Bible class work in public schools, 3 summers worked with St. Louis Hebrew Mission in Jewish evangelism, 1 year assistant pastor and youth director at Bourbon Bible Church, supply preacher. Future plans: Enter army as chaplain.





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**WILLIAM RUSSELL OGDEN**—Member, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Accepted Christ in 1932. Married. Two sons, aged 3½ and 1 year; one daughter, aged 2 years. Education: Student, Westmont College; Bob Jones University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Gospel - team work; 3 years in home mission pastorate. Future plans: Pastor, Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.



**VICTOR H. MEYERS**—Member, Leamersville Brethren Church, Leamersville, Pa. Accepted Christ in childhood and united with the church at 12 years of age. Married. One son, aged 9 years; one daughter, aged 6 years. Education: Student: McPherson College; Huntington College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sang and played instrument in musical groups in high school and college. Chaplain's assistant while in army; Youth for Christ director. Future plans: Mission field.



**SIBLEY MARVIN EDMISTON**—Member, Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Accepted Christ in 1929. Married. Two daughters, aged 6 and 5 years; two sons, aged 3 years and 6 months. Education: Student, John Brown University; Westmont College; Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Wycliffe Summer School of Linguistics. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree (cum laude). Practical experience: Navigators, 2½ years; missionary to Spanish-American people of Taos, N. Mex., 7 months; gospel-team chairman at Grace Seminary. Future plans: Work with Mexicans along the Texas border.



**DONALD W. FARNER**—Member, West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Accepted Christ in 1938. Married. Three sons, aged 14, 12, and 11 years. Education: Student, Ashland College; William Jennings Bryan University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Taught Sunday-school class; pastorate, 7 months. Future plans: No definite plans.



**GLEN FREDERICK SCHWENK**—Member, First Baptist Church in Warsaw, Ind. Accepted Christ November 15, 1941. Married. Education: Student, William Jennings Bryan University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (magna cum laude). Practical experience: Street-meeting work, jail work, 4 years; pastor 7 months during senior year in seminary. Future plans: U. S. Air Force chaplain.



**DONALD E. BISHOP**—Member, West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Accepted Christ in fall of 1939. Married. One daughter, aged 8 months. Education: Student, Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Whitworth College, A.B.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, 6 years; quartet, song leader, choir leader, 6 years; young people's work, 5 years. Future plans: Foreign work in Argentina when sufficient funds are available.



**DOROTHY ROBINSON**—Member, First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif. Accepted Christ when 7 years old. Education: Student, Pomona College; La Verne College, A.B. Will graduate in May with M.R.E. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, D. V. B. S. teacher, child evangelism work, gospel-team work, 10 months missionary work in Mexico. Future plans: Further education at Grace Theological Seminary, then missionary work in Baja California.



**DONALD ROBERT GRIFFITH**—Member, Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa. Accepted Christ at about age of 8 years. Married. Education: Student, Bob Jones University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Assistant pastorate work; gospel-team work. Future plans: No definite plans as yet.



**RICHARD P. DeARMEY**—Member, Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind. Accepted Christ at age of 14 years. Married. Two sons, aged 11 and 4 years; one daughter, aged 8. Education: Student, Grace Theological Seminary (collegiate division), A.A.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Supply preaching, including 7 months at Listie Brethren Church. Pastorate at Jenners Brethren Church; pastorate, 4 years, Sidney Brethren Church. Future plans: Pastorate at Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.



**HAROLD FRANCIS MORR**—Member, West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Accepted Christ when about 6 years old. Education: Student, Bob Jones University; Moody Bible Institute; Ashland College, A.B. Will graduate from Grace Theological Seminary in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Assistant pastor, youth work, Sunday-school teacher. Future plans: Enter the United States Air Force as chaplain.





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**R. PAUL MILLER, JR.**—Member, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Accepted Christ in 1934. Married. Two sons, aged 2 years and 1 month; one daughter, 4½ years old. Education: Bob Jones University, A.B.; Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, street meetings, personal work, student pastorate, solo trumpet work. Future plans: Pastorate, Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa.



**WILLIAM RICHARD FOSTER**—Member, Wortley Road Baptist Church, London, Ontario, Canada. Accepted Christ in 1942. Married. Education: Student, London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary; University of Western Ontario, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: General work in local church; counselor for Christian youth camp; librarian at London Theological Seminary for 3 years. Future plans: Graduate work at Grace Theological Seminary.



**ROBERT G. DELNAY**—Member, Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Chicago, Ill. Accepted Christ in April 1935. Married. Education: Student, Jackson Junior College; Michigan State College; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, A.B., B.D. Will graduate in May with Th.M. degree. Practical experience: Pastor for 2 years of Community Baptist Church; trustee, treasurer, and co-director of the Challenger Club, Inc. Future plans: Awaiting position to teach, or further education.



**ROY E. GLASS, JR.**—Member, Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va. Accepted Christ during early childhood. Married. One son, aged 3 years; one daughter, aged 2 years. Education: Student, Bob Jones University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Brass and vocal quartet, 1 year; Sunday-school teacher; started a mission in Asheville, N. C.; gospel-team work. Future plans: None as yet.



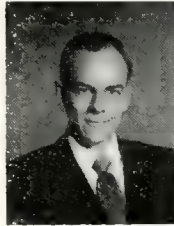
**ROBERT WAYNE SNIDER**—Member, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. Accepted Christ in early childhood. Education: Student, William Jennings Bryan University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree (cum laude). Practical experience: Street meetings, jail services, summer pastorate, film work for Moody Bible Institute, grade-school ministry under Christian Service Association at Bryan University. Future plans: Further education at Grace Theological Seminary.



**EILEEN MUELLER SELLERS**—Member, Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind. Accepted Christ in 1946. Married. One son, aged 5 years. Education: Grace Theological Seminary, 3 years. Will graduate in May with diploma in Christian education. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, child evangelism teacher, personal work. Future plans: Children's work in home missions.



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**MARY DUKESHIRE**—Member, New Brunswick Bible Church, New Brunswick, N. J. Accepted Christ before age of 9. Education: Student, Houghton College; Yale University, A.B., M.A. Will graduate in May with M.R.E. Practical experience: Camp counselor, Sunday-school teacher, D. V. B. S. teacher; 3 years mission work in western New York; gospel-team work; child evangelism teacher; faculty advisor to I. V. C. F.; teaching, 1 sum-





mer session (freshman English) at Houghton College, 3 years (freshman and sophomore English) at New Jersey College for Women, Rutgers University. Future plans: Further graduate study at Yale University, then college teaching or student work, possibly in Europe.

**SCOTT WEAVER**—Member, Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind. Accepted Christ in 1946. Married. One son, aged 11 years; one daughter, aged 8 years. Education: Student, Grace Theological Seminary (college division), A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Street meetings; jail services; pastored Sharpville Grace Brethren Church 3 years; used gospel magic with young people, 2 years; song leading. Future plans: Pastorate at Sharpville Brethren Church.



**GEORGE E. CONE, JR.**—Member, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Accepted Christ when about 7 or 8 years old. Married. Education: Student, Oklahoma University; Akron Bible Institute; Colorado State College of Education; William Jennings Bryan University, B.S. Will graduate in May from Grace Theological Seminary with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, youth director, personal worker in jail, pastor for 7 months. Future plans: Teach at Summer Institute of Linguistics, Canada; teach in college division of Grace Theological Seminary next year.



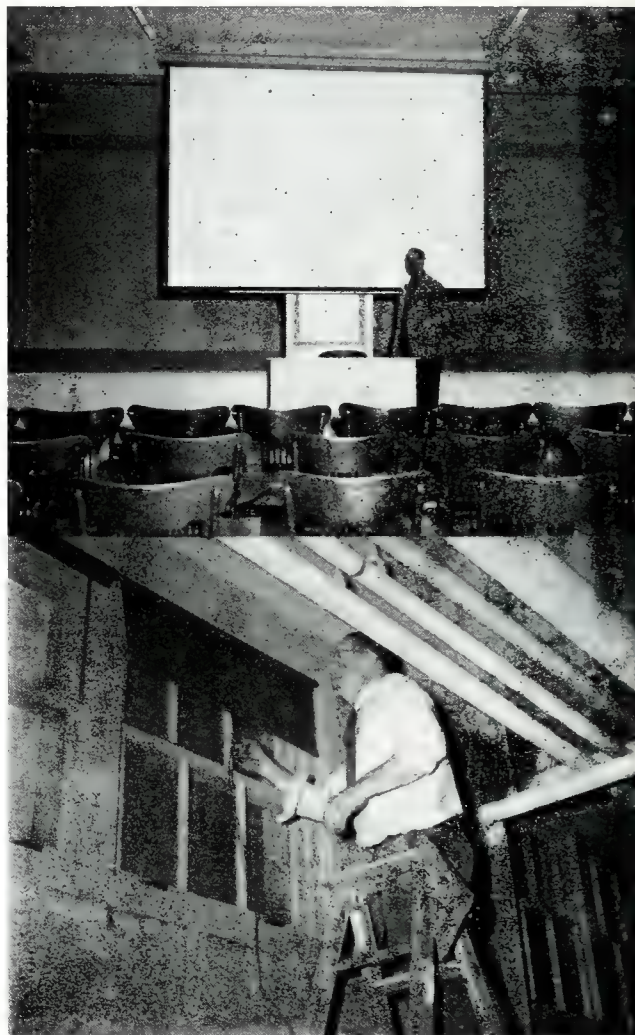
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**CHARLES M. HORNE**—Member, First Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ind. Accepted Christ at age of 5 years. Married. Education: Student, Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y.; Grace Theological Seminary (college division), 2 years, A.A. Will graduate in May with A.B. degree. Practical experience: Young people's work; pastor of Pleasant View Community Church. Future plans: Continue education at Grace Theological Seminary. Mr. Horne has the distinction of being the first graduate of the college division of the seminary.



To change human society one must change individual souls. You can't build an A-1 society out of C-3 people.—F. J. Maizard in *Prophecy Monthly*.



Top—One of the screens. Bottom—A blind is installed.

During the past few months "something new has been added" to the seminary's equipment which is already proving to be a blessing to the school and the Winona Lake Brethren Church. It has come as a gift from Bro. Edison Yoder, a member of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church. Blinds to darken the chapel, lower auditorium, social lounge, and 2 of the classrooms have been installed. Along with them, 4 projection screens have been hung. With the exception of the chapel screen, which was given by Miss Jane Edmonds, of Temple City, Calif., in memory of her mother, Mrs. Coryet Edmonds, all the equipment came as a gift from Brother Yoder.

Now, for the first time, when missionaries come to the school with pictures fresh from the field, it is possible to project them at a regular chapel service. A number of the classes can profit by the use of visual education, and this is already making the teaching of several courses much more effective. The large auditorium screen proved a real blessing during the recent midwinter and alumni conferences. All groups can plan to show pictures at the meetings of our national fellowship next August.—P. R. B.



# The Present-Day Need for Education in the Ministry—Part II

By Lewis C. Hohenstein, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

*Note: This is the second installment of a paper which was read by Brother Hohenstein (Class of '49) at the recent alumni conference at Grace Seminary.*

At the turn of the century a great Negro educator, Dr. DuBois, said: "True college education will ever have one goal—not to earn meat, but to know the end and aim of that life which meat nourishes."<sup>8</sup> The Christian philosophy of education is not judged by what it says alone, but also by the lives it produces.

Therefore it is our responsibility, as the leaders of conservative fundamental thought, to urge, if not demand, of ourselves first, and then of those who follow us, a greater depth of Christian scholarship; and to show the need among Christians everywhere of having leaders who believe that Christ is the coordinating center of all knowledge in all fields of science and industry.

It is embarrassing frequently to see ministers flailing away at a straw man of their own or someone else's creation and firmly believing that such belligerent action is an excuse for ignorance. "If Christian education is to stand alongside of secular education, those who receive its benefits must pay a price of dedicated industry."<sup>9</sup>

We as Christian ministers are the first reapers of the benefits of such training. These benefits are seen in 3 relationships.

## 1. FORMAL EDUCATION'S VALUE TO THE MINISTER AS IT RELATES TO HIS PERSONAL LIFE.

Plato, in his dialogue, "Phaedo," relates Socrates as giving the following advice to Cebes, as Socrates awaits the fatal hemlock: "We must lay hold of the best human opinion in order that borne along by it as on a raft, we may sail over the dangerous sea of life, unless we can find a stronger boat or some word of God which will more surely and safely carry us."<sup>10</sup>

We have the Word of God—it is to us a "bulwark of defence," an "ark of safety." Being anchored steadfast by it we can exercise great freedom in being "transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove the will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect."<sup>11</sup>

The value of seeing oneself "approved unto God," of having "full assurance" and a "steadfast hope," of being "confident—that He will complete the work begun," is greater than jewels of great price to the individual. When such a feeling of security and confidence is missing a man's ministry will lack power.

But there is another value which education affords the individual, expressed by Dr. DuBois: "It teaches thinkers to think—a needed knowledge in a day of loose and careless logic."<sup>12</sup> The background of higher education gives the ability to make qualitative choices and decisions in this world of quantitative value systems, where the throne of the glory of God has been usurped by the appetites of the flesh.

Not only are there subjective values to the individual,

but there are also innumerable objective values, such as background material, illustrations, examples, etc., which are adaptable to his ministry and instructive to his constituency.

## 2. THE PASTOR'S EDUCATION AND HIS CONSTITUENCY.

The pastor's duty toward his constituency is fourfold. Chronologically they are, first, to evangelize; secondly, to lead the people in the worship of God; thirdly, to press the claims of Christ in demanding a full surrender to Him; and fourthly, to develop, by education, the talents and capacities in order that the Christian might be equipped to serve.

Many of us pastors are often guilty of doing the work which the Lord ordained we should train our people to do. In June of 1952 I delivered the moderator's address at the Iowa district conference. In it, in pointing out the present crisis of the church, there were 3 points of emphasis: First, we are betraying our youth; secondly, we are betraying our members; and thirdly, we are betraying Christ. We are betraying our youth in that we are not actively engaged in a program that will remove them from the influence of anti-Christian secular education; we are betraying our members in that we are not placing the responsibility of the church program more squarely upon them; and we are betraying Christ by preaching one gospel and living another.

Let us notice the pastor's place in the first 2 of these points. First, our betrayal of our youth. We are dealing with a generation of youth who have been taught to ask, "Why?" Whether we approve or disapprove is not the main issue—the main issue is, are we going to be able to answer that "Why?"

Unless our background is such that we can meet the inquiries and doubts that pour out of the classrooms, our job of evangelism is greatly hindered and our training program slowed down. Trite sayings and platitudinal quips are not sufficient; the pastor must meet doubts and queries with answers that satisfy the searching heart. We cannot relax in our fight against the subtle attack of Satan.

On this point I am firmly convinced we will constantly lose the fight dealing with the public-school system. If there is any change in attitude among educators (and there seems to be some indication of such), they will accommodate the liberal thought and at best the dreaded destructive neo-orthodoxy.

The answer lies in this: Every conservative church in America ought to be directly affiliated with a Christian day-school program which will meet the needs of its members and friends. Brethren, we have delayed too long; it is time for action. Every pastor entering our pulpits ought to be, in some measure, prepared in the establishment and direction of day schools that hold God to be the ultimate of existence and His only begotten Son as the redeemer of everyone who believes. This is not to add the "Christian religion" as an appended course of study but to put Christ in the center of all studies. This is one of the most urgent needs in the present-day education of the minister.

Secondly, in relation to his constituency the pastor

8—DuBois, "The Souls of Black Folk," p. 82.

9—Gabelin, "Christian Education in a Democracy," p. 276.

10—Plato, "Phaedo."

11—Romans 12:2, ARV margin.

12—DuBois, "Souls of Black Folks."

must be educated to promote a systematized, consistent leadership and teacher-training program. When Paul wrote to the Ephesian church he called to their attention the gifts that Christ gave to the churches: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."<sup>13</sup> The original, according to Robertson, Alford, Hoyt, and others, carries the idea of relationship, that men were given gifts as "shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry unto the edifying of the body of Christ." In other words, the minister should be both a pastor and a teacher.

"When God gifts a man as a preacher and a teacher he is to exercise that gift for the perfecting, the developing, of the saints in order that they might do the work of the ministry and thus edify the body of Christ."<sup>14</sup> . . .

Therefore I declare that the pastor's education today should include that which will equip him for active leadership in training and developing the talents and utilizing the capacities of his flock. . . .

The Gospel "is the power of God unto salvation."<sup>15</sup> It can be compared to a stockpile of uranium. The uranium has a great power potential, but that power cannot be released until the components of the atoms of uranium are separated and reapplied to produce energy or atomic power. . . .

A keen intellect, sharpened by consecrated experience and study, submitted to the Holy Spirit, is a worthy instrument for releasing God's power. Another applicable action of the released atom power is that it begins a chain reaction of continued energy release. The pastor stands as the one who can begin this great spiritual chain reaction of soul-winning and edification among his people.

The minister will be able to do his part in this four-fold relationship to his people if he is thoroughly trained in theological precepts, Biblical content, practical application, and contemporary "know-how."

### 3. THE MINISTER'S EDUCATION AND HIS RELATION TO THOSE "WITHOUT."

This is the most difficult aspect of this educative problem. Some have chosen to ignore the philosophic and intellectual problems of unbelief. I have already pointed out that one cannot ignore these and expect to make an impressionable impact upon this present generation. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."<sup>16</sup> Unregenerate men are entitled to intellectual doubts, but by the same token all ministers and teachers who are servants of Christ are responsible to erase those doubts and to plant the seed of God's Word in their hearts.

Christ, on the night He was betrayed, said to His disciples: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me."<sup>17</sup> But today we can rarely stand before an audience of unbelievers and say, "Ye believe in God." Oh, they might say they believe there is a God, but they do not believe in the God who has revealed Himself in the Word by the

prophets and in His Son. There are 3 kinds of unbelief: intellectual or organized unbelief, religious unbelief as seen in the cults and false religions, and rebellious unbelief which refuses the Saviour on moral grounds only. But all are under the wrath of God, and all, as far as we are concerned, are prospects for His saving grace.

If we are able to put our finger on the pulse beat of the people in our communities and diagnose their spiritual illnesses and in love administer "the balm of Gilead," we must spend time and diligent industry in preparation.

When obvious eruptions began to appear between the liberals and the orthodox believers during the last century, the liberal said, "You keep the pulpit and we will keep the classroom." Through the classroom they began their subtle satanic work under the guise of "scholarship" and with the plea for "academic freedom." Slowly but surely they poisoned the minds of our finest youth with their theories of evolution, relativity, and skepticism. They cast doubt upon the Word which had been the foundational strength of their forefathers, and they rejected the Christ who purchased them with His own blood. Then with a plan, worthy of its satanic author, they moved into the pulpits and gained control of the ecclesiastical power, demonstrated today in the World Council of Churches.

The Roman Catholic Church, likewise in her chameleon character, has risen from being "the sleeping kitty on the Tiber" to become a "wildcat" of temporal and ecclesiastical power. Today, under the cover of a plea for tolerance in America and by fear and power in the Catholic-dominated countries, she is on the move in her attempt to control the nations.

Then there is the God-hating, Christ-rejecting Communist power, our "common enemy," with its extended promise of peace and prosperity in this world of turmoil, heartache, hunger, and sorrow. Another appeal, under the guise of perfect science, has reached unprecedented and unexpected proportion. Then add to these organized forces of unbelief all the cults and false religious groups; and add the great horde of rebellious moral unbelievers, and you have a foe that calls for a dedicated Spirit-led attack.

The answer is not in belligerence, tolerance, compromise, or a passive faith. It is in a dedicated, informed ministry as an instrument in the hand of our omnipotent God.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations [reasonings, marginal], and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringeth into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

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13—Ephesians 4:11-12.

14—Ironside, "In the Heavenlies," p. 193.

15—Romans 1:16.

16—I Peter 3:15.

17—John 14:1.



# Grace Seminary Offerings for March 1953

The month of March has been an occasion for real praise to God at the seminary. The report which follows shows that during this month more than \$9,000 in offerings came in from the churches listed. These represent both monthly and annual offerings, and there is good evidence already that the report for the month of April will also be a good one. Many of you have been praying for the seminary. Let us not forget also to praise the Lord.—P. R. B.

Church	Amount	Church	Amount	Church	Amount
Alexandria, Va. ....	\$18.00	Jackson, Mich. ....	9.40	San Bernardino, Calif. ....	33.70
Alto, Mich. ....	25.00	Johnstown, Pa. (First) ....	1.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	10.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ....	7.25	Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	196.44	Sidney, Ind. ....	371.00
Ankenytown, Ohio ....	31.00	La Verne, Calif. ....	13.00	Singer Hill, Pa. ....	20.00
Beaver City, Nebr. ....	9.00	Leon Iowa ....	1.00	South Bend, Ind. ....	1.00
Buena Vista, Va. ....	87.85	Limestone, Tenn. ....	7.00	South Pasadena, Calif. ....	4.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa ....	128.00	Listie, Pa. ....	1.00	Summit Mills, Pa. ....	77.00
Chico, Calif. ....	5.00	Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	3,038.38	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	2.00
Clayton, Ohio ....	93.66	Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ....	1.00	Taos, N. Mex. ....	4.50
Cleveland, Ohio ....	97.00	Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ....	81.26	Temple City, Calif. ....	300.00
Compton, Calif. ....	21.00	Los Angeles, Calif. Second) ....	97.98	Uniontown, Pa. ....	37.00
Covington, Va. ....	28.00	Los Angeles, Calif. (Third) ....	6.00	Waterloo, Iowa ....	12.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ....	2.00	Martinsburg, Pa. ....	46.00	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	50.00
Danville, Ohio ....	98.00	Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	81.00	Whittier, Calif. ....	240.05
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ....	250.00	Meyersdale, Pa. ....	69.00	Winchester, Va. ....	169.50
Everett, Pa. ....	12.00	Middlebranch, Ohio ....	31.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	115.50
Fillmore, Calif. ....	75.00	Modesto, Calif. ....	287.30	Winona Lake, Ind. (Special) ....	32.50
Findlay, Ohio ....	32.50	Mundy's Corner, Pa. ....	40.00	Yakima, Wash. ....	27.10
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Special) ....	20.00	New Troy, Mich. ....	108.00	Yellow Creek, Pa. ....	25.00
Garwin, Iowa ....	87.00	North English, Iowa ....	5.00	York, Pa. ....	33.00
Garwin, Iowa (Special) ....	10.00	Osceola, Ind. ....	20.00	Miscellaneous—	
Grafton, W. Va. ....	40.00	Peru, Ind. ....	33.00	Building maint. (Winona Lake	
Hagerstown, Md. ....	2.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) ....	147.00	Brethren Church ....	500.00
Harrah, Wash. ....	36.00	Portland, Ore. ....	67.00	Isolated Brethren ....	53.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	31.04	Radford, Va. ....	28.00	Non-Brethren ....	268.05
Hollidaysburg, Pa. ....	50.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	381.50		
Homerville, Ohio ....	15.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ....	588.00	Total .....	9,082.42

## INTERFAITH HARMONY AND THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Commentators on religious news have featured a story highlighted as an example of commendable interfaith cooperation. A piece of property in Toledo, Ohio, had been sought by the officials of a Jewish organization, B'nai Israel, and also by the officials of a Roman Catholic convent, as well as by the civic authorities of Toledo.

According to the commentators, the following amiable settlement was made, to the satisfaction of all concerned: The Jewish organization purchased the entire property at its own expense, but reserved for its own use only a smaller proportion of it. A much greater part was given to the Roman Catholic convent for the erection of a school. A third and smaller piece was donated to the city of Toledo for the construction of a playground. No fences are to separate the parcels of land, and the architecture is to be "harmonious."

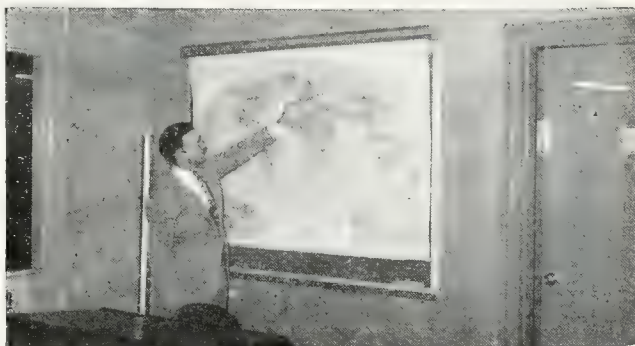
While society in general will applaud this unusual gesture of good will, the evangelical Christian will observe that this cooperation between such widely differing religious organizations is not so extreme as at first it might be imagined. As long as salvation by the grace of God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is not preached, harmony between such religious groups might be preserved. When a man's works are treated as meritorious, the offense of the cross has ceased (Gal. 5:11).—S. Herbert Bess.

## OFF-CENTERED THEOLOGY

In 1951 the Dominican Republic issued a stamp to raise funds for children's work, that pictured Christ seated with hand on the head of a child. Beneath the picture there was the Spanish inscription for "Suffer the little children to come." This was a touching scene. The stamp had a religious "flavor."

One thing marred it all. In large capitals above the picture were the words, "ERA DE TRUJILLO." With

## GIFT FROM COLLEGIATE STUDENTS



In the accompanying picture, Prof. Ralph Gilbert is using one of the five new maps which have been purchased for the school and installed as a gift from the 1952 graduates of the collegiate division. These include maps of the world, Europe, the United States, Great Britain, and Palestine. They are fastened to permanently attached mountings in such a fashion that they may be removed and replaced by other maps, or moved for use in another classroom. The maps all roll down from the neat metal cases which protect them when they are not in use. The school is grateful for this very useful gift.

those words President Trujillo, the dictator of the Dominican Republic, was being praised. More important than the gospel invitation, "Come unto me," was a dissipated dictator!

What a graphic picture of the fact that even the Devil can quote Scripture. Unsaved men can be very "religious" and "pious" for their own ends. Truly the need is great to make known the fact that Christ is calling men to come to Him—children and adults alike—for Jesus will give them rest. His yoke is easy, yes, but better still, His yoke is good.—Ben Hamilton.





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Mrs. Vinnie Burns, of Dayton, Ohio, and mother of Bro. Eugene Burns, Winona Lake, Ind., died April 11, with funeral services April 13.

Rev. Jerry Yerian, Los Angeles, preached at the *Bellflower, Calif.*, church April 12. Pastor George M. Richardson ended his ministry there April 5, having served the church 6½ years.

The *Central District* has planned a youth rally for May 1-2 at the *Osceola, Ind.*, church, where Ward Miller is pastor.

Mr. Fred Smith died March 23 and Mrs. Clara Vaught died March 30. Both of these were of the *Whittier, Calif.*, First church.

The spring rally of the *East District WMC* is scheduled for May 7 at the *Leamersville, Pa.*, church, pastored by Robert D. Crees. This church is substituting for *Vicksburg*, whose building burned recently.

The *Philadelphia, Pa.*, First church, pastored by John M. Aeby, averaged 201 people in Sunday school the 1st quarter of 1953, an increase of 18 percent over the same quarter in 1952.

Mrs. Lutie Koontz, mother of Pastor Herman W. Koontz, is seriously ill in a hospital at *Warsaw, Ind.* Prayer is requested.

The *Findlay, Ohio*, church held special meetings March 30-April 12, with Rev. and Mrs. Iner Basinger in charge the first week, and Pastor Forest F. Lance doing the preaching the second week.

Pastor and Mrs. Gerald Teeter, *Martinsburg, Pa.*, announce the birth of a daughter, Joy Annette, April 6.

Rev. Arthur F. Collins has resigned as pastor of the *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, church effective April 30. His new address is Bible Book Center, 413 S. Michigan St., South Bend,

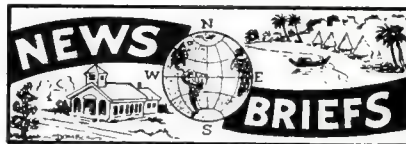
Ind. Phone 7-5587. (Change Annual, p. 67.)

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church, pastored by Nathan Meyer, had an average of 74 people in Bible school the 1st quarter of 1953. This church plans to support Mr. and Mrs. Tom Inman this summer as they work in the *Brethren Spanish - American* mission at *Taos, N. Mex.*

The *Dayton, Ohio*, Patterson Park church, pastored by Caleb S. Zimmerman, reached a new high in Sunday school attendance April 5 with 82 people present.

On Easter there were 232 people in Bible school, 273 in the morning service, and 263 in the evening service at the *Wooster, Ohio*, church, and the offerings totaled \$1,548, according to Pastor Kenneth Ashman.

The *Altoona, Pa.*, First church, pastored by Mark Malles, held its spring communion service April 5 with 86 participants.



The *Winona Lake, Ind.*, church called Pastor Herman W. Koontz to serve for his 5th year there. Total receipts of this church for the 1st quarter of 1953 were \$5,112.

Mrs. Jesse Hall, wife of the pastor of the *Harrah, Wash.*, church, is ill in a *Wapato, Wash.*, hospital and prayer is requested on her behalf.

The *Sharpsville, Ind.*, church, according to Pastor Scott Weaver, had 108 people present Easter morning.

Bro. Samuel Brush, of the *Berne, Ind.*, church, died March 26. Pastor Ord Gehman was in charge of the funeral.

The *York, Pa.*, church had 60 people in Sunday school March 29, a record high for this mission point. The total offerings for the 6 months ending March 31 were \$1,261, more than one-half of this being for God's work beyond the local church. Pastor Gerald Polman began a full-time ministry there April 1, having done manual labor for more than a year to support himself and family while starting this church.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, church, with the local *Evangelical-United Brethren* church, held an Easter sunrise

service in a local park, with Pastor Clair Brickel preaching the sermon.

The *Whittier, Calif.*, Community Brethren Church, organized less than 3 years and now fully self-supporting, had 520 people in the combined morning service Easter, 205 of them being adults. The pastor of the church, Wayne Flory, is soon leaving to become a chaplain in the U. S. Army.

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, church gave its pastor, Stanley F. Hauser, a call to continue as pastor, his 2d year, with an increase in salary.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bogue, of the *Compton, Calif.*, church, died March 30.

Mrs. Hattie Bowser, one of the oldest faithful members of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church, died on March 31. Warren E. Hooks, also of this church, died April 6 in a Veterans Administration hospital at *Chillicothe, Ohio*. Pastor Gordon W. Bracker was in charge of both funerals.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus, of the *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church, plan to spend their summer vacation helping the *Horneys* in vacation Bible school work in *New Mexico*.

Pastor Paul E. Dick has been called by the *Winchester, Va.*, church to serve there for his 13th consecutive year.

Prof. John Whitcomb, of *Grace Seminary*, is at this time (April 14), confined to his bed with a severe case of measles.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, *Flora, Ind.*, is scheduled to speak at the *Barnhart Community Church*, *Stewartsville, Va.*, April 29-May 1, and at the *Anderson Street Church*, *Bristol, Tenn.*, May 3-8.

The attendance Easter morning at the *Mansfield, Ohio*, church was 504. This church recently bought a parsonage next door to the church building, and the pastor, Bernard Schneider, and family have moved into it. The address is 534 Forest St., *Mansfield, Ohio*, and the telephone number is 8731-6. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, *Singer Hill* church dedicated new hymnals on March 29. These were presented to the church by the *Esther Bible class* of the Sunday school. Kenneth Wilt is now pastoring this church. The *Girl Haven Choir* of *Altoona* is to present a musical program there the evening of April 26.



# A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY

By Prof. John Rea, Winona Lake, Ind.

*This is the 3d article from Brother Rea, who is engaged in a 4-month period of archeological study in Palestine and other Mediterranean Sea area countries.—Editor.*

Many travelers to Palestine have been puzzled by the description of Canaan as a land flowing with milk and honey. To them the land given by God to His chosen people seems rocky and hilly and quite barren.

## *The Promise of God*

Nevertheless, God's promise stands true when we understand it. "For Jehovah thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper" (Deut. 8:7-9, ASV). Again we read: "The Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey. For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: but the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for" (Deut. 11:9-12).

## *The Situation in Egypt*

God led the children of Israel out of the country of the Nile into a land quite different from Egypt. During their 430 years in the land of their bondage, the descendants of Jacob became accustomed to the intensive cultivation of the narrow strip of land along the Nile and of the flat delta region with its sluggish rivers. In order to support the large population the Egyptians had to plow every square foot of soil that was flooded by the annual rising of the Nile and that could be irrigated by pumping the water from the river by foot. Egypt has no rain; its people have always been dependent on the

Nile for water. All the watered earth was needed for growing food—wheat, rice, grapes, fruit, and vegetables—and cotton or flax for clothing. Consequently there was space for very few flowers, wild or cultivated. That meant few blossoms, few bees, and little honey.

It is true that the Israelites did have their own flocks in Goshen in the eastern part of the Nile delta. What cattle the Egyptians had, however, were sacred, to be worshiped as gods. The Tomb of the Sacred Bulls at Memphis, a tremendous underground cavern chiseled out of solid rock for a burial ground for 24 bulls, still shows to what extent they carried their worship. These beliefs and the lack of pasture lands meant that there were few cows, goats, and sheep to give milk. Egypt was not a land of milk and honey.

## *The Land of Promise*

What a contrast, then, Canaan would be to the Israelites, waiting on the eastern side of the Jordan to cross over into the Promised Land. It was different both from Egypt and from Gilead, modern Transjordan. The latter, which they had just captured, is very hilly and rocky, with few trees and poor soil except in the narrow valleys. It is suitable only for pasture land, as Numbers 32:1, 4 indicate.

They were coming to settle a land which today still has a rainy season and mountain streams. The rocky fields and slopes are good for pasturage; many hillsides are covered with olive trees. Terraced orchards and vineyards dot the terrain. The fertile valleys at this time of year are green with young wheat and other grains. This is true not only in the coastal region belonging to the new state of Israel, but also in the valleys of Samaria cultivated by the Arab farmers of the Hashemite Kingdom

of the Jordan. The plains of Jericho produce bananas, big juicy oranges, lemons, grapefruit, and dates.

Flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cows are everywhere. Often the road is blocked by sheep being led from one field to another. In the springtime thousands upon thousands of lovely wild flowers—red anemones, yellow and blue flowers—add their beauty to the roadside and to the rocky hills. These and the fruit-tree blossoms enable bees to produce much honey. In one little plot of ground along the road to modern Nablus, near ancient Samaria, we noticed 20 or 30 hives of bees. In contrast to Egypt, this land is definitely one flowing with milk and honey.

## *The Curse on Palestine*

We must also remember that now Palestine is under a divine curse because of Jewish disobedience to God's commands (Deut. 28). How much better the earth must have been before the conquests of Nebuchadnezzar and Titus long ago and, more recently, 400 years of wasteful Turkish mismanagement until 1917. The successive conquerors practically stripped the hills of their trees; the Turks even imposed such a stiff tax on fruit and olive trees that their owners were forced to cut them down. Now the country of Jordan is unable to support its 500,000 refugees from Israel.

## *The Lesson for Christians*

Someday soon, though, our Saviour shall return as King. Then the land shall be glad and blossom abundantly as the rose. To it shall be given the glory of Lebanon with its cedars (Isa. 35:1-2).

Until then we need to heed the warning given to Israel as they were about to cross over into the land of milk and honey: "Beware lest thou forget Jehovah thy God, in not keeping his commandments . . . lest, when . . . thy silver and thy gold is multiplied . . . thou say in thy heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember Jehovah thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:11-18, ASV).



# THE OTHER SIDE

"There's a great big tear on your cheek, Paul Kent. Where did it come from?"

Ever quick to detect the moods of her "church son," Mrs. Mills whispered this question in the ears of the 5-year-old. Since this family moved to Roanoke, Kent has been the particular charge of "Mills" (as he affectionately calls her) each Sunday in church. A reciprocal love has grown between the two.

"I've been cryin'," he whispered. "Mommy pushed me down on the floor." More tears pushed their way like diamonds down his pink cheeks as he recounted his tale of woe. "Mommy pushed me and I fell on the floor," he continued. "Then she told me to get up and sit on the white chair."

"That's too bad, Paul Kent," Mrs. Mills sympathized. "Were you a naughty boy?"

"No; I didn't do anything. Mama just pushed me down. It's not nice for mamas to push their little boys to the floor, is it?"

"I guess it isn't." This mother-at-heart had to tread carefully lest she become unduly involved. After all, Kent's mother doesn't make a practice of throwing her children around. If the lad's story is true—and there must be some basis for his tale—there is an explanation.

"It's not nice for mamas to push their little boys down." Kent pressed the theme of his story further as he felt the assurance of "Mills'" understanding. "Mama is a big lady and I'm a little boy. Jesus doesn't want her to push me down."

Now church had started and the story was done. A grieved lad didn't look up to Mother in the choir with his usual grin that morning.

By the time dinner was on the table Kent's grief seemed to have been assuaged. Mother and son were on friendly terms again. The unhappy incident of the morning was forgotten in the pleasure of some lovely music, a story, and a walk. At bedtime Mother never tucked a sweeter boy under the covers.

At the close of the evening service Mrs. Mills smilingly asked, "Say, what did you do to my boy this morning?"

"What did I do?" Mother asked.

"I saw tears on his cheeks and asked him why they were there. He told me you pushed him down on the

floor, then made him get up and sit on the white chair till time to come to church. He asked me if I didn't think it was naughty for big mamas to push their little boys down. He almost convinced me of mistreatment with his story and tears," Mrs. Mills laughingly concluded.

At the recital of the story, a flood of remembrance swept over Mother. What a morning that had been! About an hour before church time all of Satan's imps seemed to have been let loose to possess some of the children. David just *would not* scrub those potatoes. He had to finish making his bed, dress, and comb his hair, didn't he? (He did all that *and* scrubbed the potatoes, but Mother lost some very precious time in using the pressure of the right kind of per-



suation on him.) Sharon was tired of doing the dishes. The curlers had to be taken out of her hair. Why can't Dorotheann help? All she has to do is straighten the girls' room and beds, carry any and all soiled clothes to the hamper, help dress the baby, and in general be Mother's "right-hand man."

"Don't worry about Dorotheann, young lady," a harried Mother commanded. "She has more than enough to do. Watch your own knitting."

"Aren't my new blue trousers shortened yet?" a perturbed Bill inquired. "I don't like the press in these grey trousers at all."

"Press them yourself after this," snapped Mother. "I don't get my own clothes pressed." Tears sprang unbidden to her eyes. "Dear Lord, give me grace. Prepare me somehow through all this confusion for the message my heart needs. And help me to understand Billy's boy-heart. He is so precious. Ever since Bob has been confined to bed, Bill has waited on him hand and foot whenever he's home. Bob's illness has woven a web around them.

"And, dear Father, be very real

to Bob on this another Lord's Day when he can't go to Thy house. Sometimes I can hardly stand it when I look around to check on all my lambs and his dear face is missing. I can't understand why he has to be laid aside for so long a time. Neither does he understand, Lord, but we do trust Thee."

Yes, preparations for church attendance were trying this day. Mother knew the only reason she hadn't given up and stayed home was because of God's grace operating in her heart. There never has been a trial too great for His dear love to bear.

At this end of the day the problems of the morning took on a new perspective. With a smile, Mother told Mrs. Mills the story back of Kent's tears. While she had been changing Bob's bed and getting him ready for the day, Kent had taken Althea's purse from her. This caused our "bundle of dynamite" to explode. The air was getting thick between the youngsters when Dorotheann stepped in to settle them and retrieve Althea's purse. Since this was not to Kent's liking, he decided to fix his older sister. Mother came on the scene just in time to see him raise his foot to kick Dorotheann. With unexpected swiftness Mother caught his leg so he could not kick. The force of the impact made the 5-year-old lose his balance and fall.

The air was sharp with screams from a boy whose plans for revenge had been frustrated. Mother told him to dry it up and sit on the chair and "don't move till I tell you."

"That's my story, Mrs. Mills. There are always 2 sides to a story."

"I knew there had to be another side to Kent's story, but I had to tease you a little."

There's another side to life's story, too. God stooped down to man's need and wrought his redemption. In his willful blindness man has kicked God's gift around, thinking to wrest his destiny out of God's hand. But judgment will come as surely as night follows day. In that day God's side of the story and how you responded to His love-gift will be all that matters. If you've been kicking His offer around and crying tears of self-pity, stop NOW and realize your lost condition. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).



## McCLAIN, BAUMAN TO SPEAK AT ACCC CONVENTION

Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Paul R. Bauman, president and vice president, respectively, of Grace Theological Seminary, are listed among the scheduled speakers for the spring convention of the American Council of Christian Churches.

This convention will be held at Sagmount, Joplin, Mo., April 29-May 1. The general theme is "The Changeless, Inspired, and Infallible Word of God." Dr. W. W. Breckbill, president, will preside at the business sessions.

Dr. Bauman is to speak on the afternoon of April 29 on "The Fulfilled Prophecies of the Bible." Dr. McClain will speak at the evening session of the same day on "The Inspiration of the Bible."

Other speakers for the 3-day conference include Rev. W. O. H. Garman, Dr. Allan A. MacRae, Dr. David Otis Fuller, and Dr. Carl McIntire.

This convention will be followed by a 1-week "School of the Prophets," May 2-9, at the same place.

## ZEOLI GOES TO EUROPE

Evangelist Anthony Zeoli, widely known as "the walking Bible," recently went to Europe to preach the Gospel. He plans to hold "crusade campaigns" in Rome and Florence, Italy; Geneva, Switzerland; Paris, France; Glasgow, Scotland; Belfast, Ireland; and London, England.

Zeoli was won to the Saviour in Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia 30 years ago. Since then he has preached in various parts of the United States. Now, at the insistence of Youth for Christ International, he has gone to Europe to hold evangelistic meetings. He plans to return in time for the anniversary services of his home church, the Church of the Open Door of Philadelphia, June 10-14.

## HERALD GIVES PERSPECTIVE

"I am enclosing check for \$4 in payment of renewal subscription for 2 years.

"While I am a member of another denomination I enjoy your publication, since it aids me in maintaining a true perspective of what our Lord and Saviour died for and what He expects of believers. (Signed) H. L. Hosler, San Francisco, Calif."

# Easter Among the Russian Molokans

By Rev. Jack Green

Director of the Young Russian Christian Association, Los Angeles, Calif.

This was undoubtedly my happiest Easter. In 15 years among the Russian people I have never seen such a demonstration, especially among the older-young parents (ages 35-40). There is a growing hunger among them for the Living Word.

Much time and work had been put into our first Easter play by our director of Christian education and her helpers. Our first choir to sing regular American hymns had been formed. Each of the 5 divisions of the YRCA had a part in the program.

What to expect? We had printed on special Easter bulletin paper 80 programs, others on plain paper—"just in case." For Russian Easter *chi* (tea) we had planned for 75-100.

Those who came on time could not find seats. Every bench and

chair that could be squeezed into the auditorium was filled. Children that finished their parts in the program were ushered out and the older ones took the seats. People crowded the doorways; the nursery above the auditorium was filled with grown-ups; and more than 50 mingled around outside because there was no more room inside. The *chi*? Every available table was used. My heart was really full, and I was glad I had no part in the program, as I hadn't even anticipated being able to attend.

Seven parents came and asked me when we were starting a Bible class for their age. One lady said she had 4 other couples lined up and waiting. What a challenge! Our problem—when to have it and who to teach it.

Here is your part, friends! Pray that the Lord will give me sufficient health and strength to put full effort into this work and also in the work we plan to start in Mexico this summer.



Rev. Jack Green

## IT IS NOT DEATH TO DIE

It is not death to die,  
For sons of God on high;  
It is but sleep, for God doth keep  
That soul: it shall not die!

Though mortals weep below  
When friended ones must go;  
'Tis heav'n to gain, and e'er to reign  
With Christ, whom men must know.

We see the vacant chair  
Of him who oft was there.  
But our Lord Christ prepares a tryst  
Upon the golden stair!

O, sinner, see the bliss  
Of him who now we miss.  
God gave His Son that you might not  
"The Way" to heaven miss!

—Charles Bergerson.



## HERALD HELPS TO BRIDGE GAP

"We are indeed sorry for the delay in mailing our subscription for the Herald. Our address has been changed. We live in Florida.

"The Lord willing, we pray there will soon be a Brethren church here in the South. We enjoy the Herald very much and will look forward even more to receiving it since we are away from our home church. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hesse, Pensacola, Fla.

## NO BOREDOM IN LOVE

An old Scotch woman who was alone for the greater part of the day was asked, "What do you do during the day?"

"Well," she said, "I get my hymn book and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord. Then," she added, "I get the Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing any more, I just sit still and let the Lord love me."—*Missionary Digest*.



### Uniontown, Pennsylvania

A Back-to-the-Bible revival campaign was held in the Uniontown, Pa., church March 9-22. It was a real joy to work with the Brethren there.

Preparation for revival was evidenced. Unsaved people were present at almost all the services. There were 8 first-time decisions to accept Christ as Saviour, 6 of these being young married people. There were also several rededication-of-life decisions and confessions of sin.

It was good to see the saints in full support of the pastor. The existing condition of this church is a healthy one and will undoubtedly result in much fruit-bearing in the days ahead.—*Russell H. Weber, evangelist.*

This church enjoyed a good revival campaign March 9-22 with Pastor Russell H. Weber, of Harrisburg, Pa., as the evangelist.

The general attendance was fine, with an average of 110 for the 2 weeks. Brother Weber presented practical back-to-the-Bible messages that created interest. He also spoke twice on the Gospel Truth radio program from our church.

Our pastor, Clyde K. Landrum, was in charge of the music and had special numbers each night.

There were 8 first-time decisions and several rededications, for which we praise the Lord.

On Easter we had 309 people in Sunday school, a new record for us, 296 in morning worship, and 196 in evening service. Two young married people received the Saviour and one came for rededication.—*Leona Coffin, corresponding secretary.*

### Clay City, Indiana

It was the writer's happy privilege to be used of the Lord in a revival effort at the Clay City church, where Bro. Ralph Burns, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, is pastor.

Clay City is far removed from other Brethren churches, yet it was

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Camden, Ohio....	April 12-26.....	Robert Betz.....	Ward Miller.
Yakima, Wash....	April 12-26.....	Russell Williams..	Robert Ashman.
Harrisburg, Pa... April 13-26.....	Russell Weber....	Clyde Landrum.	
Dayton, Ohio			
(First) .....	April 19-26.....	William Steffler..	Paul Bauman.
Tracy, Calif.....	April 19-26.....	William Clough...	Harold Painter.
Phoenix, Ariz....	April 26-May 17	J. C. McKillen...	R. Paul Miller.
South Bend, Ind..	April 26.....	Russell Ogden....	Herman Hoyt.
Warsaw, Ind.....	April 26.....	Charles Horne....	John Whitcomb.
Waterloo, Iowa... April 26.....			Dr. Homer Kent.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	April 28-May 10	Robert Miller.....	Bern'd Schneider.
Leamersville, Pa. May 1.....		Robert Crees.....	Percy Crawford.
New Troy, Mich.. May 3.....		Richard Jackson..	John Whitcomb.
Yellow Creek, Pa. May 10.....		Sheldon Snyder...	Gerald Smelser.

ready for a heaven-sent revival. The attendance average for the 1st week was 68 and for the 2d week it was 76. This is a good average for a church with a membership of less than 80.

It was my privilege years ago to baptize the Burns and receive them into the membership of the Philadelphia, Pa., Third church. It was good to be in their home and also to see how they are gaining the confidence and love of the people in Clay City.—*William A. Steffler, evangelist.*

The blessing of the Lord has been on the First Brethren Church of Clay City during the 2-week (March 9-22) revival campaign with Pastor William A. Steffler, Dayton, Ohio. There were 10 first-time public confessions of faith in the Saviour and 3 rededications.

Preceding the service each evening Mrs. Burns and Carolyn Oberholtzer conducted children's meetings with an average of 16 boys and girls.

In the past 3 months 9 people have been received into church membership on confession of faith and baptism and 2 by letter.

Six months ago Mrs. Burns started a Happy Hour Bible club with 6 children. There are now 27 members in the club.

The Brethren Youth Fellowship has grown to the place where we had to divide it into 2 groups.

There were 93 people present for the Easter morning service and more than 100 in the evening service.—*Ralph Burns, pastor.*

### Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)

March 29 was a red-letter day for Bethany. A young couple was baptized in an afternoon service, and in the evening 3 people received the Saviour, 3 came for membership, pending the reception of letters from another church, and 2 made public rededications.

Bro. Don Talbert was in charge of the midweek service April 1 while Pastor and Mrs. John Evans were on a short trip to South Carolina.

On Easter our Sunday-school attendance was 81. Following the morning service we had an egg hunt for the children.

Our congregation voted to begin work on a new auditorium and additional rooms for Sunday-school classes.

We covet the prayers of God's people for our work in this part of His vineyard.—*Doris Hapner, secretary.*

### Conemaugh, Pennsylvania

Since January 1 our church has had a visitation program which the Lord has blessed in creating new interest in our church and Sunday school.

During this time 4 people received the Saviour and joined the church following baptism, 5 came into membership by letter, and 5 others made public rededications.

On Easter we had a fine attendance at the sunrise service. Miss Ruth Snyder, member of this church and now home on furlough from missionary work in Africa, spoke at



the morning worship service. Her brother, Rev. Blaine Snyder, assistant business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, also took part in this worship service.

In the evening of Easter Day 116 people participated in one of the best-attended communion services ever held in this church.—*Stanley F. Hauser, pastor.*

### Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (Pond Bank)

The Lord is working in a real way here and is building up a Brethren church in this community.

On March 18 we baptized 8 people, using the baptistry of the Waynesboro church. These were later received into church membership, and others are awaiting baptism and membership.

Just recently we had the privilege of leading 2 young fathers to the Saviour, their wives having previously accepted Christ. We have been praying for men and the Lord is adding to the church those of His own choosing.

There have been real blessings in the work, as well as some heartaches. Pray for this field, this church, and for us that we will always seek Christ's glory and the salvation of souls.—*Edward Clark, pastor.*

### Troy, Ohio

The Lord has blessed us here at Troy. We reached our goal of 100 in Sunday school on Easter Day.

We had a sunrise service this year with Rev. Arthur Carey as the speaker. This was followed by a breakfast at the church for all who attended the sunrise service.

Already we have exceeded our foreign-mission goal, which will give us the largest offering in the history of the church for this cause.

On April 1 we held our spring communion service with 23 people in attendance.—*Blanche Garber, reporter.*

### Berne, Indiana

The Bethel Brethren Church held special meetings February 22-March 15 with Evangelist Patrick Henry, Memphis, Tenn., as the preacher. The campaign was planned for a duration of 2 weeks, but the Spirit compelled us to continue another week.

The campaign began with a fine

### Additions to Membership

Chambersburg, Pa. (Pond Bank)	8
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Conemaugh, Pa. ....	9
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ....	8
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ....	4
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	14
Long Beach, Calif. (Paramount) .	9
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma) ....	8
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	7

### Public Confessions

Bellflower, Calif. ....	1
Berne, Ind. ....	11
Chambersburg, Pa. (Pond Bank)	2
Clay City, Ind. ....	3
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	5
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	2

### Dedication of Babies

Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	9
Wooster, Ohio ....	2

spirit of prayer and continued that way throughout the 3 weeks. We have been here 6 years and yet we never before saw so many unsaved people attend the services as came during this campaign.

There were 11 first-time confessions of faith, and numerous other decisions by people who already knew Christ as Saviour.

It was a pleasure to work with Brother Henry, both in and out of the pulpit. He worked willingly and faithfully, being a very congenial yokefellow.

Much remains to be done in this field and we ask the Brethren to remember us in prayer.—*Ord Gehman, pastor.*

### Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)

We praise God for one of the greatest Easter Sundays we have seen in Kittanning. The sunrise service was attended by the largest number of people to ever attend a sunrise service here, and a fine play was presented.

The Sunday school had 299 people present, with the young married people's class carrying the banner with 80 of these.

The worship service was attended by 175 people and was broadcast, which is usual for our Sunday-morning services.

The Easter program was witnessed by 279 people in the evening, at the

close of which Mrs. Bracker and the pastor were surprised with the gift of a beautiful quilt, which Mrs. Bracker had unwittingly helped to make.

Four people were received into membership and the offerings totaled almost \$900 during the day.—*Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.*

### Jenners, Pennsylvania

The Lord has been blessing the Jenners Brethren Church.

The pastor held special Easter services April 3-5 which were well-attended. Saturday evening was youth night, featuring the Maranatha Quartet of our Martinsburg, Pa., church, and was attended by 145 people. An extra offering was received Friday and Saturday nights for foreign missions, amounting to \$51.48.

An Easter sunrise service was held with 76 present; and our Sunday-school attendance reached 151.

During the 1st quarter of 1953 a total of \$526 was received for our building program. This was \$100 in excess of the amount given during the previous quarter. All of this was given by the local people.

The men of the church spent many hours during the quarter in completely redecorating the basement of our building. So much enthusiasm has been created among the men because of the work done that they are going to continue the work on the upper auditorium, as the Lord provides the funds.

Pray with us that God will bless our new emphasis on the building program, for we greatly need a place to worship the Lord here in Jenners.—*Victor S. Rogers, pastor.*

### Hagerstown, Maryland

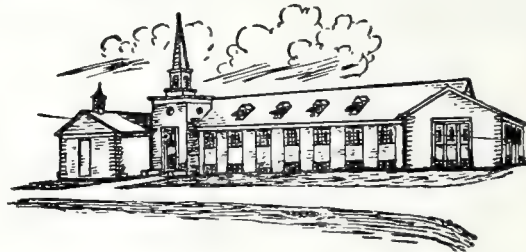
On March 29 there were 423 in Bible school, 242 in morning service, and 159 in evening service. On Easter the corresponding records were 510, 324, and 210, and 110 attended the sunrise service. The 2 corresponding midweek services were attended by 95 and 142.

On the afternoon of April 12 this church, with the Waynesboro, Pa., church and with the approval of the district mission board, sponsored a "Family Altar" radio rally in Chambersburg, Pa. The purpose was to see what interest exists in that city for a Brethren church.—*Selected from bulletin of Hagerstown church.*

# AN ANNOUNCEMENT

## Four Years of College Now Offered At Grace Theological Seminary

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean



Unanimous approval of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary launches 4 years of collegiate training in the field of liberal arts. The 3d year is to be added to the already existing 2 years of college training in the fall of 1953, and the 4th year will be added in the fall of 1954. This will enable high-school graduates to pursue a course of study through 4 years in the college division and receive a bachelor of arts degree at the conclusion.

This decision was reached after 5 years' experience with the 2-year collegiate course. During that time more than 100 students have received training, and many have expressed the desire to complete their college training at Grace. Students will not need to go elsewhere now before entering the seminary division. In the good providence of God, the Lord has opened the way for enlarging the liberal arts training to 4 years under a competent and spiritual leadership.

It will now be possible for students to receive the same training as in other liberal arts colleges. But added to the competent instruction under capable teachers will be the high spiritual leadership of faculty members who are not only prepared in the field in which they teach, but also in the field of Biblical scholarship. The policy of the school is to insist on theological training for its teachers as well as academic training.

It will be possible for students to major in Archeology,

Bible, English, Greek, History, Linguistics, and Philosophy. Minors may be taken in many fields such as Modern Languages, Music, Psychology, Science, and Sociology. Various combinations of these will provide ample background for those who desire to enter the seminary or who may desire to pursue further study in another field at some university.

Marked advantages will accrue to students here because of a student body sufficiently small to allow for congenial relations and intimate touch with the faculty. Opportunity is provided for students to engage in extra-curricular activities, practical Christian work, and cultural advantages. A daily chapel service designed to meet the spiritual needs of student body and faculty, and a determined effort to maintain a prayer-charged environment constitute only several features of the school atmosphere.

The cost of living is comparatively low, and for those who need employment, there are excellent opportunities in both Winona Lake and the bordering town of Warsaw.

Brethren pastors are urged to send the names of high-school students graduating this spring, who are interested in attending college. Students are encouraged to write for catalog and further information to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. Students desiring to transfer from other colleges are also urged to write for information.



*Students in the College Division of Grace Theological Seminary, 1952-53.*







# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard  
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

## *With Joy My Heart Is Ringing!*

Joy from personal salvation comes first! Then the fine reports which have been coming from our various Brethren pastors with respect to the foreign-mission offering add to that joy. It is too early to begin to estimate totals in the offering, or to evaluate the situation with respect to the sending out of additional missionaries. One thing does bring rejoicing to us, however, and that is the assuring cooperation given by pastors and people alike in the foreign-mission enterprise.

In most of our churches only one-third to one-half of the foreign-mission offering is received by the close of the Easter Sunday services. But to date the reports are of gain in offerings all along the line. When the other one-half to two-thirds of the offering is completed, we believe that the amounts received will be just the amounts the Lord knows are necessary for His work for this year. Usually churches will continue to urge toward the goal of gifts through the last Sunday in May, and then send the offering and the complete list of all donors to our foreign mission office during the first week in June.

## *Tailoring to the Cloth*

We desire to remind our Brethren people again that money reserves for our foreign mission work will be practically gone by the end of this fiscal year. These reserves came during the years when our people gave generously and few missionaries were sent to the field. Your foreign board believed that those funds were given to get the Gospel out, and that missionaries should be sent out with the message. This we have sought to do judiciously and prayerfully. But now we will be able to send additional missionaries only as there are additional funds to care for them. We must tailor our foreign mission garments to the cloth supplied to us.

## COVER PAGE

Our cover this month pictures the  
*Plaza Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina*

—Courtesy of H. Armstrong Roberts—

## *20 New Missionaries This Year*

As these editorial notes are being written, 16 missionaries have already embarked on missionary careers during this fiscal year. Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise plan to fly to Honolulu on May 8, and Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers and family will probably sail for Argentina early in June. Thus a total of 20 will have begun missionary service during this present fiscal year. We rejoice at the blessing, but we tremble at the responsibility. The responsibilities are the responsibilities of all of us and of each one of us. The missionaries can serve only in their places as we care for our responsibilities here. Pray God that we and they will prove faithful.

## *How Many Minutes Will You Take?*

A month ago we mentioned that for a sum so small as \$25 one might support our whole foreign mission program with all 87 missionaries for 1 minute, and that for such a gift probably 1 person would come to know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. That is on the basis of our records for last year. How many minutes will you take?

But, someone might say, that's terribly expensive! Would you have the courage to investigate your total expenditures in your local congregation last year. (foreign missions excluded), and then determine the total number in your congregation who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and gave any evidence of the new birth? I invite you to do it; then, by simple arithmetic, determine just what it cost in your local congregation to win one soul to Jesus Christ. I have no doubt that you will, by so doing, be convinced that foreign missions offers an avenue for the wise expenditure of the Lord's money.

## *Problems in Solution*

We so greatly appreciate the many people who have been praying for the solution of our many problems in relation to our work in Baja California. Our missionaries have been exploring every possibility. Dr. Charles W. Mayes, Rev. Glenn O'Neal, and your general secretary have visited the field and counseled with the workers. It is too early to report in any detail, but suffice it to say at the present time the Lord has been working for us, and most of our problems seem to be well on the way to a solution. Just thank God with us, and keep on praying. We are more convinced than ever that the Lord has entrusted to the Brethren Church a very large

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share in the evangelization of the 275,000 people living in Baja California.

### **Brethren, Pray for Us!**

A trite saying, yes, but we repeat it: Brethren, pray for us! In recent messages your general secretary has referred a number of times to the very challenging verses in Colossians 4:2-3—"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ." God has opened the door of utterance—in 6 fields, in many different areas—but the need is still that you will be "praying also for us."

I think I know the missionaries—they need your support in financial ways—but if you asked them for the one thing they would desire that you do for them (if you could do only one thing), they would say, "BRETHREN,

PRAY FOR US." Let this be the plea of those who go and of those who send them.

### **EASTER OFFERING REPORTS**

Financial report blanks for use in reporting the Easter offering have been sent to all pastors and churches. Be sure to contact our foreign mission office if you did not receive your supply.

Your Easter offering and report should reach our office by June 1, 1953, or as soon as possible thereafter. Such *must* arrive by June 15, 1953, in order to be counted as part of the foreign mission offering for this fiscal year.

Send all reports to the foreign mission office, addressing them as follows: Miss Ruth E. Reddick, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. Please make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to *The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church*.

## **DO YOU FEEL THE DARKNESS?**

By Mrs. Roy Snyder, Bouca, Africa

In the bush village of Marze, the village at the end of the road, the rest house is up on a hill overlooking the village. One night before crawling under our mosquito nets to sleep we stood looking out over the village. Here and there a fire was burning, but all else was darkness. Here and there a few natives were talking, a child was crying, someone was pounding grain—then there was stillness! Night in an African village! Yes, one can feel the darkness.

As we stood looking and listening, I thought: What a picture of Africa! Physically speaking it's a dark continent, but more than that, the people are in spiritual darkness. As I saw a fire burning here and there, I was reminded of the few natives here and there in the various villages who have received Christ and been born anew. They are lights in the midst of darkness. We do praise the Lord for them, but how few they seem and how weak their light in the midst of such darkness! How we need to reach more with the gospel of light—that light which is able to lead them out of darkness.

Pray for us, especially during this dry season, as we visit the villages, live among the people, and give the Word to them. Pray for our native leaders and preachers, that they will be faithful in giving out the Word day by day, for we know "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Pray for the believers, that they may have a testimony before their

brethren, that their lights may shine brightly, that they may have a zeal to win others, that they may stand faithful in the face of temptation, and that they may grow in grace. Particularly do they need our prayers for steadfastness in temptation. Material possessions and worldly pleasures, here as well as in the homeland, are calling loudly for followers.

Here in the Bouca district temptation is coming from another source these days and trying our Christians severely. Those in authority are using many ways and methods to disrupt the Lord's work. They are ridiculing the Christians, laughing at their faith, denying Christ, and trying to plant all sorts of doubts in their minds. Many are standing true, however, and we praise the Lord for them, but some are weak and when temptation comes from such high places they fall.

The battle against evil and the evil one is great these days. How glad we are that we're on the Lord's side—the winning side. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Christ is our commander-in-chief. We're in the battle for Him—yea, on the firing line. One of these days soon—oh, happy day—the battle will be over, the victory won, and He'll claim His own!

Fellow Christians, are you having a part in the battle out here? Can you, too, feel the darkness? You can help to dispel it with your prayers, your encouragement, and your offerings.

Bro. Roy Snyder  
and a  
group of native  
Christian leaders.



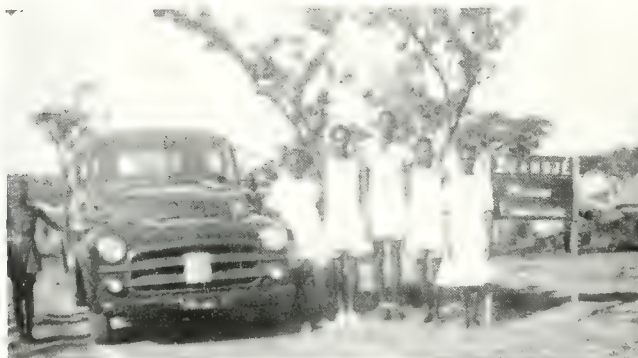
# CLEANSING THE LEPERS

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Beandje, Africa

Perhaps many of you are wondering just how we are treating the lepers and how many we are reaching now. We are using the new sulfone drugs almost exclusively. These are in pill form, so they are painlessly and quickly given. There have been some remarkable changes in many of the patients after just a few months' treatment.

One woman formerly had lost her voice; she could speak in only a high-pitched squeak. Now her voice is gradually coming back to her and the first words I heard her speak were, "Oh thank you, Lord." One young man had nodules that made him hideous to look upon. His face was covered with these big lumps. The nodules have nearly disappeared and his face is becoming smoother. Others had large raised bronze spots over their foreheads extending over the eyes and to the upper lip in a diamond shape. Most of these are nearly gone, too. Though we are very encouraged, and the patients are even more encouraged, we realize that the medicine is still very new and the future is uncertain. We have noticed that the greatest and most spectacular changes come in the first 6 months. After that the progress seems to be slower.

We treat the 71 patients in our Beandje family every day, but this is impossible for the local lepers as they



*Native nurses and the little red pickup at Beandje, the leper village.*

come for miles. So every Wednesday we have the outpatient day. There are 175 patients who come on this day, but still there are many more in this area who live too far to walk here even once a week. So this year we have been driving out to meet them. On Monday morning we go 30 miles in the direction of Laka land. We have 60 who meet us there. Some of them walk 30 miles or farther to receive this help.

On Monday afternoon we go down near Paoua. Here we treat 70 lepers. If you could come with us just once to see the faces of some of these poor people, it would be an experience you, too, would not soon forget. At Beandje we have the catechists and Christians who are mostly young and in the first stages of leprosy. But these poor people are not only torn by the ravages of sickness, but also by sin. We open the Word to them each time and try to point them to Jesus the Saviour, for we know that if only their bodies are helped we have not done all that we have come to do.

Leprosy is certainly no respecter of persons. Among those who come to us, perhaps one-fifth are children. We have 2 canton chiefs who have just developed the disease, and many of the patients are children or close relatives of these or other chiefs. We have several educated patients and one chauffeur. We have rich men and poor men, good men and bad, young and old.

When we first started our work among these ordinary villagers, they were the butt of ridicule for well people as well as to other lepers. The taunt was that nothing could be done for this disease. Hadn't their fathers, for generations, tried to cut off the spots, burn off the spots, and heal the spots with hoodoo, all in vain? But now not a Monday passes without new patients coming to be enrolled with the others. They have seen the results of just 6 months of treatment, so have stopped their mocking and are coming for help, too. Continue to pray that this work among these poor unfortunates might bring forth much fruit to His glory.

## MISSIONARY MATHEMATICS

There are 2,400,000,000 people in the world.  
Over half of them have never heard the name  
of Jesus.

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There are 300 million Roman Catholics; 130 million Orthodox Catholics; 200 million Protestants.

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There are 310 million Confucianists and Taoists; 300 million Moslems; 300 million Hindus; 140 million Buddhists; 130 million Animists; 30 million Shintoists; and 12 million Jews.

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Every Moslem is a missionary. Roman Catholics have 85,000 missionaries, while Protestants have 27,000—but only 22,000 are active.

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Nearly half of all Protestant missionaries are in Africa.

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Every day 230,000 babies are born; there are 170,000 deaths every 24 hours. Thus the world's population increases 60,000 souls a day. Of those who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever.

—India's Challenge.



# More About the New Work in Buenos Aires, Argentina

By Solon W. Hoyt

(This concludes the article which began in the April 4 issue of the Herald.)

In our short time here we had been able to enter into conversation frequently with a man and his wife who operate a vegetable market. Several times I mentioned the fact that we were expecting to have tent meetings as soon as possible. They immediately manifested curiosity. With this slight encouragement, I mentioned that we expected to have a D. V. B. S. also, and their 2 children seemed to be delighted. Later they asked me more about the D. V. B. S., seemingly becoming anxious that we have it soon. Considering this evident interest, we invited their children, together with a couple of others, to our house for a little class on Sundays. We didn't invite many, for we just wanted to feel our way a bit longer. After the second class, one boy asked Mrs. Hoyt what she would teach after she finished the lessons on the wordless book. He breathed a sigh of relief as she showed him a drawer filled with lessons, and he said: "I'm so glad because I like these very much." (That boy stepped out like a man in the tent meeting and accepted the Lord.)

The children were questioned and cross-questioned when they got home to find out what they had been taught. The parents thus became interested even to the point of learning the choruses we had taught them.

*"I Want to See Buenos Aires Before I Die"*

We have imagined this to be the desire of the Bible coach ('29 Model A) as it crept along the highway carrying the tent and equipment as well as 4 passengers for the first tent meeting in this area. In spite of its good intentions, its age greatly limits its possibilities. We hadn't gone but about 90 miles when we had motor trouble. This delayed us some 10 hours and thus the whole trip took some 32 hours. Even the poorest sense of humor would have appreciated the sight of this antiquated vehicle, with its 4 passengers almost one upon the other, as it creaked into the capital city of Argentina.

*Someone Must Be Praying*

Twenty days before the date for the tent meetings I



*A group of Sunday school children at the Hoyt home.*

"WHEN WILL  
YOU HAVE  
THE  
D. V. B. S.  
MEETING?  
I WANT TO  
COME!"



had presented the necessary petitions for a lot, use of the public-address system, police authorization, and so on. As the days passed by without any answer whatsoever, I wondered many times whether I should make that long trip from Rio Cuarto to Buenos Aires with the Bible coach and equipment without previous authorizations. Nevertheless, feeling fully confident that the Lord would answer, even if it were "in the nick of time," we made the trip. The day came for the tent meetings and still no authorization from the police, nor electricity. But in the afternoon, all within an hour we received the permission from the chief of police and a neighbor consented to our securing electricity from him. Yes, someone was praying. In fact, I know you folks at home have been praying for this new undertaking, and the believers throughout the mission here seem to have a special burden for the new work in Buenos Aires.

The entire campaign seemed to be owned of the Lord. There was a consciousness on the part of all who had a part that the Holy Spirit was working. There were no great crowds, but those in attendance were consistent. There were no great preachers nor attractive programs, but the Gospel was given forth simply night after night. There were no sudden nor unusual manifestations on the part of the listeners, but there seemed to be a growing interest and conviction. No invitation was given until the next to the last night—we wanted to give the people as much time as possible to understand the Gospel. When the invitation was given, a goodly number responded. We say frankly that we do not believe that some of these knew what they were doing. However, we do believe that some passed from death unto life. In the last analysis, however, we choose to allow time to give the final verdict.

*"Pastor, Can You Direct Us to a Good Church?"*

Several nights before the meetings closed, I was asked

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# Foreign Missionary Editor's Mail Box



Macapa, Brazil—

A letter, dated April 4, just arrived from the John Teeter family as this material was being prepared for the Herald. We know you will enjoy hearing from our newest missionary family on the field, so quote as follows: "To say that we're thrilled with the prospects of the field would be to put it mildly! Our hearts ache, though, as we see the need before us and know so few words of the people's language. We are to start Portuguese lessons this Monday morning with one of the professors from the school here, and are anxious to get under way.

"We had a very delightful trip down. We had one rather bad experience (that is, Jack did), in that the first morning out he got quite seasick and, being up on the deck, he leaned over the rail and commenced to feed the fishes! That part wasn't so bad, except that he fed his partial plate of dentures to the fish, as well as his breakfast! So the rest of the trip he spent minus his 3 front teeth, but plus a very noticeable lisp! The Lord gave several good contacts aboard ship despite this handicap, however, for which we were very thankful. I was the only woman on board and hence stayed pretty close to the cabin with the baby.

"We arrived Saturday afternoon, March 14, in Belem, and Keith Altig, Jack Zielasko, and Eddie Miller were all there to give us a royal reception. We spent a week there in Icoraci before flying on over here to Macapa. I guess we got through customs easier than any of our predecessors.

"Jack flew up to Mazagao with Eddie (Bro. Edward Miller) Thursday and they had a good meeting there that night. All in all, we are very encouraged with the field and are looking forward to great things from the hand of the One who has sent us here to this needy field. Do pray for us as we start the language, for we feel so incapable."

Nzoro, Africa—

It does not take long after furlough for one to get back into the swing of things again on the field, as indicated in a recent letter from Miss Estella Myers. "Well, I am glad to be back home again and am feeling very well for me. The trip inland was hard. We have been busy fixing up roofs for the rainy season and fixing up the old dispensary. The medical work has been heavy—several burn cases and accidents from bicycles, in addition to the usual ailments. All the natives of prominence have bicycles and they bring broken 'bikes' also, but I tell them I have no medicine for those.

"The catechist here comes every afternoon to help me with translations. The people so much want the Word in their own language. They will be glad for the Book of John when it comes from London (where it is being printed). Continue to pray for us—there is much to be done."

Don Bosco (Buenos Aires), Argentina—

A report has just come from Bro. Solon Hoyt concerning their recent D. V. B. S., and we want to share a bit with you. "We just finished a daily vacation Bible school here. I believe the average attendance was 24, which we consider good for a new work. Wednesday evening we are having the program when we hope to get the parents out. How wonderful it would be if we could just see the parents of half the children interested enough to return again after this program.

"We are continually encouraged, although we're not seeing mushroom growth in our work. There seems to be quite a steady, consistent attendance. Last Sunday night there were 26 of us, including 2 institute girls who were here to help us in the D. V. B. S., and 2 visiting believers from another suburb of Buenos Aires."

France—

In a recent letter, Bro. Fred Fogle tells of the work and plans in the Lyon area in France. "The Lord has wonderfully led, has wonderfully answered prayers, both our own and those of the Brethren everywhere, and the situation is very encouraging. Since January I have bill-posted Caluire twice and Villeurbanne, which adjoins Lyon, yet has a separate administration, courthouse, and so on. It is a town of almost 100,000 with only 2 gospel witnesses of any kind. I do not need to say that thousands are untouched. In Caluire we have put a tract in each mailbox and this has had effects.

"Permission has been given in Caluire for us to hold 4 meetings from May 5 to 8 in one of the public buildings. In Villeurbanne we will be having 4 meetings, also, from May 20 to 23. In a sense, the location of these meetings couldn't be better, but the drawback is that one organization can have only a limited number of consecutive days. Believe me, the Lord undertook to make these possible—several weeks ago it looked as though there would be no meetings at all this spring. Pray much for us."

Yalohe, Africa—

It is garden time in Africa (as well as in Winona Lake)! A bit of news comes from Mrs. Floyd Taber in a letter dated April 2. "I just got my seeds in time for the big planting rain. I began to think they were lost or stolen, but they arrived on Monday, and I have most of them planted now. I just love garden time.

"Nearly 2 weeks have passed since I let out Junior Bible School, so the fellows could get home to plant garden. It was a happy term, even though there were not as many students as usual. Most of those who failed to show up went on the annual hunt. It seems that most of them would prefer a longer term in the fall (I generally have 3 months) and no spring term. That would make it rather tiring for me unless I can get more help. Please make this a matter of prayer."



# CLARENCE L. SICKEL AMONG THE "GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES"

By Luis Siccardi, Almafuerte, Argentina



Dr. Sickel



Bro. Siccardi

(Editor's Note—In Argentina the date of death, rather than that of birth, is observed as the anniversary date. The following article appeared in a recent issue of "El Heraldico Evangelico Argentino," the paper published by our missionaries and national workers in Argentina. It was written by one of our national workers, Brother Siccardi. We are indebted to Miss Johanna Nielsen for this information and for the translation of this article from the Spanish.)

Brethren, do you remember? It was December 10, 1951, that we received the word of the promotion of Pastor Sickel to the company of the saints in light. Today, a few days from his glorious anniversary, we have to feel that he lives among those already blessed, but he has not ceased to live among us. We can say with certainty that, though absent from the body, in spirit he still lives among us. His bodily presence, with its blending of vivid color, has impressed itself in such a way on our lives and memories that time has not been able to blur in the least this exemplary life. Like the fragrance of a delicate flower, its perfume has impregnated our hearts and its aroma is all about us. All those who remember him do not count him among those who have ceased to be, but among the best of those who are.

As a gentleman, considerate and helpful, he was always alert. All of us remember the cordial reception before and after general conference, whether or not he was the pastor at Rio Cuarto. No detail escaped him; all received the help needed. We all remember how he used to spend the last night, sitting up, watching the time so that no brother should miss train or bus for the return home.

Of a friendly disposition and conversation always amenable, he was constantly surrounded by friends and brethren wherever he might be. His laugh was extremely contagious. His reverent manner in the pulpit,

accompanied by a clean-cut personality backed by the firmness of his evangelical convictions, gave his messages the authority and dynamic that stirred the hearts of the most uninterested or sluggish.

As a teacher in the Bible institute, according to the testimony of the students themselves, he knew how to present the lessons in such a way that no one in the class was inattentive, drowsy, or "doodling." His lessons made the scenes, persons, and things live so vividly that no one missed details or forgot easily.

Returning to his missionary labors, I would say that during the 30 years from his arrival in our country in 1919, with his faithful and efficient coworker, Loree Sickel, the work of our beloved brother was as varied as it was fruitful. From chauffeur of the Bible coach to evangelist, excellent singer, gentle and wise pastor, teacher, and even mechanic or craftsman, he filled his earthly career. Huinca Renanco, Realico, Buchardo, Rosario, Rio Cuarto, Almafuerte, Tancacha, and Berrotaran enjoyed the privileges of having him as pastor.

Brethren, in this first anniversary of his departure, let us raise our hearts to the Lord in gratitude for the value, both moral and spiritual, that he, our brother, was to all of us, and let us pray the Lord to make us fit for His service, as he was. Let us beseech the Lord that He will send workers like this, so that the Brethren Church may be notably Christian and fruitfully missionary.

## MORE ABOUT THE NEW WORK IN BUENOS AIRES

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this question by 2 different families. Needless to say, I was deeply moved to see how the Lord was working. I hadn't mentioned further meetings nor the possibility of starting a church as yet, but the Lord was already creating that desire within them. I announced the first meeting in our home for Christmas Eve. We truthfully didn't know whether to expect 1 or 10, especially since it was Christmas Eve. However, to our great joy, there were 15 besides us. The second meeting was held December 28 and there were 22 besides us. Will they be faithful? Are they really born again? We'll leave the answer to those questions for another chapter in the book.

### Two Young People Go to Camp

Removing ourselves 350 miles from the center of our mission seemed to us to close the door once and for all as to seeing any young people from here participate in the camp. Nevertheless, we prayed that the Lord would raise up some to go this year, for we know what a blessing it would be to the work to have young people coming

back all enthusiastic about the Lord and the Christian young people they have met. Before we ever had one meeting here in our home the Lord had raised up 4 to go—2 boys and 2 girls. Only 2 were finally able to go, for sickness kept the 2 girls at home. Both of these boys are ready to enter the university. One has already made a profession of faith in Christ and shows great interest in spiritual things. The other claims to be an atheist, although he seems to be weakening in his position each time I see him.

We are praying that our work here may grow, and that our people may quickly fit into the plan and program of the entire mission. Now that we have launched out into this new area we trust that we will soon have a healthy, self-supporting church and become closely united to the other churches, although separated by 350 miles.

Understanding his language is the key that will unlock the door of fellowship with any man. This key is a necessary tool in the hands of each missionary on foreign soil. It must be gained by hours of mental concentration and mechanics of the tongue. The Lord is able to supply both the wisdom and the energy. Pray!—Alys Haag.



# Progress

*Native Christians  
studying the Word.*

## TALKING TAPE

By J. P. Kliever, Bekoro, Africa

It is amazing how many kinds of tape one finds in this present world besides the increasing variety of "red" tape. The importance of the Word of God being READ PUBLICLY was newly brought to me as we translated the Book of Nehemiah. The public reading of the Word brought almost uncontrollable conviction of sin. The Spirit of God is not manned with "strange armour and weapons" when He has the pure Word of God to take into the hearts of the hearers.

On a tape recording we read the narrative parts of the account of the trial and death of our Lord. I changed my voice, trying to have a different tone or a change of speed of words and so on for the different characters that speak. I read primarily the Gospel of John account. The reaction at each place where I played back the tape was very decidedly to the effect that it was so very much more real now. Some have said that weeks afterward, as they themselves read the account, it comes to them so much more clearly than before. Beginning readers, when they read a verse for themselves that was read by the "machine" as they call it, will exclaim in surprise, "Why this is what the machine told us!"

There were a few interesting incidents as I did the recording. As I tried to put the feeling into a few of the phrases, folks walking by on the outside, and hearing a voice, were quite startled. Miss Cripe claims she was very much startled when she heard a loud voice calling out of my office, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (in Sango, of course). One of the men walked by and heard loud talking, and all of a sudden a shout—"Crucifie Lo" (Crucify him). Needless to say, his foot stopped in mid-air!

As we were playing the tape in the chapel, folks coming in late could hear my voice but they could not see the machine. The window level allowed them to see me. I was talking, but my lips were not moving! The puzzled expressions were something to see. Then, as they came into the chapel, they saw the machine winding away the tape.

This was an experiment. We are hoping that we can enlarge this ministry, using native readers also—readers with voices having good expression and tone quality, reading well many "key" portions of the Word and, by changes of the voice, putting in a little memory

"tack" that will pin the Word onto the "memory wall" of their hearts.

As the natives listened, they were quite amused at Peter's denials, and they were very disgusted with Pilate—the idea of washing his hands of this judgment, and then turning around and having Christ scourged! The result, as a whole, was a sober thinking-over of what they had just heard.

Pray for this ministry that, even as the stones, the "talking tape" will cry out.

"The entrance of thy words giveth light."



*An idol altar.*



# *in Africa*

*Mrs. Kliever and group of  
native Christian women.*



## **WE ARE GROWING**

By Mrs. J. P. Kliever, Bekoro, Africa

We here in Africa are growing, our other mission fields are expanding, new fields are being opened where we have never had a work before, some of your missionary candidates who are ready to serve have been sent forth. We can never thank you enough for those who were sent to us here in Africa, but they still are not enough to properly take care of our expanding programs and fields.

Many times we have been asked: "How can you need so many more people out there? Time and again we have heard your call—'Send us 1, 2, or 3 more couples, some nurses, a doctor, a builder, a teacher—that will care for the need.' As soon as they are sent you cry for more."

All of this is true. By sending these workers the need was met, but more than that—you made it possible to intensify the preaching and teaching ministry in each one of our districts and also to open up new work in new places and in new tribes that had not yet had the Gospel. Would our church be happy if we had remained with just Bassai, Yaloke, Bellevue, Bekoro, Bouca, and Bozoum as it was when we came to the field in 1938? I think not. It would be hard for us to think of our African field now without Bossembele, Batangafo, M'Baiki, Nzoro, and the Bible institute. Each one of these places is teaching people, preaching to people, and reaching people who might never have heard the gospel story if you had not made this expansion possible by sending the asked-for missionaries and the means for all of us to carry on the work to which you sent us.

You would need only a very short time with us in our work to see another reason why we are continuing to ask for more missionaries and the means to keep them moving. Our adversary, the Devil himself, is on the job as never before, spreading his lies and propaganda among our people in the villages. His emissaries are all about, spying out the land, getting acquainted with the people, and making great and glowing promises to them. Our people here in this section have seen just enough of western wealth and wisdom to know what it can get and do; hence, they are willing to do anything to obtain it. Little do they realize that by listening to this propaganda they will lose even what little they now have.

Satan would like nothing better than to keep us station-bound, and we would like nothing better than to have a good training center at the station to do the final training of the workers who get their beginning training in the villages. Up until now that has been impossible because someone must be out in the villages where our people are, and where Satan also is carrying on his work. So do not be surprised that we are still asking for another couple to be sent here in order that we may have a good station program going, and at the same time be able to keep up the work of establishing the churches that already are, and building new ones where there are groups of believers ready to take the responsibility. More than that, we still have sections right here in our territory that have not yet been occupied for the Lord.

A large section of the Rei-Bouba territory has been allotted to us for evangelization; 20,000 Kabba and Laka are our portion, but up until now we have not been able to get to them even once. Why not? Because we took a furlough, and when we came back we did not come back to Bekoro but helped out at Bozoum while Dr. and Mrs. Jobson were gone. I'm sure we were just where the Lord wanted us all this time, but that does not do away with the fact that it left our Bekoro district without pastoral oversight for 2 years and 4 months. During this time Satan's emissaries have been to all the villages with their propaganda. Will the people listen to our message when we do get to them now?

Yes, we are growing, but you can see that we need to grow some more. How happy we are that our church realizes that the home work and the foreign work are inseparable; as one prospers the other will prosper, as one grows the other will also grow. We have been able to grow only because you have grown—grown in numbers, in interest, in praying, in giving, and in sending forth those whom the Lord has called to go.

The psalmist's prayer was, "Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us." This, too, is our prayer. Alone we cannot do this work but, in partnership with you, the Lord will answer that prayer and make possible the evangelization of those yet not reached.

# SOME AIDS FOR YOUR PRAYING IN MAY

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Continue to pray that the Lord will guide and bless with an abundant foreign mission offering sufficient to meet the needs and send forth new workers. We are praising Him for the encouraging news which has been coming to us thus far.

2. Pray for Mrs. Hill Maconaghy, now recuperating from surgery, that the Lord will undertake in her behalf and enable the Maconaghys to return to their field of service in Argentina as soon as possible.

3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise as they begin their ministry in Honolulu—they are due to fly from the States on May 8. Pray that they may find suitable employment and adjustment in their new life.

4. Continue to pray for the Lord's leading and direction for the work in Baja California, that soon there may be a way open into the country for our workers.

5. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers and family as they make plans to sail for Argentina around the middle of June.

6. Pray for the Fogles in France as they diligently serve the Lord in that new field. Pray especially for the special meetings to be held the early part of May in the city of Caluire, and the latter part of May in the city of Villeurbanne.

7. Pray for the physical well-being of all our missionary family; especially for Bro. Jack Churchill in Argentina, who has been ordered by the doctor to take a month's complete rest.

8. Pray for the Teeter and Zielasko families as they study the Portuguese language and take on responsibility in Brazil.

9. Pray for Bro. Keith Altig as he plans to leave Brazil about the middle of May for furlough in the States.

10. Pray for the missionaries, native workers, and any who have a part in the work in the great field of Africa. These are changing days and there are many challenges and hindrances to the work.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that Pastor Ralph Hall, of the Johnstown, Pa., Riverside church will soon be able to give up his secular work and devote full time to preaching the Gospel.

2. Pray for the daily vacation

Bible school work being planned for the Taos, N. Mex., area, where 10 schools will be conducted this summer. Pray for sufficient help for Brother Horney in this task.

3. Pray for wisdom in Seattle, Wash., where every indication points to the need for 2 churches to be started now. Pray that one location may be available soon, with the funds necessary to purchase same.

4. Praise God that Pastor Gerald Polman, of York, Pa., is now able to give full time to the church. Pray that a suitable location for a church in York may soon be found.

5. Pray that Pastor Russell Ogden, of South Bend, Ind., will be able to find a home near the church so he can move onto the field after graduation from seminary.



6. Pray for the many financial needs in the new building programs this spring at Findlay, Ohio; Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights); and Temple City, Calif.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has blessed and prospered the seminary. Be much in prayer for the 4-year college program approved by the board of trustees; for special wisdom in carrying it out; and for the faculty as they plan a broader curriculum.

2. Pray for students, especially for our Brethren young people, to take advantage of this opportunity for a full-college education under Brethren training and leadership.

3. Praise God for the way the monthly offering plan is being supported by so many churches. Pray for the finances of the school as we plan to launch a wider program.

4. Pray for the baccalaureate and graduation services; and for guidance for the graduates, that each may find the Lord's chosen field of service.

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray that the Lord will richly bless all who write either for the Herald or for the Sunday school literature of the denomination.

2. Pray that the Lord will open more homes into which the Herald will go each week with its message of truth and information.

3. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and strength to the employees of this company to accomplish the work that must be done each day.

4. Pray that the remodeling program will soon be finished.

5. Pray that every contact made in the store will be profitable for the work of Christ on earth.

## WMC (MIDWEST DISTRICT)—

1. Pray that our women will live more separated unto the Lord.

2. Pray that they will have more interest in the Sisterhood girls.

3. Pray that they will be more willing to give their time for family altars.

4. Pray for the devotional and conference program committees as they make the final plans for national conference.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the Sharpsville, Ind., Sisterhood and their patroness as they reorganize their group.

2. Pray that the mother-daughter banquets might be used to bring the women and girls closer to one another and to the Lord.

3. Pray that by being consecrated "Ambassadors for Christ" the SMM girls and patronesses may win many to Christ this year.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the summer camps, now being planned, will be times of real spiritual blessing and harvest of decisions.

2. Pray that young people who will be finishing school in the next few weeks may be guided as to the next step in their lives.

3. Pray for the youth director as he finishes his Atlantic District itinerary, and returns to Indiana in late May.

4. Pray that the financial needs of the Youth Council will be met, and that we may be able to get needed equipment for the office.





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Rev. Gilbert D. Engelman resigned as pastor of the San Diego, Calif., church to return to his former position as assistant pastor of a Presbyterian church in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Auguste Martin, of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, celebrated her 89th birthday April 16.

Bro. Donald Austen, of the South Pasadena, Calif., church, gave an A. B. Dick mimeograph machine to the Seattle, Wash., church. The Sunnyside, Wash., church gave the first money to the Seattle church to buy property in that city.

There were 190 people in Bible school and 209 in morning service Easter at the Modesto, Calif., La Loma church, where Harold D. Painter is pastor.

The 2 Easter morning services at the Long Beach, Calif., First church were attended by 1,351 people, according to Pastor Charles W. Mayes.

The California Association of Christian Schools sponsored a music festival at Pasadena College April 17, in which 65 students from the Long Beach Brethren High School participated.

Pastor Gerald Polman reports 2 new records at the York, Pa., church with 70 people in the Sunday school and 62 in the morning service on Easter. Here is another record: the membership of this church is 33, yet 35 participated in the first communion service.

There were 180 people in Sunday school at the Tracy, Calif., church Easter. Pastor William H. Clough led in the dedication of new church hymnals April 12.

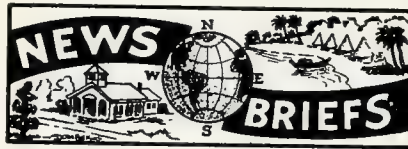
Rev. Wayne Flory left Whittier, Calif., for Fort Lewis, Wash., April 20, to begin his work as a chaplain (first lieutenant) in the army. The

Whittier Community church held a farewell and gave him a gift at a covered-dish dinner April 17.

The months of May and June have been designated by the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church as the time to emphasize the importance of the family and the home. During these months we observe Mother's, Father's, and Children's Day.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, in connection with a pre-Easter conference at the Waterloo, Iowa, church, spoke at the Waterloo city-wide sunrise service in the KXEL auditorium April 5. On April 17 he spoke at a father-son banquet in Wabash, Ind.

At the Canton, Ohio, church, pastored by John Dilling, 291 people attended Sunday school on Easter, 267 the morning service, 79 the evening service, and 60 the midweek prayer service.



Mrs. Kate Bush, member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church since 1916, died March 10. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Charles W. Mayes and Rev. Alan S. Pearce.

Bro. Sid Hatch, the 62-year-old father of Pastor Burton G. Hatch of the Seal Beach, Calif., church, died March 29. Dr. Charles W. Mayes preached the funeral sermon at Whittier. Two other children are also in Christian work: Sid, Jr., is a Baptist pastor in Arlington, Tex., and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Mills, is the wife of a Presbyterian pastor at Wapato, Wash.

The Long Beach, Calif., Paramount church, pastored by John Mayes, had 135 people in Bible school and 136 in morning service on Easter. Recently 9 members were added by baptism.

The Clayton, Ohio, church, pastored by Clair Brickel, broke 2 records on Easter with 141 people in Bible school and 150 in morning service. On April 12 the corresponding totals were 141 and 138. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt preached there April 12.

Pastor Kenneth Ashman and the young people of the Wooster, Ohio,

church held a service at the Pleasant Home Methodist Church April 2. The Wooster church recently organized 3 new musical groups: orchestra, junior choir, and men's chorus.

Dr. Alva J. McClain, Winona Lake, Ind., spoke at the annual banquet and mortgage-burning ceremony of the Detroit, Mich., Bible Institute April 17.

Pastor Walter A. Lepp, of Hagerstown, Md., attended a conference of the National Air Chaplains, in which organization he is a major, at Denver, Colo., April 14-16.

The Washington, D. C., church, pastored by James G. Dixon, reached a new high with 304 people at Easter morning service.

The Glendale, Calif., church, where Charles M. Underwood is pastor, had 210 people in Sunday school, 209 in morning service, and 129 in evening service on Easter.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph R. Hoffman, of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, vacationed for 2 weeks in April in Hawaii.

The spring communion service at the Portis, Kans., church was attended by 73 people, according to Pastor Raymond Kettell. The Portis churches united in a rally, addressed by Redd Harper and attended by about 500 people, several of whom were saved.

The Leesburg, Ind., church voted unanimously to begin plans for the construction of a basement-unit building, according to Pastor Nathan Meyer. The estimated cost to repair their present building is about the same as the estimated cost of the first unit of a new building; the upper unit to be added later when needed.

The Taos and Cordillera, N. Mex., churches participated in a community-wide Easter sunrise service with the 2 pastors, Sam Horney and Tony Luna, each having a part in the program. Rev. Leslie Hutchinson preached at the Taos church that day.

The average evening attendance at the Meyersdale, Pa., church during the first quarter of 1953 was 142, according to Pastor H. Leslie Moore; 218 attended a musical program March 29.

Pastor Charles M. Underwood, of Glendale, Calif., spoke to the Long Beach Elementary Parent-Teacher Fellowship April 15.

# THE GREATEST NEED IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

The earth quaked; the prison walls shook; the doors flew open; the prisoners' bands were loosed. "What must I do to be saved?" cried the jailer in his terror at midnight.

## *A Bit of Speculation*

Verily, what a team this will make! What an opportunity to reach the people! The jailer will take 45 minutes to give his testimony. He will tell of the hardness of his heart before conversion; how the prisoners in their dark, damp dungeons cried for mercy and received none; how they pleaded for water and he taunted them in their thirst.

Then Silas will sing a solo and Saul will give a 15-minute discussion on "Justification by Faith." How the crowds will come—100 hands raised for prayer the first night. But alas, the opportunity is missed; the jailer fades out and Paul and Silas go on alone.

But the headlines flash again! A blind man is healed. Verily, what a team this will make. He will take 30 minutes to give his testimony. He will tell of the long weary hours in darkness; how he bumped into trees; how his friends left him; and the horror of life without eyes; and then the thrill as the first rays of light flashed upon his consciousness. Then Peter and James will each sing a solo and John will give a 5-minute discussion on "The Love of God."

But what mean these words—"Tell no man" these things (Luke 8:56; 9:21)? How strange that our Lord was content to move about with a dozen men and give His most profound message to a single earnest soul, while Paul met in humble homes and wherever a group would gather.

## *Life Will Tell*

When I was a little lad I liked to play at my grandmother's home. What fun as we played with the cousins in the big red barn and in the big thick woods. But my grandmother had one thing I never played with—never did I play with her turkey gobbler. There he was, strutting around, with tail in a fan, dragging his wings, and uttering the peculiar turkey "Puff! Puff!"

Some 30 years passed. Many generations of turkeys came and went.

I was on a farm in Pennsylvania when several hundred turkeys arrived. They were hatched in an incubator, they were raised in a brooder; they never saw a grown turkey in all their life, and yet that fall there were scores of turkey toms strutting about, with their wings dragging, and uttering the peculiar turkey "Puff! Puff!"

And why did they do this? Simply because they had turkey life, and life will always tell. The goal of that farmer's labors was to get those small birds to become full-grown, and the goal of our salvation is that we be conformed to the image of God's Son (Rom. 8:29).

How did the farmer get the turkey life to develop? Did he use a screw driver? Or did he put on a noisy demonstration? Not at all. The poultry store had a bag of feed and on that bag a tag, listing the contents. Everything those little turkeys would need was in that bag, and all the farmer did was to put out the feed and let the turkey life develop.

And so everything the child of God will need is in the Bible. Let him feed upon it and he is thoroughly furnished (II Tim. 3:16-17). Just put out the Word of God and "let the word of Christ dwell in" him richly (Col. 3:16) and he will be changed "into the same image" (II Cor. 3:18), as his spiritual life develops.

The unborn babe is nourished by the food the mother eats. And so let us feed upon the Word of God "until Christ be formed" in us (Gal. 4:19).

## *This One Thing I Do*

In my early pastoral days I heard Rev. A. T. Wirick give a message on "This One Thing I Do." The supreme business of the pastor is to "feed the church of God" over which the Holy Ghost has made him an overseer (Acts 20:28). Yet as the calls come thick and fast upon his time there is danger that he may enter the pulpit weary and unprepared. These words have rung in my heart through the years as I have determined to fulfill them.

Today a pastor is often rated as to his ability to keep his church in

motion. A board meeting on Monday, a social on Tuesday, a committee on Wednesday, in spite of the fact the church building is not the center of our spiritual life. Verily, the Christian home is the sacred spot and parents should stay at home, have a family altar and quietly spend the evenings with their children. There will be no question as to television, radio, etc., in a home where the parents are concerned about the welfare of their children.

## *A Monthly Bible Conference*

Verily, the greatest need in the Brethren Church is a monthly Bible conference in every church. True, the crowds will not come and the visible results will be small, but behind the scenes and out of sight to mortal eyes the results may be greater than other things that draw the crowds and win applause.

I have spoken in as many as 20 states and provinces in a year and I have never found anything to out-rival the group of women I found in Portis, Kans. A large group came together (although a small town) from various churches, not just to have another meeting or to put on a program, but for a systematic study of the Bible.

Verily, the greatest need in the Brethren Church is a monthly Bible conference in every congregation. Hold to a certain day, say the first Monday or Monday and Tuesday of the month, and Bible-loving people from other churches will put that date on their schedule. It will be slow and small, but worth it.

Bro. Lyle Marvin is determined that the church at San Bernardino, Calif., be known not merely as a Bible-believing, but as a Bible-teaching center. I have seldom been to a place where so many strangers "drop in." Since I have been home, I have heard from Atlanta, Ga., from a person who was in the services in San Bernardino.

Of course I delight to gather with God's people, whoever they are and wherever they meet. But having belonged to the Brethren Church for 47 years, having been an ordained minister in the Brethren Church for

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# LIMESTONE IS HOST TO YOUTH OF SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

The Southeast District Brethren Youth chose "Youth Conquering for Christ" as the theme for the spring rally held at Limestone, Tenn., April 10-11. The weather was beautiful, and more than 80 registered for the event. About 60 were lodged overnight by people of the host church.

Evangelist Bill Smith was the Friday-night speaker and Youth Director Ralph Colburn brought the message Saturday morning. A girls' chorus from the Unaka Avenue Baptist Church in Johnson City brought several specials at the Friday-night service, and Ralph Colburn led the singspiration. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service, in the basement.

A recreation period, followed by a banquet, was enjoyed at the Bow-



*Forty-two young people from the Covington and Roanoke area churches tax the seating capacity of the Covington bus, for a happy trip to Limestone and back.*



mantown school, a short distance from the church, on Saturday, and Bill Smith was the toastmaster. Several new members were inducted into the "Order of the Fork."

Good attendance at the rally was made possible by the Covington, Va., church bus, driven by Brother Craghead. Limestone is about 260 miles from Covington, so the young people who came that way had a good many hours for singing, fellowship, and fun on the bus. Twenty-two came from Covington and they picked up 20 more in Roanoke from the Ghent, Clearbrook, and Hollins churches.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. Next district event is summer camp, then a fall rally at the Covington, Va., church.

## YOUTH DIRECTOR VISITS SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

More than a week was spent recently by your youth director, visiting Bob Jones University, Columbia Bible College, and Bryan University. We have approximately 40 Brethren students and staff members at Bob Jones, and it was good to visit with them at meals, at conferences, and at a Brethren party one night, and also to enjoy the tail end of their



*More than 80 young people enjoy rally banquet on Saturday. Toastmaster Bill Smith and Youth Advisor John Burns are at head table, upper left.*

annual Bible conference. Our Brethren students at BJU come from California, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

We have just one couple, from California, at Columbia Bible College—Paul and Mary Lou Fink—and I enjoyed a visit and dinner with them. But we have about 30 Brethren at Bryan University, and it was a real pleasure to speak in chapel, and to visit with our students there. We have 13 from Ohio, 6 from Virginia, 6 from Pennsylvania, 3 from Indiana, 1 from Iowa, and 1 from Tennessee, attending there.

A large percentage of these young people are looking forward to some type of full-time Christian service, and it is a real joy to see their zeal for the Lord, and to know of their plans for His work.

## SERVICE QUICKENS LIFE

A traveler was crossing mountain heights of untrodden snow, alone. He struggled bravely against the overpowering sense of sleep, which weighed down his eyelids; but it was fast stealing upon him and, if he had fallen asleep, death would have been inevitable. At this crisis his foot struck against a heap lying across his path. Stooping down, he found it to be a human body, half buried in the snow. The next moment the traveler had taken a brother in his arms and was chafing his chest and hands. This effort to restore another brought back to himself life and energy and was the means of saving both. Helping others in highest matters, our own spiritual vitality is quickened.—*Selected.*



# WHY GO TO COMMUNION?

By Robert E. A. Miller, Roanoke, Va.

Perish the idea that the holy communion service is merely a ceremony to perform, an ordinance to practice, or a tradition to keep. Too, let us avoid the thought that this service, precious as it is, should ever be depended on for salvation or justification in the sight of God.

Our blessed Lord Jesus in the upper room on that memorable night before Calvary, instituted what we Brethren have come to love and cherish—the threefold holy communion service. In telling the disciples what this service should mean to them He concluded with these oft-repeated words: “If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”

The word “happy” means “blessed” since it comes from the root for our word “grace.” It is also first cousin to “thanks” and “gift,” which come from the same root meaning. Our Lord taught that there are definite and delightful spiritual blessings in store for every Christian who partakes in the threefold holy communion service. May we give thanks for His spiritual gifts.

The first blessing we discover is that of *the cleansed heart*.

It is the heart-cry of every Christian even as with David the psalmist, “Create in me a clean heart, O God” (Psa. 51:10).

How is this to be accomplished? Again from Psalm 51 comes the answer: “Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (vs. 2).

The Apostle John, who leaned so heavily upon the Saviour’s bosom, has translated to us the Lord’s own way of obtaining this blessing. In his first epistle we are admonished: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1:9).

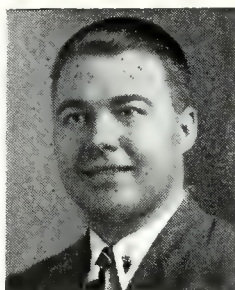
Confession of sin opens the way for the forgiving heart of the Lord to operate in behalf of one of his own children. Forgiveness of sin is the promise God makes to the penitent, honest-confession believer. It is a promise He will keep daily if we daily come to Him with contrite heart. It is a daily routine, not just twice a year or three times or quarterly when the service is conducted. The performance of the ordinance is to picture the daily provision.

In the washing of the saints’ feet

you are missing a tremendous blessing if you do not experience the blessing of the cleansed heart through genuine confession and forsaking of your sins that break fellowship with God and with your fellow Christian.

My robes were so stained with sin,  
I knew not how to make them clean,  
Until a voice said, sweet and low,  
“Go, wash, I’ll make them white as snow!”

That promise, “Whosoever will,”  
Included me—includes me still!  
I came, and ever since I know  
His blood, it cleanses white as snow!



Rev. Robert Miller

I do not doubt, nor do I say,  
“I hope the sin is washed away,”  
For in His Word I read it so:  
His blood, it cleanses white as snow!

Oh! who will come and wash today  
Till all their stains are washed away;  
Until by faith they see and know  
Their robes are washed as white as snow?

—Author unknown.

Another blessing you will receive from the Lord is that of a *cleared conscience*. This seems to have been in the mind of the psalmist, following his confession of sin, when he said, “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit” (51:12).

The believer’s conscience is made sensitive to sin by the operation and control of the Holy Spirit. The unbeliever’s conscience becomes seared as with a hot iron; it becomes calloused. No unsaved sinner dare have a cleared conscience until first of all he comes to the Saviour seeking mercy and pardon awaiting him upon repentance and personal commitment to the Lord Jesus.

The saved sinner, however, faces

the problem of daily defilement. No rest or peace is in store for the believer who has broken fellowship with his Lord through disobeying the Lord’s will. Sins of omission as well as those of commission must be reckoned with before the Lord. Any sin will darken the conscience of a Christian. Only by the way of heart-confession, then a cleansed heart, will there also come the joy and blessing of a cleared conscience.

The natural—or should I say the supernatural—result will now come in the blessing of *the consecrated testimony*. David concluded, “Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (51:13).

One of the valuable lessons in our communion observance is that we must be right with God and with our fellow Christians if we are to enjoy our Christian faith. Sin in the life locks the lips. Sweet water cannot flow from a bitter spring.

Christianity has not failed. It is the Christian who falls below the divine standard who fails the Lord and his fellow believers. Sinners all about us are stumbling, but not because of the atheists, the infidels, and the skeptics. Souls are turned away from salvation in Christ because of the marred and misleading directions given by counterfeit Christians. Above all, the Lord desires reality, not hypocrisy. God needs genuine Christians.

A world has gone stark mad in sin and shame. Mankind is now in the process of committing civilization to the depths of despair. If our communion service is worth anything at all, it certainly ought to bring us consecrated testimonies and produce in us a living witness to the saving and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christianity isn’t worth the snap of your finger if the Lord doesn’t transform your life from a shameful sinner into a shining saint! God grant you the experience of a cleansed heart, a cleared conscience, and a consecrated testimony for His glory. “If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them.”

The Northern Ohio District youth leaders are planning a district-wide banquet for May 16 for the high-school juniors and seniors in the Brethren churches of the district.



# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## Long Beach, California (First)

We held special meetings, March 1-15, with Evangelist R. Paul Miller, of Berne, Ind., at the First Brethren Church.

Brother Miller preached faithfully throughout the 2 weeks to changing crowds, with the result that there were a number of decisions registered, both first-time and for other purposes. We are finding that the deep conviction which mounted during the meetings is apparently the basis for decisions which are coming regularly since the campaign.

Brother Miller's work was of special value in his personal visitation in the homes and in awakening believers, stirring up their minds by way of remembrance.—*Charles W. Mayes, pastor.*

## Portland, Oregon

The Lord gave us a very fine meeting with Evangelist Robert Ashman. The influence of his ministry will not soon be forgotten by this church.

The average attendance for the evangelistic meetings was 76 and the average for the Happy Hour for the children was 75. The 151 mark set on Easter Sunday was the highest we have ever had for a morning worship service. There were 170 in Sunday school.

There were 4 decisions among the adults—1 for rededication and 3 for public confession of faith in Christ. In the children's meetings 45 made decisions for Christ, and out of these 11 later made public confession of faith in the regular church services.—*Vernon J. Harris, pastor.*

## Everett, Pennsylvania

Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our church recently received \$50 from the Berean Class of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown for the purpose of buying a communion set. This church and its pastor, W.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Phoenix, Ariz....	April 26-May 17.	J. C. McKillen....	R. Paul Miller.
Everett, Pa.....	April 28-May 10.	H. Lingenfelter...	Ding Teuling.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	April 28-May 10.	Robert Miller.....	Bern'rd Schneider.
Chico, Calif.....	May 4-10.....	Ward Tressler....	Vincent Bennett.
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(First) .....	May 17-24.....	John Aeby.....	Archie Lynn.
Sterling, Ohio....	May 18-24.....	Joseph Gingrich..	Paul Bauman.

## NEW GLENDALE PASTOR



Introducing to the Brethren denomination Pastor and Mrs. (Juanita) Charles M. Underwood. Brother Underwood recently became the pastor of the First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif. (Photo by James C. Martin.)

A. Ogden, have shown great interest in our work in Everett.

Brother Ogden was the speaker here when we organized in November of 1951, and he brought the message at our dedication last June. Recently he spoke here in behalf of foreign missions.

We are praying and planning for our spring revival, April 28-May 10, with Rev. Ding Teuling as the evangelist. Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, candidates for missionary work in Argentina, will be in charge of the music. Brethren, pray for us in Everett.—*Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.*

## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)

We had a very fine 2-day Bible conference, April 18-19, under the leadership of Dean Herman A. Hoyt of Grace Seminary. He spoke 4 times, at our request, concerning the

Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Each session was well-attended and the Sunday morning message was broadcast over station WACB.

We are now sending forth "WACB Waves of Light," a mimeographed paper that goes to 530 people on our radio mailing list. A radio committee of 3, with helpers, do much of the work connected with the mail from radio listeners. We broadcast 3 days a week.

The average attendance in our Sunday school for the first quarter of 1953 was 205. We also had a blessed communion service. Among those who attended were Miss Angie Garber and her sister, Mrs. Sam (Esther) Dible, with whom she is visiting while recuperating her strength.

The pastor is conducting special meetings April 26-May 3 for Pastor Harold Kattman, at the Church of the Open Door, Spartansburg, S. C. It was Pastor Kattman who led me to the Lord. Bro. Bob Dain will be in charge here while we are away.—*Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.*

## Additions to Membership

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Washington, D. C. ....	2

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Los Angeles, Calif. (Third) ....	5
Portis, Kans. ....	3

## Dedication of Babies

Akron, Ohio .....	1
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## Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**CRUDEN'S COMPLETE CONCORDANCE**, by *Alexander Cruden*. John C. Winston Company. 783 pp. 5½ by 8½ inches. Cloth. \$3.50.

This is a new, clear-type edition of a handy, economical index to all the key words of the Bible. This new edition of this standard work includes more than 200,000 references to the Old and New Testaments. It is the only edition that includes references to the English Revised Version and the American Standard Version, as well as to the King James Version.

Definitions and articles written by Cruden have been revised in accordance with modern scholarship, and the whole work has been set up in a new, clear type, making it more pleasant to use.

This is an excellent aid for the layman or Sunday school teacher who may not be trained in the use of the larger works dealing with the original language.—*Blaine Snyder*.

**PRINCIPLES OF PERSONALITY BUILDING FOR CHRISTIAN PARENTS**, by *C. B. Eavey*. Zondervan Publishing House. 321 pp. Cloth. \$3.75.

From the cradle to the grave there is a plan for every life. This plan is primarily achieved by God through Christian parents who are keenly aware of the grave responsibility toward their child. Giving proper evaluation to pre- and postnatal relationship with the child, the Christian parent seeks to guide toward capability for playing the role of life, and affording to the child constantly

increasing freedom to act for himself.

The duty of the Christian parent is to act as an agent through whom God may accomplish what He wills in the life of the child. To perform this work as an agent "no parent can poison the fountain of his own life and not have bitter streams issue therefrom into the life of the child." Yet it is often tragically true that a parent is the greatest enemy of a child.

The chief aim of the Christian parent should be to direct the child in the exercise of his power to will. Secondly, the Christian parent should see to it that proper considerations are given to the extent to which the child should be free to choose his own purposes.

This book should be read and carefully studied by every Christian young couple contemplating parenthood. Children are human beings, and as such they are not put into this world to become mistakes. Through proper training and guidance such mistakes, to a large measure, could be avoided.—*Arnold R. Kriegbaum*.

**GLEANINGS FROM THE WORD**, by *Keith L. Brooks*. Van Kampen Press. 150 pp. Cloth. \$2.

With 2 discussions to a page, the author here gives expositions of Scriptural truths as they relate to daily Christian living. This book could nicely be used as a premeal meditation in every Christian home.—*Arnold R. Kriegbaum*.

**PROPHETIC QUESTIONS ANSWERED**, by *Keith L. Brooks*. Van Kampen Press. 162 pp. Cloth. \$2.

Raising 76 questions in the field of eschatology, or the doctrine of last things, the author has prepared a handbook on prophetic truth in

Dr. Bernard L. Ramm, professor of philosophy at Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., is the winner of the Moody Press Bible Institute and Seminary Textbook Contest. This contest closed December 30, 1952, but the judges have only recently announced the winner.

For his manuscript on "Protestant Christian Evidences," Dr. Ramm was awarded \$1,000. It will be published this fall by Moody Press, in time to be used in the fall semester, according to Kenneth N. Taylor, director of Moody Press.

Rev. Fred H. Wight, South Pasadena, Calif., was awarded second place for a manuscript on "Manners and Customs of Bible Lands." This will also be printed early this fall.

## THE GREATEST NEED . . .

(Continued From Page 292)

32 years, and a pastor for 20 years, and having spoken in 106 meeting places, I have an interest in Brethren work that is not found in most others. It grieves me to see the Brethren Church laying great claim to the Bible and yet weak in the very ministry where they should be strongest, namely, a monthly Bible conference.

Verily, our Lord was not discouraged with the few earnest souls, and let not the servant be above his Lord.

## IFCA GOES TO TERRE HAUTE

The annual convention of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America is scheduled to be held May 2-7 at Terre Haute, Ind. The theme this year is "Christ Jesus, Our Sure Foundation and Blessed Hope." Among the speakers are Dr. William McCarrell, Rev. Lowell Wendt, Rev. William Ashbrook, Rev. Nye J. Langmade, and Dr. John Walvoord.

which the Christian or Sunday school teacher can quickly find the answers to pertinent questions in the field of prophecy. As an authority on the doctrine of final things, the author gives short, concise answers to many common questions.—*Arnold R. Kriegbaum*.



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HAPPY HOUR CHILDREN AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

(See Story of Spokane Meeting on Page 301)



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Rev. W. Wayne Baker and Rev. G. L. Lawlor preached April 19 and 26, respectively, at the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church while Pastor Clyde K. Landrum was holding meetings at the Harrisburg church.

The *Northern Ohio District* elected Pastor Miles Taber moderator, Pastor Wesley Haller vice moderator, Pastor Robert F. Holmes, secretary-treasurer, and plans to hold its 1954 conference at Fremont.

The *Rittman, Ohio*, church plans to erect a Sunday school addition this summer. There were 210 people in the morning service April 5, largest such attendance in pastorate of Charles Ashman.

A cablegram was received in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society April 23 from *Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall*, Corral de Bustos, Argentina, stating, "Boy. All well!"

The *Atlantic Fellowship* conference is planned for May 13-16 at the Winchester, Va., church, pastored by Paul E. Dick.

A final reminder of graduation week events at *Grace Seminary*: The senior class service is set for the morning and the baccalaureate service for the evening of May 10; the examinations begin May 11; the communion is scheduled for May 14; the final chapel service and the commencement are set for May 15, with Dr. Allan A. MacRae, president of Faith Seminary, as the commencement speaker.

The *Osceola, Ind.*, church, pastored by Ward A. Miller, purchased property adjoining the church lots for extension, and voted to join the National Association of Evangelicals.

*Mrs. Sam (Beth) Horney*, Taos, N. Mex., has been reported ill and in the hospital there.

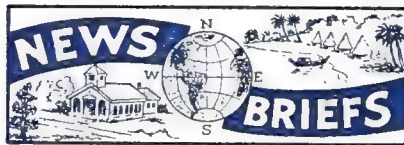
*Bro. Vernon Metzger*, 73 years of age, and for many years a member of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, died April 5.

*Pastor James D. Hammer*, Fort Wayne, Ind., attended the conference of the National Chaplains of the Civil Air Patrol at Colorado Springs the week of April 13.

Rev. Bruce Button and Rev. Albert L. Flory preached at the *Bellflower, Calif.*, church April 19 and 26 respectively.

The *Beaumont, Calif.*, church, pastored by Gene Farrell, had 176 and 159 people in Bible school April 5 and 12, respectively. Rev. Noble Crawford preached there April 19.

*Pastor Walter A. Lepp* resigned at the Hagerstown, Md., church, effective August 2, and Assistant Pastor Charles B. Bergerson resigned effective August 16. These 2 men, with Bro. Frank Coffin, Uniontown, Pa., are forming an all-Brethren evangelistic team.



The *Bell, Calif.*, church, pastored by Harry A. Sturz, held dedication services for their bus April 12. The Sunday school goal of 150 was passed on April 5.

*Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.*, has been confined to his bed with a severe throat infection.

A new church is being organized in *Elkhart, Ind.* On April 27 Elders Luther L. Grubb, Arthur D. Cashman, Herman W. Koontz, and Ward A. Miller met with 17 members of the Osceola church at 3515 S. Main St. (Road 33 South at Yellow Creek) and created a temporary organization of the Grace Brethren Church of Elkhart. Wesley Miller is moderator, Willard Secaur is secretary-treasurer, and Robert Schumacher and Edward Kluth are the trustees. The group will be "mothered" by the Osceola church in its beginning stages. Regular services are scheduled to begin at the above address June 1.

A daughter was born to *Rev. and Mrs. Clair W. Gartland*, of the Conemaugh, Pa., Pike church, April 17.

*Mrs. Mary Wilson*, 82-year-old member of the Clay City, Ind., church, died April 7, and Pastor Ralph Burns conducted the funeral.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church voted to borrow money and proceed with its building expansion program June 1, according to Pastor Clyde G. Balyo.

*Rev. Victor H. Meyers*, missionary appointee for Argentina, has placed his membership in the Leamersville, Pa., church. Mrs. Meyers became a charter member of this church in 1939.

The *Washington, D. C.*, church, pastored by James G. Dixon, is to be host to the graduation program of the Washington Bible Institute evening school May 19.

The *Clay City, Ind.*, church, pastored by Ralph Burns, held its communion service April 12 with 43 members present. Rev. and Mrs. Westphal spoke at the local Youth for Christ April 25 and at this church April 26.

*Dr. Herman A. Hoyt*, Winona Lake, Ind., is scheduled as the speaker of the Houtzdale-Brisbin, Pa., Bible conference May 18-19.

*Prof. John Whitcomb*, of Winona Lake, Ind., plans to speak at the Burr Oak Baptist Church, pastored by Kenneth Marken, on May 10, and at the Waterloo, Iowa, church May 17.

The *Yellow Creek, Pa.*, church, pastored by Sheldon Snyder, has scheduled Rev. Gerald Smelser as the speaker for May 10 and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt for May 17.

*Dr. Paul R. Bauman*, Winona Lake, Ind., plans to speak at the Fremont, Ohio, church, pastored by Lester Pifer, May 17; the Sterling, Ohio, church, pastored by Joseph L. Gingrich, May 18-24; the Akron Bible Institute May 18-22; and the Christian Business Women's Fellowship of Akron May 25.

*Pastor Thomas E. Hammers*, of Seattle, Wash., spoke at the Spokane church, pastored by William H. Schaffer, April 19.

Bro. Robert Bingham preached at the *Waterloo, Iowa*, church April 12 and Rev. Charles Mercer preached there April 19.

*Rev. R. I. Humbert*, Flora, Ind., plans a Bible conference for the Calvary Baptist Church, Canton, Ohio, May 10-13.



# THE FAITH OF TWO MOTHERS AND A BOY

By Rev. Conard Sandy

The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the young pastor at Ephesus, wrote some words that ought to challenge Bible students on this Mother's Day. Let his words occupy your attention.

Said he: "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:3-5).

The thing for which the apostle is thankful is "the unfeigned faith" that dwelt in these 3: grandmother, mother, and son.

## *A Remembered Faith*

Paul, though far from Ephesus when he wrote this epistle, remembered the faith of Timothy and he took great delight in recalling it to mind.

It is natural to remember things concerning one's friends. What do others remember about you, mothers? Are you remembered because you have sons strong in the faith, sons who are known as men of faith?

A visitor one day came to a home and found a young mother with her infant lying in her lap and a Bible in her hand. "Are you reading to the baby?" was the question he asked in a light manner. "Yes," answered the mother. "Do you think he understands?" questioned the caller. The woman of faith replied: "I am sure he does not understand yet, but it is always my custom to read the Bible aloud. I hope in the days to come my boy's earliest recollection of his mother will be that of her reading the Bible." Faith like that is worth remembering and will be remembered by others.

## *A Real Faith*

Paul wrote: "I thank God . . . when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith." The faith he remembered was real, it possessed genuine qual-

ity, there was no false or insincere parts in it. This faith was not invented, devised, or imagined. It was centered in the Lord Jesus and therefore unfeigned.

During the War Between the States a Confederate chaplain knelt by a dying soldier and said: "Well, my brother, what can I do for you?" The man of God was surprised at the answer, which was not a cry for help.

"Chaplain, I want you to cut a lock of my hair for my mother, and then, chaplain, I want you to kneel down and return thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chaplain.

"For giving me such a mother. Oh! she is such a good mother. Her teachings are my comfort now. And then, chaplain, thank God that by His grace I am a Christian. What would I do now if I were not a Christian? And thank Him for dying grace. He makes this hard bed feel 'soft as downy pillows are.' And oh, chaplain, thank Him for the promised home in glory—I'll soon be there."

"And so," said the chaplain later, "I knelt by his bed with not a petition to utter, only praises and thanksgiving for a good mother, a Christian hope, dying grace, and an eternal home in glory." Dear reader, that is what Paul meant by an unfeigned, a real faith.

## *A Resident Faith*

Note again the words the Spirit of God inspired Paul to set forth for the good of the saints: "I thank God . . . when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice." This was a resident faith, it dwelt in the hearts of Lois and Eunice, a mother and daughter.

This was not a transient faith, nor had it been a recent acquirement of the family. This faith belonged to this family, it resided there, and had been proved by 2 generations before it was shared with Timothy.

Augustine wrote concerning his mother: "And Thou, O Lord, stretchest Thine hand on high and drew-

est my soul out of that darksome deepness, whenas my mother, Thy faithful one, wept to Thee for me, more bitterly than mothers use to do for the bodily deaths of their children. And Thou heardst her, O Lord; and despisedst not her tears, when flowing down they watered the very earth under her eyes to the very place where she prayed; yea, Thou heardst her." The faith of the mother of Augustine caused her to pray and "hold on" to God until He answered her prayer for her son. This faith resided in her heart and was proved genuine by this mother, as was the case with Lois and Eunice.

## *A Relayed Faith*

The apostle concluded concerning this unfeigned faith with these words that showed what he thought of it: "And I am persuaded that in thee also." This is his approval upon the faith of the mothers.

Mothers without a faith like this to transmit and relay to their offspring could easily become a menace to them. Much of the present-day juvenile delinquency should be and must be laid at the feet of mothers who lack a living, dynamic faith they can share with their children.

John Scudder, a promising young physician in New York, picked up a tract from the table of a patient, and he read it. This simple act sent him and his young wife to India as missionaries. Their 9 children, 7 sons and 2 daughters, all became missionaries in that land because of the faith and faithfulness those parents revealed to them. Together the family gave almost 600 years of missionary service to India.

When Mr. Scudder was asked the cause of this, he replied: "The only explanation I can give is that the children were literally prayed into the kingdom by their mother. She was accustomed to spend the birthday of each child in all-day prayer for him, and God answered her prayers."

O God, give to Thy church more mothers like Lois and Eunice—possessors of a remembered, a real, a resident faith, worthy of being relayed to their children.



## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (North Buffalo)

The Lord has been richly blessing the work here. The week before Easter 3 ladies were baptized.

We began Easter Day with an outdoor sunrise service attended by 20 people. There were 138 in Sunday school, 130 at the morning worship, and more than 100 in the evening service for the program of the Sunday school. We received 10 new members into our fellowship at the morning service.

On April 12 a young woman accepted Christ as Saviour.

The contractor says we should be able to have the dedication for our basement building on Mother's Day, May 10. The Lord has been blessing this work and friends and neighbors have given donations toward the expenses.—Donald W. Rossman, pastor.

## Hagerstown, Maryland

Both Pastor Walter A. Lepp and Assistant Pastor Charles B. Bergerson resigned effective in August so they can form a team under the sponsorship of the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade.

At the quarterly business meeting attendance in each department of the church was reported above the same period a year ago, except the

Sunday evening service. The Sunday school gained 53, the Sunday morning service 13, and the prayer meeting 8. The budget was met, and 13 members were received during the quarter.—*Excerpts from bulletin.*

## Limestone, Tennessee

In a recent meeting in this church, April 5-19, we felt the power of God in every service, with 8 people making rededications and many others making decisions to be soul-winners.

The Southeast District youth rally was held in cooperation with the meeting, April 10-11, with about 80 registered for the banquet.

It was with deep regret that Rev. Randall Rossman, pastor of the church, was unable to attend any of

the services. He spent the first week at home and the second week in the hospital with a severe case of sinus infection. He returned home the last day of the meeting.

The average attendance was about 100, and the cooperation and spirit were excellent during the 2 weeks. We praise the Lord for His blessing and for every remembrance of the saints in Limestone.—Bill Smith, evangelist.

## North English, Iowa

The Pleasant Grove church received 7 members—3 by baptism, 2 by relation, 2 by letter—April 19, and 3 babies were dedicated.

There were 115 people at the Easter morning service.

The spring rally of the Iowa District WMC was held at the church while the ministers met at the parsonage April 9. A dinner was served to 75 people.—Mrs. Wilma E. Myers, corresponding secretary.

## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (First)

Easter Sunday was a great day here at Oxford and Knorr. There was a total of 825 in attendance at the day's services, with 71 at the fellowship breakfast. The cantata

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Phoenix, Ariz....	April 26-May 17.	J. C. McKillen....	R. Paul Miller.
Everett, Pa.....	April 28-May 10.	H. Lingenfelter...	Ding Teuling.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent) .....	April 28-May 10.	Robert Miller.....	Bern'd Schneider.
Chico, Calif.....	May 4-10.....	Ward Tressler....	Vincent Bennett.
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(First) .....	May 17-24.....	John Aeby.....	Archie Lynn.
Sterling, Ohio....	May 18-24.....	Joseph Gingrich..	Paul Bauman.
Artesia, Calif....	May 24-June 14.	Adam Rager.....	R. Paul Miller.

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## PRAISE GOD FOR "MOM"

'Tis Mother's Day—and filled with thoughts  
Of yesteryears at home with "Mom."  
What pendulums of time have wrought  
Since first for wisdom I had sought,  
Belongs to what my mother taught:  
"Is Jesus Christ your Saviour, son?"

That sin brings death, 'tis proven true:  
Hence, ere in me sin's course would run,  
I to my mother's Saviour flew;  
I found the "Faithful One and True";  
And now I say in faith anew:  
"Yes, Jesus is my Saviour, Mom!"

And now I walk and talk with Christ,  
Once dead, now resurrected One;  
His Word is now a holy tryst,  
Whose value never has been priced,  
Whose doctrines ever have sufficed.  
—Praise God for "Mom," who taught her son!  
—Charles Bergerson.



and the messages of Bro. Hill Mac-  
conaghy in the morning centered in  
the triumph of Christ.

The Bible school program in the  
evening brought a fine response. It  
was directed by Rev. John Neely,  
Mrs. Gladys Hearn, and Mrs. John  
Aeby. The junior choir made its  
first appearance at this service.

Building progress has been fine  
this last few weeks, thanks to the  
men and women who have put in  
many hours of work. All new light-  
ing is now in operation in the upper  
auditorium and the fixtures formerly  
there have been installed in the low-  
er auditorium.—*Excerpts from bul-  
letin.*

**Spokane, Washington**

The days and nights of March 8-22  
were really wonderful for us.

Evangelist Robert A. (Bob) Ash-  
man, of Winona Lake, Ind., was well  
received by both adults and children.

The visible results of these meet-  
ings were 3 applications for church  
membership by letter, 4 renewals  
of faith, 14 confessions in the reg-  
ular church services, and 47 in the  
Happy Hour. The average Happy  
Hour attendance for 10 sessions was  
103. Four were baptized and re-  
ceived into membership.

A week previous to these meetings  
a former Jehovah's Witness was con-  
verted. She was an ordained minis-  
ter and used to stand on the street  
corners in Spokane offering their lit-  
erature for sale. In the summers  
she tramped from farm to farm  
peddling their propaganda. She has  
now dedicated her life as a mission-  
ary for the Lord. A week later her  
husband was saved.

Brother Ashman was a tireless

**BIBLE MOTHERS**

(Gen. 17:16; Ex. 2:3; 6:20; I Sam. 1:18; Acts 9:36; II Tim. 1:5; Luke 1:30-31)

To many lovely mothers I would fain  
Sing a tender Mother's Day refrain;  
Godly mothers who have done their part  
To satisfy the Father's longing heart.

Sarah, Princess Sarah, who is famed  
For comeliness—the one Jehovah named  
"Mother of Nations." Out of her still rise  
Kings of people destined for the skies.

Dear Jochabed, mother in exile—  
God saw that tiny ark beside the Nile;  
Angels, kind and strong, were guarding well  
The fairest little child in Israel.

Hanna, gracious Hanna, sad and dull,  
Prayed within her heart for a miracle.  
Her countenance was changed with sudden glow  
As new-born faith began to rise and flow.

Dorcas, sweet gazelle, like many true  
Maiden ladies, mothered all she knew.  
Her needlework still shines, it could not dim,  
Because inwrought with purest love for Him.

Lois and Eunice treasured in their hearts  
The secret of the finest of fine arts:  
Teaching the young . . . God's truth by word and mien,  
That His will and life be plainly seen.

Fairer than a May-dawn is the name  
And person of the virgin we acclaim  
The loveliest of all . . . None but she  
Could have cared for Christ so tenderly.

—Leona D. Cole.

worker and a faithful preacher of  
the Word. His work with the chil-  
dren was excellent, especially his  
gospel magic with the spiritual ap-  
plications.

The Spokane Brethren will not  
soon forget the ministry of Brother

"Bob" in song and word, for he won  
his way into the hearts of the people  
as he exalted the Lord Jesus Christ.

The basketball team representing  
our church met and defeated all  
comers in the AA Class League  
sponsored by the YMCA for church  
teams.—*William H. Schaffer, pastor.*

*Public Confessions*

Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex. ....	2
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ....	1
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo) ...	1
Leesburg, Ind. ....	3
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	22
Middlebranch, Ohio ....	10
Rittman, Ohio ....	6
Taos, N. Mex. ....	2

*Dedication of Babies*

Leamersville, Pa. ....	3
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	1
North English, Iowa ....	3

*Additions to Membership*

Dayton, Ohio (First) ....	5
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ...	15
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo) ...	10
Leamersville, Pa. ....	8
Leesburg, Ind. ....	2
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	3
Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ....	8
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills).	4
North English, Iowa ....	7
Rittman, Ohio ....	6
Uniontown, Pa. ....	2

*Baptisms Not Included in Additions*

Homerville, Ohio ....	3
Taos, N. Mex. ....	8

**HARRISBURG TO HEAR WELLS**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Wells and his  
party are scheduled to begin a city-  
wide evangelistic campaign in Har-  
risburg, Pa., May 31.

In this campaign Dr. Wells will be  
associated with the churches that  
stand true to the Word of God. He  
has openly declared he cannot work  
in cooperation with pastors and  
churches which deny the great fun-  
damental truths of God's revelation,  
or which are associated with mod-  
ernistic organizations.

# A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE SPOKANE CHURCH

By Pastor William H. Schaffer

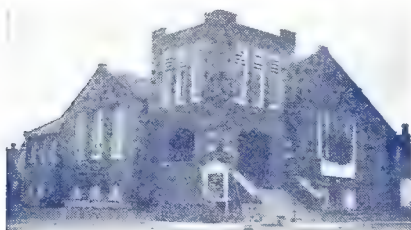
The following history of the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., was taken from the dedication program, August 3, 1919.

"In the fall of 1913 three families—Mellingers, Bowerses, and Gochenours—began meeting together in little house prayer meetings and Bible readings.

"During the following summer, July 1914, Bro. W. S. Bell was in our city and Brother and Sister Monroe Mellinger and Sister Edna Robinson were baptized in the Spokane River.

"The interest in the little meetings was sometimes hard to keep up, but through prayers and much persistence the work continued.

"In October 1914, with W. S. Bell's assistance, the first communion was



*The church today.*

held at the home of Bro. B. C. Gochenour and 12 were around the communion table.

"The following spring, April 1915, Sister Vianna Detwiler came to our aid and organized the small band of about 15 into a Sunday school, which met each week at the home of Bro. M. M. Mellinger. Others were constantly gathered in and soon a primary class was started in the kitchen.

"In August 1915, much encouragement was gained from a visit by Brother and Sister James Gribble. Five of the number, Sister Wood, Sister Robinson and her 2 daughters, Velma and Grace, and Sister Lillian Bowers were then baptized in the river, and the second communion was conducted by Brother Gribble and Sister Detwiler at the home of Bro. J. L. Bowers.

"By February 1916 the Sunday school had made considerable progress and the meetings were transferred to the home of Bro. B. C. Gochenour.

"That spring the first board of trustees was selected, consisting of J. L. Bowers, B. C. Gochenour, B. W. Graybill, M. L. Smith, and Harry Myers; and with much prayer and searching, a lot for a church building was selected and a tent purchased in which to conduct a series of revival meetings. Bro. L. S. Bauman was secured to conduct these meetings during June 1916, and 47 more were added to the membership.

"Then our pastor, Bro. R. P. Miller, was secured through the assistance of Bro. L. S. Bauman, and was welcomed into our midst at the close of our first evangelistic campaign.

"A temporary organization was effected early in July, and on August 15, 1916, a permanent organization was established and incorporated, and plans were immediately formulated toward erecting a church building. We raised all we could locally, and through the kindness of the mission board, Sister Detwiler was given the privilege to canvass the Brotherhood, with their approval, to obtain gifts for the Spokane work.

"God richly blessed her efforts and many hearts responded in a wonderful way. Great is our gratitude to the many ministers and others who so kindly assisted her to get the need before the Brotherhood.

"In the meantime the work was pushed with added vigor, and on Labor Day, September 9, 1916, the men of the church gathered and began the work of excavation.

"Two weeks later we stepped out on faith (we surely had nothing else to step out on), trusting God to supply the need, and began building the work in earnest. Six weeks after, November 18, we held our first services in the basement of our present building, which we had temporarily roofed over till we were better able to complete it.

"On Sunday, December 19, we dedicated our basement. Bro. J. C. Beal, who was then preaching at Sunnyside, came and brought us 2 strong messages for the occasion.

"In January 1917, Bro. J. L. Bowers, whose earnest and devoted efforts to build a work of God here had endeared him to the hearts of all, passed to his sweet reward. The work here lost one of its strongest

pillars, but heaven gained by his presence.

"From this time on, though the outlook was discouraging at times, the hand of God was upon the work and souls were steadily being added to the Lord's work here, the debts were all paid off, and in October 1917 an exceptional offer to buy enough brick for our whole church was taken, the brick hauled to the site and covered till used. During 1918 every effort to complete was blocked by one thing or another. But in the spring of 1919, by the blessing of God, all obstacles were cleared away and we at once set things in motion to complete, and on April 7 began the last lap in finish-



Pastor Schaffer

ing the building. On Easter Sunday afternoon the cornerstone was laid with a splendid service and interest.

"While the actual cost of our building completed will be close to \$10,000, the actual value is about \$13,500. This is made possible not only by much volunteer labor on the part of brethren and friends, but also due to the kind assistance rendered by so many firms in the city. Never before have we found so real an interest in a like Christian work on the part of business houses in general."

We have 8 of the 57 charter members still living and active. A 4-day Bible conference followed the dedication. Featured speakers were C. H. Ashman, then pastor at Sunnyside; W. S. Bell, Dr. J. Allen Miller, and Henry V. Wall.

The following pastors have served this church in the past 34 years: R. Paul Miller, J. C. Beal, Earl W. Reed, E. S. Flora, Kenneth Monroe, Tom Broad, Albert Lantz, Ruskin Garber, and Wm. H. Schaffer.



# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## W. V. FINDLEY REPORTS FROM ROANOKE ON EVE OF HOMEGOING

We are letting Bro. W. V. Findley take over the "lead" to this page this month. His words are coming to you from "over there," for our dear brother went to be with the Lord the day after sending this letter to the Laymen's Page editor. There is a strong possibility that these words are the last he ever wrote to anyone and we are happy to share them with you.

March 27, 1953.

Dear Brother Deloe:

Nothing "big" to report, but if no one sent any news you'd never receive it, so will tell about our monthly meeting.

We are continuing to hold the regular services at the City Alms Home and the City Rescue Mission and our men have recently had the opportunity to hold services 3 times a month at a church which formerly had services once a month. We have Sunday school and church services on 3 Sundays and Sunday school only the other Sunday, as a layman from another denomination has been holding once-a-month church services for some time. The attendance was rather low at first, but has been as high as 60. So far have held 7 services and plan to continue as long as the Lord seems to open the way.

Bro. Mason Cooper (our national president) is filling the Covington, Va., pulpit (about 60 miles away), pending their calling a pastor. He has held 20 services and helped in 1 other. He has also had 7 services for servicemen at the Service Center, and there has given out 625 Testaments. He reported 19 decisions and 1 rededication.

[Your editor has been toying with the idea of publicly chiding Brother Cooper for not writing some articles he promised for the Laymen's Page, but how can you fuss at a guy who's doing such a wonderful work for the Lord?—J.B.D.]

Our local president, Bro. W. C. Fisher, who is also national secretary-treasurer, had to resign his local office on his doctor's orders. All our men should pray for him that further curtailment of his Christian activity might not be necessary. Bro. W. K. Jefferson was moved up from vice president to president, and Bro. S. M. Coffey was elected vice president. Our offering of \$13.35 was voted to

the Brethren United Evangelistic Committee.

*The national secretary-treasurer reported that from his recent appeal to Brethren laymen for funds for the Crusade Committee he received one five-dollar check from our national vice president, Bro. E. R. Cole. I am wondering, Brother Deloe, if in your page you could emphasize this need again? As yet, it seems, our Brethren laymen have not caught the vision of how much work this committee could do throughout our Brotherhood (and over the nation) if they had sufficient funds to be kept busy the whole year through. And a team's work could be doubled by having funds available for two teams. [Italics mine.—J.B.D.]*

Yours in His service,

W. V. Findley, secretary,  
Men's Gospel Fellowship,  
Ghent Brethren Church.

## RANDOM NOTES

According to the April 19 church bulletin of the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif., the men of the church were to gather on the following Saturday to prepare the auditorium for the laying of new carpet.

The men of the Whittier, Calif., First Brethren Church met around a ham dinner April 14 and heard Bill Carle sing and give his testimony.

Walter Herring spoke to the men of the Men's Magnify at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., at their dinner meeting on April 21.

Bro. Don Rager, of the Riverside Brethren Church, was the speaker for the laymen's meeting held April 30 at the Jenners (Pa.) Brethren Church.

## WINFRED V. FINDLEY—1891-1953

Our dear Brother Findley was promoted to glory yesterday morning at 3:30. He was 61 years of age.

A lifelong member of the Brethren Church, his home was back in Glenford, Ohio. He graduated from Ashland College and taught public school for a short time before serving in World War I. It was in 1921 that he came to Roanoke, and in July of that year he became a member of this congregation, then meeting on Gilmer Avenue.

He faithfully served the Lord and the church in the 32 years that followed. His fellow members have looked to him as moderator of the congregation for a number of years. He asked to be relieved but was pressed into service a second time. He had served as trustee of Ghent since 1938. His presence in any meeting was always a blessing and inspiration. He could always find the bright spots.

Brother Findley loved music and was a pianist much in demand at our men's meetings. He sang in the choir. He was a willing servant in any capacity, but his carefulness in detail led his brethren to elect him to such as these: treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, secretary-treasurer of the Southeast District Mission Board, secretary-treasurer of the Southeast District Brethren Laymen, secretary-treasurer of the Men's Gospel Fellowship, Ghent.

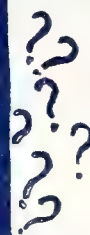
May the Lord help us to carry on the work of our Lord until He shall come in that glorious resurrection day up ahead. It will be impossible to fill Brother Findley's place—his work is done. May his faithfulness and sweetness of character continue to be a blessing to us all.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15).

—Reprinted from the church bulletin of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., March 29, 1953.

# LOVEST THOU

# ME



W. M. C.

52-53

JOHN 21: 15-17

As a special salute to the fine Christian mothers who are so vital a part of national WMC, we have given you a slightly different Herald this month. Some regular features, such as a leading theme article and editorial, have been deliberately omitted. We hope you'll read *YOUR* magazine and enjoy its difference. Women like a change once in a while, so here it is. The *Newsnatches* are coming in fine. Enjoy these and look for yours in subsequent issues. Have an extra special *MOTHER'S DAY!*—Althea S. Miller.

## NEWSNATCHES

Roanoke (Clearbrook), Va.

Greetings in the name of our Lord from the Clearbrook WMC.

We thank God for all the many blessings and progress in the past year.

As our local project we obtained cabinets and equipment for our new kitchen.

At Christmas time we remembered our boys in service and our missionaries from our church with gifts.

We were very happy to have the Maconaghys visit with us. They were honored with a shower.

We have given to all our offerings and are now working on our missionary hope chest.

To our January meeting we invited all our local district councils to be with us and to hear our Jewish speaker, Brother Gruen. Brother Gruen's message for the evening was on "Jewish Religion and Holidays."

We have just closed a campaign in which we sought to get new members. The result—4 new members.

We pray that the Lord will continue to richly bless.—*Mrs. Kathleen St. Clair, secretary-treasurer.*

Jenners, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord from the WMC of the Jenners Brethren Church!

We have been busy lately, packing clothing for our mission in Kentucky. Four large bags were filled and sent. Also a good number of kimonos and receiving blankets were sent to our foreign missionary work in Africa.

Our WMC is not large, but we pray that God will give us many interested women who will begin coming to our meetings. We desire your prayers that God will bless and increase our work abundantly for His glory.—*Mrs. Victor S. Rogers.*

Roanoke (Ghent), Va.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

The Ghent Sr. WMC is happy to report an attendance of more than 30 for the January and February meetings. Our prayer is that we may continue to grow and serve our Lord and Saviour faithfully each day until He comes.

In order to keep in touch with the young people of the church who are away from home the council remembers

them with birthday cards and candy, and the church bulletin is being sent them. We also remember our shut-in members with cards.

Articles for the missionary chest are coming in nicely and we hope to have a nice selection of useful items before too long. As our local project we are furnishing the church kitchen with a new electric range. However, in all our undertakings may self be forgotten and may everything we do be for the honor and glory of our precious Saviour, who has done so much for us.—*Mrs. Inez Hutton, corresponding secretary.*

Canton, Ohio.

The Jr. WMC of Canton, Ohio, has several projects of interest to others, such as providing refreshments for the BYF one meeting out of the month; and each member sending a card to every Junior Sisterhood member on their birthday.

Most important, we thought, was our sponsoring a fund for repairs on the parsonage, along with the help of other members and organizations.

Our February meeting was held in the church basement and all the members contributed to a spaghetti supper for a special membership drive.

A beautiful hand-made rose was given to each woman. Seated at the table in our birthday order we found a program with our birthday month flower on it.

A large cake decorated with 28 candles was in the center, in honor of all our birthdays. We sang "Happy Birthday to Everyone."—*Vivian Himes, secretary.*

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3). This is the testimony of the Fort Wayne WMC, for the Lord has blessed our council in so many ways. In the last few years our council has doubled in membership in spite of the fact that at least half of the original group have moved away and are not members now. We have gained new members this year and have a large number of prospects in view. An interesting thing about our membership is that we have a number of ladies who are from other denominations who love the Lord as we do and have become a part of us as a result of the testimony of our council. With a mem-



bership of 54 you can understand why we have been meeting in the church instead of the homes.

At the beginning of the year our council adopted a budget plan whereby we take only one offering at each meeting. The executive committee then budgets the money to meet the various offerings throughout the year. So far this year the plan seems to be working out very well—it certainly eliminates taking so many offerings!

The Fort Wayne council was hostess to the Central District rally last October and it proved to be a grand day of fellowship and blessing. In November, which is our guest night, a fine group of ladies from the Sidney, Ind., church were with us and added much to the meeting and fellowship.

For our project this year we voted to continue sending canned food to the missionary residence as we have been doing for a number of years. So far this year we have sent 250 cans of food to Winona Lake.

For our local project we plan to provide furnishings for the north room of our church, which is being remodeled and will be a meeting place for our council when it is finished. We enjoyed getting toys for the children in Kentucky and sending them to Evelyn Fuqua in time for Christmas.

Our council is especially enjoying the Bible and mission studies this year. Since a missionary to the Jewish people has gone out from this church, we appreciate learning more about these people through the missions study and thus we are able to pray more effectively for them. And through the Bible studies we are learning more of the kind of love we should have for our Lord and these have proved a real blessing to us. Trusting this finds our WMC ladies always abounding in the work of the Lord.—*Mrs. Richard P. David, secretary.*

The Women's Missionary Council of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church has substituted mending clothing in place of bandage rolling as their regular morning activity. The clothing is sent to a Brethren mission point at Taos, N. Mex. The group changed to this activity because the recently organized Sisterhood of Mary and Martha for girls has undertaken the bandage-rolling project as a part of their program.—*From the Beaumont, Calif., Gazette.*

Akron, Ohio.

Have you ever heard or read the expression, "Long time, no see"? That is what our WMC editor is saying about some of us who have failed to send in news reports. So here are greetings to all our sisters in Christ from Akron, Ohio, WMC.

Since national conference we have been holding regular monthly meetings, sometimes at the church and other times in the homes, with an average attendance of 33. We greatly appreciate the program materials which have been furnished by the national organization.

The following activities have kept us on our toes: A canned goods shower and gift of Boontonware dishes which the writer had the privilege of delivering personally during the month of October to our WMC editor. (It was a real privilege to be entertained in Mrs. Miller's home, even though it was only for a short time.) We sent some books and a year's subscription to a children's magazine to the children living with Marie Mishler in Africa; sent a chenille robe and woolen sweater to a former WMC member who now resides in a home for the aged; sent Marie Mishler 2 dresses; packed 11 boxes for

the soldier boys; remembered 11 church widows with a gift of hosiery and handkerchiefs at the holiday season; are conducting services once a quarter at both the Old Folks Home and Akron Detention Home; sent \$60 to the national project offerings; \$25 to the district; gave money gifts to 2 missionaries who visited our church who are now child evangelism workers in Canada; and made a New Year's resolution to observe the 15th of each month as a day of prayer. We also used the following to get some extra money to help our Junior Sisterhood girls. Our project committee pasted little cut-out aprons on envelopes, on which the following was typed and handed to all members:

"Dear WMC Member,  
This little apron we give to you  
And kindly ask that this you do;  
Measure your waistline inch by inch,  
And see that the tapeline does not pinch.  
For each small inch you measure around,  
Into the envelope put a penny so round;  
To the Junior Sisterhood it will go—  
We talked about helping them, you know.  
We thank you so much, and ever will pray  
That Jesus our Saviour will gladden your way."

—*Gladys M. Lindower, president.*

Clayton, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings in our Saviour's name from the Sr. WMC ladies at Clayton, Ohio.

Our ladies meet once a month to mend clothing for our various mission stations in New Mexico and Clayhole. We have a covered-dish dinner, a time of prayer, then back to sewing.

We have been working on our kitchen project. Last summer we piped the water into the church. We recently put a sink in.

Instead of our regular Mother-and-Daughter banquet we are having family night, inviting the husbands and children. The ladies are bringing the food, the men are furnishing the program.

We are helping the SMM girls by buying their pen-nants for them.

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us. We feel the programs this year are real interesting. We also have tried some of the workshop ideas and found them a blessing.—*Martha Brickel, secretary.*

#### NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

The Valentine theme was carried out in our winter rally held in Middlebranch January 26. Heart-shaped placards with Sallman's Head of Christ and our slogan, "Lovest Thou Me?" decorated the tables, along with matching programs.

An offering of \$105.22 was received for our project, which this quarter was Jewish missions.

Our last quarterly project was for a mimeograph machine for the new Findlay church. It was reported that enough money had been received to purchase both a used mimeograph machine and a good used long-carriage typewriter.

Many councils reported renewed interest in the 15th-day-of-the-month prayer observance for our missionaries. Others reported aiding the Sisterhoods of their local churches, and also the sending of many useful

items and boxes of used clothing to our home mission points in New Mexico and Kentucky.

We were thrilled by the message of our speaker, Mrs. Robert Miller. Her subject was "The Family Altar" (Deut. 6), and she pointed out that consistent family worship is a matter of the heart. She mentioned some of the varied excuses given for failure to have family altar. This was followed by the statement that "nothing is impossible with God if we are yielded and willing."

Mrs. Miller also favored us with a lovely vocal solo.

We rejoice in the Lord for such a wonderful day of prayer, instruction, and fellowship.—Mrs. R. M. Ward, assistant secretary.

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## MEET YOUR OFFICERS

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By Althea S. Miller

### MRS. CHESTER McCALL

Have you ever tried to keep an account of other people's money, disperse it to the proper channels, and make everyone involved happy? This man-sized job belongs to our national financial secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chester McCall. She is doing a wonderful job.

Hinton, W. Va., is the birthplace of Mrs. McCall, where for several years a colored mammy kept her eye on the comings and goings of this little girl who lived on a large plantation. At the age of 9 Mrs. McCall's family moved to California. The Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles is where she found Christ as her Saviour in 1923. During the years since her new birth, Rae McCall has served the Lord and her church as deaconess, recording secretary, and teacher.

Our financial secretary-treasurer is the mother of 4 children—2 boys and 2 girls. She has served as office manager and bookkeeper for her husband for some 18 years. All her efforts to be "fired" by her boss have been to no avail. Mr. McCall is the owner of McCall's Electric Shop in Los Angeles.

We are very grateful to Mrs. McCall for her fine work in WMC. Hers is an admittedly hard job, but she does it faithfully as unto Him. Pray for her as she dispenses the WMC money, and keep her busy with large offerings for His honor and glory.

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### FLASH REPORT:

Miss Gail Jones, who is in Belgium at a school for the study of tropical diseases, sends her sincere thanks for all the birthday and Christmas greetings sent to her by the various WMC's over the country.

No space for "Making Christian Marriage Work" column this month. Watch for it in June.

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### WMC OFFICARY

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## YOUR REMINDER

It is high time you were actively planning to be represented at the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches with your display board. We want every council to have a part in the display at the WMC sessions, either in a group with your district or as an individual council. Contact your district president if you do not know whether to plan for an individual display or to go in with the district display. We want a sample of every idea and plan which you have put to use throughout the year. Get *busy*, council president!

By this time you should be well on your way to planning when and how you will receive a birthday offering from your council to go toward the support of a full-time WMC foreign missionary. If you have not received this offering yet, it might be well to remind you that *June* is the deadline month for this offering. Bring your offering to Winona Lake at conference time and enjoy a special service for the setting up of this particular missionary fund.

**ATTENTION!** Do you want your delegates to the WMC sessions at national conference to be seated? *You do?* Then *be sure* all credentials are properly filled out with the name of the delegate and signed by the properly designated officers. *This is very important.* Last year too many delegates came with improperly signed or not-signed-at-all credentials. WMC conference voted last year not to seat any delegate this year or any year hereafter whose credential is not properly filled out. District president, check with each council president and see that they understand what should be done.

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### MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

#### Africa—

Rev. Robert W. Hill.....July 4  
 Mrs. Floyd W. Taber.....July 8  
 Miss Florence Bickel.....July 10  
 Dr. Orville D. Jobson.....July 11  
 Rev. Robert S. Williams.....July 15  
 Mrs. Orville D. Jobson.....July 21

#### Argentina—

Michael Stephen Marshall.....July 12, 1951  
 Rev. Ricardo E. Wagner.....July 16  
 Mrs. Solon Hoyt.....July 29

#### Baja California—

Douglas Haag.....July 9, 1949

#### Brazil—

Carol Ann Miller.....July 31, 1947

#### Belgium (School of Tropical Diseases)—

Miss Marian Thurston.....July 24

#### United States (at school)—

Miss Jean Altig.....July 20

#### France—

Rev. Lester Kennedy.....July 4

Give to foreign missions during March, April, and May. Send your foreign mission offering *no later* than June 10 to MRS. CHESTER McCALL, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.



# MISSIONARY LETTER FROM GRACE BYRON

What flashes through the mind of a native woman when a 2-day WMC conference is announced? From some of the evidences seen they could be: "My permanent needs straightening and my braids done over," and "What shall I wear? I haven't a thing." Sounds natural, doesn't it? A few years back, the women could say, "I have not a thing to wear," and mean it literally. Many of the older women never owned a dress, and never will. Many are happy if they possess a cheap cotton dress, or one that has been given to them, but the minority always attract the attention.

Times and fashions change in the Congo. They have changed from wearing bustles of leaves to gaudy cotton prints, of geometrical designs, of phonographs, of the coronation of King George, of elephants, of the alphabet, to most any design the manufacturer can think of to attract the native; for the African and his money are soon parted. It seems that the American shirt manufacturers have taken over the gaudy prints that some of the native women are discarding for the more glamorous fabrics of cheap satin and velvet. These come in shimmering shades of blue and yellow with stripes of vivid contrasting colors. The material is made into the popular long 2-piece dress. Some women buy 2 or 3 yards for an extra wrap-around that she can adjust and readjust as she speaks, or it can be used as a sling to carry her baby in. What some women will suffer to appear well-dressed! Imagine wearing a velvet dress trailing the ground, when it is 100 degrees in the shade and no shade! Then can you imagine them scrambling over the rack of the truck in this attire, when they arrive at the chapel. It is beyond description. They make a dash to greet their friends. They clasp each other in their arms, slapping one another on the back several times and finish up by blowing vigorously in each other's ears. Everybody is happy, all talking and laughing at the same time. Then time for the meeting is announced from the door of the chapel.

All is quiet and they file noiselessly into the chapel in their bare feet. Mrs. Jobson presided. The meeting began with singing several gospel songs. Mrs. Lois Miller read the first chapter of First John and led in prayer. Then a time was given for prayer and testimony. They praised the Lord for His wonderful grace and for His faithfulness since their last meeting. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy gave an inspiring message. After this they divided into groups. They told of what they had accomplished and planned to do greater things for the Lord and to win others to their Saviour, and the possibility of organizing other WMC's. They disbanded for lunch. They had brought their food. What did they bring? Thick cassava mush and stew, of course, made with vegetables and meat. No tables to set, no dishes to wash; they eat with their fingers and wipe their sticky hands on the nearest post or their hair. It is as simple as that.

They met again at 2:30. Mrs. Dorothy Beaver led them in a lively song service. As they sang "Heavenly

Sunshine," they went up and down the aisles shaking hands with everyone. There is real joy in Christian fellowship. Mrs. Pauline Sumey read the second chapter of First John, led in prayer, and also led the Bassai delegation in singing "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." There was a season of prayer, more testimonies and reports. An offering of 830 francs were given. They use their offerings wherever there is a need, sending out catechists to new preaching points and helping those in distress.

It was the Bozoum group of women that purchased the pulpit Bible for the Grace Seminary chapel in their appreciation for the missionaries trained within its walls. The first day of the conference Ester, the wife of the pastor at Bozoum, gave a very enthusiastic report of the dedication of the Bible given. I would like to have heard it, but the Bassai delegation came for the second day only, because we do not like to keep the women away from their families overnight. They will be interested in seeing the dedication pictures taken at the time of the dedication. I hope they appear in the Herald soon.

Many tribes were represented, including ours, the American tribe. It is only through the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that it is possible to have such a conference and such a time of blessed fellowship as one body. Formerly they hated each other and would have nothing to do with those of different tribes. It is marvelous that all this has taken place in a lifetime. We were inspired and challenged. The time is short. What a wonderful change has been wrought through the power of the Gospel of His grace. These downtrodden women, who were considered hardly human, incapable of learning, and only useful as burden-bearers, providers of food, and bearers of children, now have an intelligent expression with the love of Jesus Christ shining in them, are reading His Word, taking part in meetings, and witnessing what the Lord has done for them.

Pray for them—pray that they will stand true in times of temptation and testings, pray that they will win their sisters to the Lord, and pray especially that they will not be led away by false doctrine and be swayed by materialism, which is so rampant in Africa today.

I might add that one of our Christian mothers died just the other day. She leaves a married daughter, and 7 other children, the youngest an infant of 3 months. While she was sleeping on the earthen floor of her hut a very poisonous snake passed over her naked body; she grabbed it and it bit her on the ankle. Her husband gave a very good testimony in church this morning and exhorted the people to stand firm in the Lord. Death is always a test of their faith, as there are so many heathen rites and customs connected with death.

Sisters, pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,

Grace Byron.

## FLASH REPORT:

Mrs. Chester McCall writes that the national WMC gave an offering of \$2,229 to Grace Seminary. Praise God and remember this month of May is the last for giving to foreign missions for this year. Have you done your best?

### DEVOTIONAL STUDIES FOR JUNE

Bible Study—"The Promise of That Love."

Mission Study—"Pointers in Witnessing to the Jews."

Here is a list of project suggestions listed by districts for the consideration of each district and council. Mrs. Henry Rempel, national project chairman, just sent this list to be printed for your consideration and to lead you in your choice of projects.—Ed.

## ATLANTIC DISTRICT—

1. Hymn books (50-75); "Inspiring Hymns" desired.
2. Strip film projector—\$50-\$75.
3. Used sound projector—\$100-\$200.

—Gerald Polman, pastor, York, Pa.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT—

1. Lectern to be used for pulpit; will be replaced by a regular pulpit desk when building is completed. Lectern will be used for other purposes then.

2. Folding chairs.
3. Folding tables for Sunday-school rooms.

—C. S. Zimmerman, pastor, Dayton, Ohio.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT—

1. Used mimeograph—\$50.
2. Piano, used—\$100-\$200.

—Bruce Button, Jewish missions, Los Angeles, Calif.

## EAST DISTRICT—

1. Outside bulletin board—\$75.
2. Slide exit doors for upper auditorium—\$100.
3. Slide and film strip projector—\$50-\$75.
4. Back exit doors for church—\$75.

—Victor S. Rogers, pastor, Jenners, Pa.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT—

1. 35-mm. projector for film strips or slides—\$100 (needed badly).

2. A bell for the Cordillera church steeple.

—Sam Horney, Spanish missions, Taos, N. Mex.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT—

1. 100 new hymn books—\$100 (a very present need).

—Glen Welborn, pastor, Albany, Ore.

1. Royal or Smith-Corona 14-inch typewriter—\$190; \$115 used.

2. Automatic electric heating unit for pastor's study—\$50.

3. Outside bulletin board—\$185.

—Vernon J. Harris, pastor, Portland, Ore.

1. 20, 30, 40, 50, or as many steel folding chairs, good standard line so more can be added as needed—approx. cost, \$5.50 per chair.

2. Communion tray with unbreakable plastic (clear) cups.

3. Money for necessary toweling, basins, etc., for conducting communion service for 50 people.

—Thomas Hammers, pastor, Seattle, Wash.

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT—

1. Slide and film strip projector and screen—\$125.
2. Monroe folding tables for Sunday school use—\$50.
3. Children's hymn books—\$50.
4. Material to curtain off basement for Sunday school—\$75.

## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT—

1. A new typewriter, long carriage—\$150.

—Russell Ward, pastor, Cleveland, Ohio.

At this season of the year, it is common to pay tribute to mothers. We who sometimes forget about this all-important matter during the balance of the year, practically "lean over backward" on Mother's Day to prove our love for her. We have given her cards, flowers, candy, personal gifts, and dinners—all lovely tributes. But the question still remains: "Just what is the best tribute we can give to Mother?" Maybe the following poem from the long ago will answer our question:

"I love you, Mother," said little John; then left his work and his cap went on; then out to the garden, high in the swing—left her the water and wood to bring. "I love you, Mother," said rosy Nell; "I love you more than tongue can tell." Then she went pouting full half the day; Mother was glad when she'd gone to play. "I love you, Mother," said little Fan. "Today I'll help you as best I can; how glad am I that school doesn't keep." Then she rocked the baby till he fell asleep. Then stepping softly, bringing the broom, swept up the floor and cleaned the room. Busy and happy all day was she—and happy as a child could be. "I love you, Mother," that night they said—three little children who went to bed. How do you think that mother guessed which of her children loved her best?

So, whether Mother is still with us, or has gone to her reward, let us not forget that the highest tribute we can pay her is that of a life of loving, faithful obedience to our mother's God!—Mrs. Frank Lindower.

Give to foreign missions during March, April, and May.

## SUPPOSE

By Ida R. Baker, Martinsburg, Pa.

Supposing God had so decreed

That I should be of foreign birth,

And that from a child I'd never see

Happy faces filled with mirth.

That God's name and His Book be banned,

And prison camps should fill my land.

Suppose I never had a home

Filled with love and Dad and Mother,

Just sorrow, misery, hate, and fear

Behind cold walls. I had no other.

I'd never known a Saviour died—

That for my sins was crucified.

Yes, many live in such a land

And never hear God's only way,

Of how He died and rose again

And is coming for His own one day.

How grateful to Him I should be

To be living in a land that's free.

Just suppose God's tenderness and love

Had altogether passed me by!

With humble heart I offer thanks

That there, but for His grace, go I.

1. Christian-American flag set—\$75.

2. 35-mm. slide projector and screen—\$50-\$100.

3. Offering plates.

4. Public-address system for nursery in new building.

—Forest Lance, pastor, Findlay, Ohio.

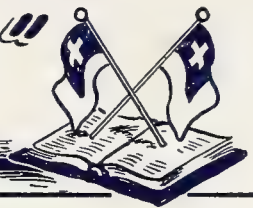


# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20

Don Beck



## POLLY'S PROBLEM

By MABEL DONALDSON

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26-27).

The youth fellowship group was going to have a meeting about the things of creation mentioned in the first chapter of Genesis. Polly had been assigned the part about the creation of man. As she worked out her topic she was a little disturbed about just how to make the other members of her group understand what was meant about "being in the image and likeness of God." They had all recently learned that God was a Spirit; that Jesus said He was not a spirit when He came out of the tomb; that spirits did not have flesh nor did they eat as He ate. Now what could she say to make this clear to her friends?

Polly went to the dictionary for some help. There she found that "image" means the shadow or outline of a figure, while "likeness" means the resemblance of that shadow or figure. Really they mean practically the same. But if God is a Spirit, then the image doesn't mean physical likeness. It doesn't mean hands, feet, face, hair, etc., yet at times we are told in the Scripture that God took upon Him various forms as He appeared to people. Some of them were a dove, an angel, a cloud, and a pillar of fire.

"Now," thought Polly, "when Jesus came, He, being God, took upon Him the form of man. But I must make my friends remember that this form was yet different from those around about Him, for it was sinless and they were still bound by the shackles of Adam's sin. But surely there must be something in God's Word to help me understand this confusing problem."

This little girl had learned a great lesson, one which

many grown-up folk have yet to learn. She took her problem to the Lord in prayer. She said: "Now, Lord, I must make these things clear to my friends. Please help me. Please show me some Scripture to use and make my whole talk count for Jesus and for His glory. Amen."

At dinner time it was the custom of this family to read cards on which were printed verses from the Bible. Mother began. Then came Polly's turn. She read Ephesians 4:23-24: "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

"Oh," said Polly out loud. "Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord." Seeing both Mother and Father confused, she hastened to tell them about her task and her prayer. "Now I have an answer," she said.

As Father read his verse, she listened very carefully. His was Colossians 3:10: "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

"That should help you, too, Polly," said Father as he handed her his card. They were all thrilled that the Lord had heard and answered the prayer. They were pleased that He always helps His children when they come to Him with their problems.

So Polly began her talk by showing from these verses that the image of God consists in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. It is a moral image and not a physical likeness. Not just flesh and blood enter into it, but the spiritual qualities are the important things. The things of the soul are the everlasting things. But she went on to show from the Genesis passage that the first man, Adam, was a very "smart" man, for he was given the job of naming all the animals. He had to be intelligent to do this. He also had power of speech. He was not like the animals he named. He could talk freely so that Eve understood him, the animals understood his commands, and God understood Him when He came in the cool of the evening to walk with them in the Garden. Not only that, he could use his reasoning power in connection with his speech. He had very good thoughts and expressed them. He attached words to ideas. He did not have to make sounds like the animals.

Adam also had mental and moral power to know and choose right from wrong. No animal has this power. God gave him this. Jesus was also put to tests along this line. Jesus came out all right, but Adam failed. He had choice, and chose unwisely.

"Now," thought Polly, "I have told what man was like and what it meant by being in the 'image and likeness of God.' I'll close my talk by showing that man could not have come from some sort of degraded animal. He was above the animals. Then, too, he did not get better and

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JUNE

#### SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Using "Prayer Suggestions."

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:145-160.

#### TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"British-Israelism."

Middlers—"Closed Doors."

Juniors—"Polly's Problem."

#### SPECIAL MUSIC.

#### REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Closed Doors."

Middlers, Juniors—"Dr. Jonathan Goforth of China."

#### BENEDICTION.

#### BUSINESS MEETING.

better from some savage state. He was perfect to start with. If anything, he got worse and worse. I'll have to remind my friends that if they are Christians they can't afford to let folks see them get worse and worse. It is bad testimony to the fact that God dwells within them. They should study hard and do everything to improve themselves in order that they might reflect the image and likeness of God through their daily lives."

As Polly read over her talk before going to youth fellowship meeting, she breathed another prayer of

thanksgiving to the One who had helped her, and asked Him to give her courage to give the talk so that others might see Jesus and want His image in their lives.

## QUIZ

1. Does God have hands, feet, ears, etc.?
  2. Was Adam made with wrinkles and sores?
  3. Did man come from animals?
  4. Was man a cruel beast of savage type?
- Can you prove your answers?*

## CLOSED DOORS

By ADA M. ETLING

Almost every day we are confronted with the lament, "If I only knew what I want to be." Girls of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, we cannot tell you what to be, but as we follow our study this month, we trust you may be helped, encouraged, and inspired to become what God wants you to be and to follow where the Holy Spirit may lead you.

God has a plan for every life. He leads one in one manner and another in a diverse manner and yet He leads both. He may speak to one so audibly that there can be no doubt as to what He wants that one to do. Another may have to wait upon God in prayer and searching the Scriptures. Even then she may have to step forth by faith. One thing is certain: God wants to direct our every step. If we let Him, life will be sweet, full, and adventuresome, despite the fact that He may close the door which we want to enter.

Let us look at some instances of closed doors. Will you turn to Acts 6:5 to discover a comparatively young man chosen to office because of his faith and Spirit-filled life. Early records (Acts 6:8) show that Stephen was powerful, and did great wonders and miracles. As so often happens, men of the synagogue were jealous of his power. Consequently they called a council, set up false witnesses, and finally stoned him to death.

It would appear that it had not been worth Stephen's courage and unwavering faith, as if God had untimely closed doors. But notice that Saul, who is the great hero of our present studies, witnessed that event (Acts 7:58). I am sure the sublime serenity of this man made it easier for Paul to say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

"Closed doors" may mean that God asks life itself, as was the case of our own missionary, James Gribble, and of John and Betty Stamm.

Turn to Acts 8:5 and let us examine doors that were closed to a young evangelist named Philip. Philip was chosen deacon at the same time as Stephen (Acts 6:5). He yielded his life to the Lord and as a layman went into Samaria to preach. He had the right message, for he preached Christ (Acts 8:5). He was successful, for Acts 8:6 tells us that the people with one accord gave heed to his message, that unclean spirits came out of many, and that many were healed. In the midst of success the angel of the Lord called Philip to the desert (Acts 8:26). There was Queen Candace's treasurer ready for the Word!

You say: "Would God close the doors of service to huge crowds and send one to preach to a single person?" Yes, the door of Samaria was closed upon Philip, but the lone Ethiopian took the message of salvation to Africa!

While we have considered Africa a heathen nation, yet through the years thousands of that country have come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus that Philip taught about that day on the desert. I am sure that accepting the closed door of Samaria meant even greater awards in the soul-winner's crown for Philip.

As we followed Paul in Acts 16:6-7 we discovered that the door seemed to be closed twice. First when they were in Galatia they were forbidden to preach in Asia. We know not the circumstances nor reasons for the forbidding, but he knew it was not God's will and didn't go. Had he disobeyed perhaps you and I would never have heard the Good News.

The second closed door came shortly after, when Paul and his companions (Acts 16:7) desired to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit forbade them.

Girls, remember He who closes doors can also open them. After the second door was closed, God immediately opened another. A vision appeared to Paul in the night and a man from Macedonia prayed, "Come over . . . and help us."

The Word says that *immediately* they loosed from Troas, going in a straight course to Samothracia, the next day to Neapolis, and thence to Philippi.

Because Paul accepted closed doors and entered open ones, Christianity has become world-wide.

Yea, the door may close upon life itself, as was the case in Stephen's career, or it may mean hindrance to our own zealous plans that greater doors of service may be opened.

Ours is to say: "Ready to go, ready to stay, ready His will to do."

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**JUNE 30:** This is the deadline for reporting memorization of I Peter in order to qualify for an award. Let's get this in as soon as possible.

**July 31:** This is the deadline for your general fund offering. Also your bandages must be sent to the bandage secretary, Evelyn Vnasdale, by this date.

**HONOR DISTRICT?** Do you want to be an *honor* district? If so, don't forget to send in a written report as to what your district has been doing. Remember also to bring a display from your district to national conference. Then the honor goal is to help send the district president to the early board meetings which are held at Winona Lake. We would like to have *every* district an honor district this year.



Rosalind had prayed that if the Lord wanted her to marry, He would lead her "to one wholly given up to Him and His service." When she met Jonathan Goforth she first noticed that he was rather shabbily dressed, for he was very poor. In fact, he wore such poor clothing when he entered college that the students made fun of him. They also laughed at him for witnessing of Jesus in the slums and prisons of Toronto. But they later came to respect him highly and were much ashamed of their treatment of him.

Rosalind, too, soon saw that her prayer was answered and that he was truly on fire for God. After their engagement he asked her, "Will you give me your promise that *always* you will allow me to *put my Lord and His work first*, even before you?" She said she always would.

Jonathan had heard the Lord saying, "Who will go for us and whom shall we send?" and he had answered, "Here am I; send me." So, soon after their marriage the Goforths really went forth to China. That was in 1888.

When Hudson Taylor heard that they wished to go to the Honan Province in China, where the people hated foreigners the worst, he told them: "If you would enter this province, you must go forward on your knees." And they certainly found it true that much prayer was needed every step of the way.

Special prayer by his old college friends that Jonathan might become skillful in speaking the new language was answered definitely on the day they prayed. Before this time he had studied a whole year without much progress.

The Goforths did not spare themselves, but worked very hard, and endured the many hardships patiently. They often preached and taught the Chinese all day long, taking turns at it, as their visitors came and went in huge crowds. One day, for example, they had 2,400 in various services.

Mr. Goforth was a great soul-winner, and truly one of the greatest missionaries of modern times. He loved to read his Bible and pray. He was always cheerful in the Lord's service, for he had great faith that God would do mighty works in answer to prayer.

They went through some very hard trials. Several of their children died from the terrible diseases sweeping over China. They lost their possessions by fire and by flood, and they were often in danger of their lives. The worst time was when they had to flee from the country during the Boxer Rebellion. The cruel bandits attacked Jonathan with their swords and knives, cutting him severely, and leaving him for dead. The Lord spared

their lives, however, in what they described as a thousand miles of miracles.

When they returned to China later, Mr. Goforth was greatly used of the Lord in bringing about great revivals, where those who had fallen into sin confessed and made right the wrongs they had done. Many new souls were won to the Lord also. He said it was all the Lord's doing. His motto was, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord."

Dr. and Mrs. Goforth labored on in China until 1934. He had become blind and she was in poor health, but they continued to work as long as they could. He died in 1936 and she in 1942.

## "EITHER-OR; NEITHER-NOR"

By Marybeth Munn

We see bats every evening flying from tree to tree around our yard, but I had never seen one up close until Jake (Kliever) shot one for me with his .22. It had a head like a dog with a long nose, big ears, and fur. It had a wing spread of about 15 inches. It really was a weird-looking specimen.

The people here have a story about these bats. It seems that all animals were gathered to a banquet. So Mr. Bat came to the feast. At his arrival he had to pass a physical examination. "Are you truly an animal?" the examiners asked. "See my face and my body," replied Mr. Bat. "Aren't they the face and body of a true animal?" "Yes, that is true, but still you have wings, so you are a bird and no birds are allowed here."

So poor Mr. Bat went up in the trees where all the birds were feasting. Here again he had to pass the examiner. "Are you truly a bird?" the birds asked. "Yes, indeed," Mr. Bat hopefully replied; "don't you see my large wings? Didn't I fly up here? What animal can fly?" "That's true, but you have no bill and you have the face and body of an animal. No animals are allowed at our table."

Poor Mr. Bat—neither animal nor bird. He was outside both realms. To moralize on the story just a little: Many Christians are like Mr. Bat. They still have so many characteristics of the world that they don't find fellowship with consecrated believers. Yet they have enough Christian principles and ways that they don't enjoy the fellowship of the unsaved either. The Lord tells us that He wants us either cold or hot, and that because some are neither cold nor hot He will spue them out of His mouth (Rev. 3:16).

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for our SMM missionary in Africa, Miss Marybeth Munn.
2. Pray for national SMM officers as they plan the program of the coming year.
3. Pray that the Lord will bless the service of SMM girls that souls will be saved.
4. Pray for the special needs of your own SMM group.

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## BRITISH-ISRAELISM

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

In British-Israelism we have a cult which is built upon some very definite misinterpretations of the prophetic Scriptures. It is not to be considered a cult in the sense that it denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, or the claims of Christ upon the lives of men. It does not deny these things. It boldly affirms itself to be thoroughly Christian. Its main error is in relation to the prophetic Word, which it twists into grotesque shapes in order to make it fit into their unique ideas. Because of its usage of the Scriptures and its true affirmations, the movement becomes all the more subtle to those who are unlearned in the Word.

I. *What is the significance of its NAME?* The name "British-Israelism" carries within it the distinctive idea that this group emphasizes, namely, that Israel or the 10 "lost" tribes are to be identified with Great Britain. Joseph Wild, in his book, "The Ten Lost Tribes," states that Messiah's throne of righteousness and peace is to be identical with the throne of England, and the English people are "the saints of the Most High," to whom all the kingdoms of the world shall soon be given. In another of their publications, "The Banner of Israel," the following statement is found: "During the wanderings in the desert His (God's) presence was manifested by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. . . . The same Lord still watches over the ten lost tribes of Israel in England." The Shekinah glory of God is made out to be the glow of British furnaces and steam engines in its present-day manifestation! The movement is sometimes called "Anglo-Israelism."

II. *Who BELONGS to the movement?* Anton Darms, in his excellent book, "The Delusion of British-Israelism," says there are over 2,000,000 adherents connected with it. Among these are many distinguished people, mostly British or Anglo-Saxon in origin, including royalty, members of Parliament, and leading clergymen in the Church of England. Thus it is a movement which tends to foster pride among the English people.

Many of its adherents believe strongly in the Lord Jesus Christ as evangelical believers do. They are pre-millennial as far as the Lord's coming is concerned. They are a people who have a peculiar bent for prophetic study. In fact, as their writings are read, the reader sometimes wonders if they are interested in much else in the Word.

III. *What are some of its MAIN BELIEFS?* Rev. Curtis G. Morrill, in an excellent short article on British-Israelism appearing in the Brethren Missionary Herald, June 27, 1942, lists 11 tenets of this system, some of which the writer of this article now presents. They claim that:

(1) The Scriptures clearly distinguish between Israel and the Jews.

(2) The 10 tribes of Israel inherited all the promises of Abraham while the Jews received the curses.

(3) The 10 tribes were lost through the captivity and never returned to the land of Palestine.

(4) These "lost" tribes were promised that they would be a great nation, possess the islands of the sea, and hold the gates of their enemies.

(5) When 9 of these tribes were lost, they wandered through central Europe and finally into the British Isles.

(6) The tribe of Benjamin later left the Jews and went northward also, and appeared as the Norman conquerors, and thus were reunited with their fellow countrymen.

(7) The long line of British rulers is the continuation of the throne of David.

(8) The British people, together with the United States, constitute the lost (?) 10 tribes of Israel today, and are God's covenant people, which explains the great world empire and power of these people. Some say that England is Ephraim and the United States is Manasseh.

(9) They interpret the stone cut out "without hand" referred to in the Book of Daniel as being the British Empire instead of Christ, and go as far as to say that the empire today is the kingdom of God on earth.

### IV. *How may the movement be REFUTED?*

*First of all*, the movement refutes itself by its many expressions of doubt. As Darms points out (p. 93), the writings of British-Israelism are full of such expressions as "no doubt," "in all probability," "tradition," "legend," "myth," "doubtless," "that we may guess," "can there be any doubt?" "may we not infer?" "there were probably," "it may have been," "perhaps," "we may reasonably suppose," "we venture to think," and "it is not hard to believe." Thus it shows itself to be a delusion of supposition and doubt.

*Secondly*, they are wrong in assuming that Israel and the Jews are to be distinguished from the time of Solomon to the present time. For instance, the Book of Ezra refers to those who returned from the Babylonian captivity as "Jews" 8 times and "Israel" no less than 40 times, and in Nehemiah they are called "Jews" 11 times and "Israel" 22 times. Coming to the New Testament we find Paul referring to himself as "a Jew of Tarsus" (Acts 21:39) and "an Israelite" (Rom. 11:1). In his aforementioned article, Curtis Morrill says that in the New Testament the same people are referred to as "Jews" 174 times and "Israel" 75 times. Hence the distinction that the British-Israelites talk so much about is a mere fiction.

*Thirdly*, they are wrong in claiming that the 10 northern tribes were lost. In the previous paragraph we have seen that Israelites as well as Jews returned from the captivity. Our Lord sent His disciples to preach to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel." The Epistle of James was written "to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad." Evidently they were not lost therefore. Moreover, Josephus tells us just where the majority of the 10 tribes were located in his day.

The seriousness of the British-Israelite teaching is that it changes the plain meaning of the Word of God into a meaning that fits into a system that tends to foster the pride of a particular people in the world. When men begin to play fast and loose with the Scriptures, who can tell what the end shall be? The movement, moreover, does irreparable damage to the prophetic element in the Scriptures.



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## SEATTLE BRETHREN SEARCH FOR LOCATION

The Seattle Brethren have been searching for months to find God's location for a church and, as the picture reveals, they even look to the air for help. (Inset) Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers and family searching the Scriptures; the Seattle Bible class meeting in the YMCA; Rev. Hammers and Brethren Cunningham, McConahay, and Mackey; the type of homes in the area.





# SEATTLE CHALLENGES BRETHREN EVERYWHERE

A 3-day visit to Seattle, Wash., was convincing evidence to us that this is indeed one of the most challenging and most rapidly growing cities in the United States. Statistics prove this fact unquestionably. Therefore it is a strategic spot in which to establish several Brethren churches.

Bro. Thomas Hammers, who is our pastor in this growing city, says he has never seen as great an opportunity and is thrilled with the possibilities.

A group of faithful Brethren, who were first brought together by Bro. Russell Williams, have met periodically in the YMCA chapel downtown and have prayed earnestly for the establishment of a Brethren church. Through the months God has been working and now we are ready to launch out definitely in this great field.

Due to the tremendous growth, the cost of property is extremely high. We have a splendid location in mind for our first church in Seattle and we urgently need the help of Brethren all across this nation in providing in-

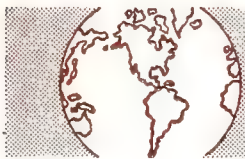
vestment funds to help finance this project. Such help would make it possible for us to go ahead immediately. We also need your gifts and prayers for the development of the work.

Since Brethren families are scattered to the extreme edges of the city it will be necessary for us to start 2 Brethren churches almost simultaneously. This means a greater outlay of funds than average. Brother Hammers says: "From the outset it has been apparent that a Brethren church should be planned for both the north and south ends of the city." We also should be planning for a work in the east and west, going into Bremerton and Bellevue.

The Brethren in Seattle have been willing to assume large responsibilities in these matters and they are absolutely worthy of our support.

Let us indeed make Seattle a beachhead for the greater growth of our Fellowship throughout the Northwest!

Write us if you can help in any way!



## Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



### JEWS DOING WELL FOR THE JEWS

We have it on reliable authority that \$50,000,000 a year has been spent by American Jews on aid to Jews abroad during the past 20 years. This amounts to \$1,000,000,000.

Even this amount does not reflect the additional millions which were given personally to friends and relatives overseas.

The Scripture says that "the liberal soul shall be made fat." This certainly means fatness for thousands of Jews if they are in the circle of God's blessing through Christ. However, it is more likely that most of these Jews have never found the joy of salvation through their rejected Messiah.

Since America has at least afforded a temporary haven for the Jew it is also true that she will share in some of that "fatness." The plan of God for blessing those who bless Israel has never been changed. On the other hand, it has been abundantly proved by His treatment of nations that have persecuted and slaughtered the seed of Israel.

The alarming situation is the increase in anti-Semitic feeling in our nation. One Jew was heard to make this statement: "Someday—I don't know when—the same thing that happened to Jews in Germany will happen in the United States. Then Israel will be the only place to go." During the past 2 years especially, a new wave of anti-Jewish feeling has swept across America and has ranged from the halls of Congress to the average man on the street.

According to the prophetic Word we know that this anti-Jewish feeling will be on the upswing as we approach the end of the age. As the children of God we should be careful to have no part in it. Instead, our support of Biblical Jewish missions should be increased.

### ARE THE CHURCHES FAILING OUR GIs?

Former Chief Chaplain of the United States Navy Rear Admiral S. W. Salisbury feels that the Protestant churches of America have definitely failed to meet the spiritual challenge of the current GI. In a recent statement he said: "We are a military state, whether we like it or not—and most of us do not. Nevertheless, the fact that we have been forced into a military state in time of peace—or semipeace—demands that our churches develop new techniques and new programs if they are to fulfill their spiritual responsibilities to our young GI men and women."

To give point and emphasis to his conviction he has retired at the age of 62 with the avowed intention of devoting his full time to maintaining contacts with churchmen and urging a stepped-up program for spiritual help for the GI.

It is certainly true that most Protestant churches have little, if any, systematic program for meeting the needs of GI's leaving their congregations for 2 years or more of service in the armed forces. Very little is done to prepare these young men and women spiritually for

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## POSSIBLE NEW CHURCH IN DAVENPORT, IOWA

With 2 Brethren preachers, Arnold Kriegbaum and Lester Pifer, we winged our way into the great populated area where Davenport, Rock Island, and Moline join hands across the mighty Mississippi River. This is a large populated area with many thousands of people who need the Gospel.

For several months, Brother Kriegbaum, pastor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church, has been driving to Davenport and holding a Bible class each week. As a result, a number of folks have become vitally interested in establishing a Brethren church in that great city.

Our meeting with these folks in the Clifford Strock residence was indeed a blessing. Tentative plans were made for the future with the hope that the Lord will lead and guide in providing all needs incidental to a new work.

Here is another important item for your prayer list.

## BRETHREN IN BALTIMORE

Recently we enjoyed a short visit with the Brethren folks in Baltimore, Md. Still meeting regularly for fellowship and instruction in the Word, these folks are

anxious to get established in a new section of the city and expand their ministry for Christ. It is also encouraging to know that other Brethren families are moving, or planning to move, to Baltimore and join this group. Soon we hope to be able to announce some extended plans for this work.

## MEETING IN MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

While in this area we took advantage of the opportunity to fellowship with our home mission folks in Martinsburg.

God's blessing has been richly bestowed on this church. Many souls have been saved. Through the ministry of Bro. Leon Myers, the pastor, a strong testimony is going forth in this needy community. There is much for which to praise the Lord.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN YORK

One of the finest fields we have for new church endeavor is found in York, Pa. A thriving, growing city, and center of a wide agricultural area, York promises to be an increasing challenge for the future.

Here our pastor, Bro. Gerald Polman, and a fine group of people are meeting in a former grocery store which has been "converted" to become a church and Sunday school.

A fellowship dinner in this building was an event of real blessing to all.

We need to purchase property for a new church in York and have not as yet been able to make a decision. Your earnest prayers are needed for a location and a new church building.

## THE LORD IS BLESSING IN HARRISBURG

One of our fine home mission churches is located in a new section of the capital city of the State of Pennsylvania. Here we have the first unit of a new building and a fine growing congregation, pastored by Bro. Russell Weber.

During our recent visit there we could not be in a public service, but we did have the opportunity of meeting with the Brethren Boys Club and seeing what a fine work is being done with them. Several hard-working laymen were present at that meeting assisting in the task.

## HOME MISSION BOARD MEETS

Due to the increased amount of activity in our Brethren home mission work, our directors came together at Winona Lake for a meeting a few weeks ago.

The largest task faced was the revising of the budget to meet the offerings given during the last Thanksgiving season. Even though that offering did not meet the budget, the Home Missions Council decided to give the Lord an opportunity to send in the difference over the period of 1 year.

Many important decisions were made. One of the most important, which we hope will have a definite bear-

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These pictures taken at Martinsburg, W. Va., show the church, the growing congregation, and the pastor, Rev. M. L. Myers, with his wife and family.



# A NEW MEXICAN "MACEDONIAN CALL"

By Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission

The Rio Grande River cuts through the mountains of north-central New Mexico in a wandering gorge of exposed strata and tangled brush. Occasionally it flows out of its deep canyon and crosses small fertile valleys, slackening its pace and bringing life to an otherwise semiarid area. It is in such small valleys along the banks of the muddy Rio Grande that some of the old villages of New Mexico are situated. Their histories are as dusty as the many small adobe huts clustered in them. Such names as *Embudo*, *Rinconada*, *Alcalde*, *Pilar* suggest their ancestry.

The conquerors of New Spain brought more than old-world names for their villages; they brought their black-robed padres, carrying the crucifix to conquer the hearts of the people for the Church of Rome. Though the Spanish soldiers have long vanished and New Spain is now only a historical name, the vestiges of Rome have not been erased from the scenes of the past. Still today the shadow of the adobe *catedrales* is cast across the village streets by the hot spring sun; the crucifix is still the pinnacle of the leaning, weather-stained bell towers. Though the rule of the crown of Spain has long been gone, the padres of Rome still hold the keys to the gates of heaven.

The Spanish-speaking remnants of New Mexico are held in an almost absolute power by these priests who can "absolve" or "condemn a person to hell" on personal, arbitrary decision. In most of these villages the Dark Ages reappear regularly in the practices and ritual of the *Penitentes*. This Roman sect specializes in extreme self-torture to attain—they know not what. They assembled with the bodies of the dead at night to pray—for what? They don't know. The resurrection season finds them celebrating a dead Christ in a coffin.

Paul Martinez bears in his chest and back deep scars from self-inflicted wounds; cuts made with a jagged piece of a broken bottle to bring forth his blood—for "without shedding of blood is no remission." Only he didn't know then that it was the Lord Jesus Christ whose blood had to flow to give remission for sins. Today the wounds of Paul are long healed, and only scars attest to the past. Better yet, he now knows that it is the Lord Jesus Christ "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14).

I met Paul Martinez as he was walking along the mountain road near his village of Velarde, N. Mex. A cold April wind was blowing through the valleys and the highway was still damp from the morning rain as I brought the truck to a halt beside him, sliding the suitcases and coats over to make room for him in the cab. He hadn't signaled for a ride; he was merely trudging slowly in my direction. He hadn't asked for a ride, but something brought the truck to a halt for some reason. I had just driven 1,400 miles and hadn't picked up a single hitch-hiker in that distance.

As this stranger climbed into the seat he asked, in his



Rev. Evan Adams

Spanish-accented English, "Where you are going?" I replied that I was headed for our mission over near Counselor Trading Post, across the mountains from there. A broad grin broke over his face as he said, "Then you are a believer?" His hand was thrust out in the token of brotherhood.

For the next few miles he told me how happy he was to meet another Christian. His village of 600 Spanish people has only one Christian—Paul Martinez. From his pocket came forth a small Spanish Testament, well-read and well-marked. Another pocket divulged numerous Scripture memory verses pasted on cardboard. Much of it was in his heart, too, for he soon quoted the 14th chapter of John in Spanish; many other verses followed. My new-found friend was full of questions, which indicated his hunger to know more about God's Word and to discuss the things which were dear to his heart. And then as we approached Española, his destination, he asked if I wouldn't wait for him a few minutes while he paid a debt, so that he might ride on as far as Santa Fe for more time of fellowship.

As we were driving away from Española, Paul asked if we couldn't have a time of hymn singing together. Only one song in Spanish depleted my repertoire from memory, and then we sang for each other—he in Spanish, I in Navaho. Finally we sang many of the old hymns together in English as we rolled through the mountains north of Santa Fe.

Of course I was interested in Paul's life in his home village as a Christian.

"How do your people treat you?" I asked.

"They call me 'Hallelujia.' They say I am dead since I don't get drunk with them any more nor do the many other things they do. I answer them that they are right; I am dead to the sin of my old life."

"How does it happen that you are the only believer in your family and in your village?" I further questioned my fellow traveler. "How did you hear the Gospel under those conditions?"

Paul then related the events of his conversion. He told how a couple of Christians came to his little house in Lupton, Colo., where he was working in the beet fields some years ago. They had asked him if he would allow them to hold services in his dwelling, and that they might invite others of the field workers in too.

He recalled: "I didn't know what it was all about, but I said they could use my house for the week of meetings if they wanted to. The second night, while the man was talking to us from the Word of God, I began to cry. That night I called on the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and the next day when I awoke everything was changed and new. I never smoked again after that, nor ever drank again. You should have seen what a drunkard I was too. I didn't have to try to get rid of those things in my life. The Spirit of God had taken them away from me, and all my desires changed overnight. Ever since then it has been as if I suddenly came out of a dark place into light and understanding. I used to pray at night with the dead bodies when I was a *Penitente*, but



I never knew why we were praying. Everything then was darkness and fear."

As the truck rolled into the outskirts of Santa Fe, our parting place, Paul asked: "Why can't you come and live in my village with me for awhile? We have a 7-room adobe house, with only my old mother and me living there. Once I was in a village where there were meetings every night for a month. Now I know no Christians around me with whom to talk. Do you know any believers near my home that I could meet?"

I then asked him if he knew of the work of our friends, the Sam Horneys, in Taos Valley among the Spanish people. Paul replied that he knew of them and had received tracts from them through the mail. Recently I had heard that one of my friends from California was

now in Los Alamos working for the A. E. C. and that he was still carrying on his lay preaching and helping to organize a group of believers there. His name was written down for future fellowship and help for this hungry Spanish believer.

As we were parting, Paul said: "You will probably forget about me, but I wish you would write to me. Also come and visit me whenever you come through this part of New Mexico. Sometime I would like to come and visit your mission across the mountains, if I can find a way to get there."

Obviously I haven't forgotten about Paul Martinez, of Velarde, N. Mex., for I am writing this 5 days later. It will be hard for me to forget him and his call for help and fellowship. Will you forget him?

## ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS ON THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AT ALEXANDRIA, VA., MARCH 29

### SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS HAVE FALLEN ON US

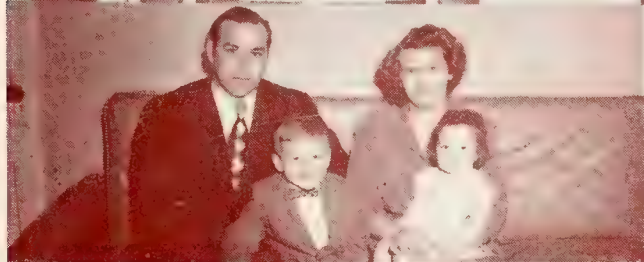
By Wilbur K. Hess, Sunday School Superintendent

Seeing our new church building grow from an imagination to the present beautiful building gives me a great amount of respect for the work of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Without their help we in Alexandria would still be holding our services in a schoolhouse.

All of us here are praising God for giving us such a beautiful house of worship. Through the help of Brethren home missions, and through much prayer, work, and sacrifice by the people here, we have a church which is second to none in beauty in this city. God has truly "poured us out a blessing" in that we have not only a new building, but it is complete with new furniture, a new organ and piano, and new hymnbooks.

Since we occupied the basement of our new building nearly 2 years ago, it has been our joy to see a large number find the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, and to see many lives reclaimed for Him. Now that we are occupying our finished auditorium, we are looking forward to much greater blessings in the days ahead.

In our desire to see others share in this type of blessing, home missions can depend on wholehearted support from the people in Alexandria so that dozens of other Brethren churches may grow up in all sections of the country.



*These pictures of the Alexandria, Va., dedication did not arrive in time for the April issue of the Herald. From the top down: the completed Alexandria church; those who participated in the dedication service which included the following out-of-town people: Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Miss Beverly Page, Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., and Mr. Roy E. Glass, Jr.; the pastor, Kenneth L. Teague, and family; and the capacity crowd in attendance. (The testimony of Mr. Hess was held over for lack of space last month.)*





FINDLAY, OHIO (*Forest F. Lance, pastor*)—

Our meetings, we feel, were a real success, with 7 first-time decisions. We were able to state our position as a church to many people of the community, and it has been very well received. New families are becoming regular attenders and some are contemplating joining with us. Our goal of 100 for Easter was surpassed by 10, and the following Sunday night 80 were present for a prophetic message. More and more we are realizing our desperate need for our new building. We need to enlarge our Sunday school set-up at the present time, but we do not have the room. We expect to baptize at least 10 within the next few weeks and we praise the Lord for these fine new people He is giving us.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (*Gene Farrell, pastor*)—

Now that we are having more prayer in our church, God is beginning to move. We had 55 out to prayer meeting last Wednesday night, of which 22 were young people. We have 2 additional prayer meetings each week, with one on Tuesday from 9 to 12 and the other on Saturday at 5 o'clock. These are some of the results: A family returned to fellowship with the Lord and us and in addition brought 3 neighbor children with them. The wife of a new couple is picking up children and taking the difficult office in our Bible school as registrar. The morning worship service is now running over 100 in attendance. A \$300 check came last week with some others that were needed to complete our church. More family altars are in session now, too, praise the Lord. II Chronicles 7:14.

PORTLAND, OREG. (*Vernon Harris, pastor*)—

We have just concluded our meetings with Bro. Robert Ashman. The Lord gave us a good meeting and a wonderful Easter service. There were 170 in Sunday school and 151 in the morning worship service. Needless to say our basement auditorium was packed.

The average attendance for the meetings was 76, and 75 for the Happy Hour for children. There were 4 decisions among the adults, with 1 for rededication and 3 for public confession of faith in Christ. In the children's Happy Hour there were 45 decisions, with 11 making public confession in the regular church services.

A NEW BIBLE CLASS WAS STARTED IN SALEM, OREG., ON MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 6, WITH 9

PRESENT. THERE WAS A FINE INTEREST MANIFESTED BY ALL THOSE PRESENT, AND THERE IS A REAL DESIRE TO SEE A NEW BRETHREN CHURCH IN SALEM. THE PRESENT PLAN IS TO MEET EVERY 2 WEEKS IN THE MERRILL GROAT HOME, 3350 N. RIVER RD.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (*M. L. Myers, pastor*)—

We of the Rosemont Brethren Church are continually being amazed by the grace of God. During the past 3 months there have been approximately 40 decisions of all kinds, 13 of which were first-time. There were 14 new Christians who joined the church, including 4 young married couples for whom we have been praying for over a year. During the 3-month period there were 11 who entered the waters of Christian baptism by trine immersion.

We are rejoicing too that our average attendance has reached a new all-time high during the month of April.

THE BRETHREN NAVAHO MISSION (*Evan Adams, missionary*)—

This was the last week of school for these Navaho boys and girls in the boarding school. We still had 20, but it



was like defending a stockade against marauding Navahos to keep them here until the last day. Many of the parents wanted their children for shepherding their sheep and this made it difficult to keep them in school.

Sunday we had one of our biggest crowds—Sunday school, 28; afternoon church, 101; and evening service, 31. At the close of the afternoon service about 15 came to have prayer and make some profession of the Lord. Of course I never count any conversions until we have seen some evidence of growth over a period of months. Two who came forward were daughters of the medicine man, who is very antagonistic to our mission. He was away working on the railroad and the girls were free to come. On the following Thursday we held a service in their hogan. We have 8 or 10 of the Navahos who show some growth and take an active part in the services, prayer, testimony, singing, etc. The most of these are in their teens. Really, only the Lord could ever know what is in the hearts of most of the Navahos who profess to be Christians.

ALBANY, OREG. (*Glen Welborn, pastor*)—

It was a year ago that digging began for the basement of the Albany, Oreg., Grace Brethren Church parsonage.



Three days before Christmas the pastor and family moved into a lovely 3-bedroom parsonage. One outstanding feature about this full-basement, 2-story house is its sawdust-burning furnace which produces adequate heating at the small cost of about \$35 a year.

The parsonage is located south of the church on the same property. And right here we want to insert an invitation to our traveling Brethren to stop in and try our guest room.

Saving the best for last, we turn to the spiritual. On Easter Sunday morning there were 3 babies dedicated to the Lord by 3 couples of our church. Following the evening service 5 people entered the baptismal waters, giving testimony to the fact they have been united with Christ in His eternal salvation.

*JUNIATA, PA. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor)—*

It is a joy to send you greetings from your mission church in Juniata, suburb of Altoona, Pa., so that you will be able to join us in praise and prayer.

There is a constant joy as we reflect over His many blessings, and our voices of appreciation are lifted to our Lord. However, we have ever before us a deep sense of humility and cause for heart searching as we consider those heights which still remain untouched.

One of our encouragements at the present is the newly organized young married people's class. Since the first of the year those couples under 30 have been grouped, and show promise of becoming one of our most rapidly growing classes.

Our young people's BYF gives us cause for praise. Until recently they had met in the main auditorium, where they shared the opening service with other groups. A desire was expressed for a separate room. One was assigned, and enthusiasm now runs high, and real strides have been made in fully equipping and beautifying it.

Our boys' work has been a delight and is proving to be a special blessing.

We are rejoicing in the fact that this week our treasurer made the payment which brought us to the half-way mark on our note at the First National Bank. It is not our only loan, but this one is the largest and must be met in monthly payments.

Bro. J. G. Shaw, our senior deacon, who had been like a spiritual father to the congregation, was called to his heavenly home in February.

We have had a severe winter for illness which has reached almost every family. We have just paused from our writing long enough to jot down 16 cases of hospitalization in recent weeks. All this has tended to keep down attendances, but we rejoiced to see our attendance reach 170 in Sunday school, which was an Easter Sunday record, and has been surpassed only 3 times during our Christian Life contest last fall when we reached 194.

Satan has given us reason, as people and pastor, to be constantly reminded of the spiritual conflict in which we are engaged. He does not tire in his efforts. Of course the pull of the flesh is just as apparent in Altoona as in other communities. May we use this opportunity to request in our own behalf, and for other mission churches, a very definite place in your daily prayers.

## FIRST BRETHREN DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF 1953



*From top down: The Northern Ohio District conference in session; the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, host church; and pastors of the district, including Rev. Conard Sandy, Brethren Missionary Herald Editor.*

The Northern Ohio District conference, held in the Brethren church at Rittman, Ohio, sounded a fine note in many different ways for others to follow. The attendance and spirit were excellent. Progressive and far-reaching plans were made for the future. Home mission activity is to increase. This district showed its vital interest in building Brethren churches by turning in a 25-percent increase in their offerings.

Often home mission churches start at a district conference. Plans are now being made together with the Brethren Home Missions Council to enter a new field in Elyria, Ohio, with a Bible class and soon another Brethren church. Other fields also are under investigation.

Already we have home mission groups at Findlay and Cleveland. There are also 4 former home mission churches in this district. One of these, in Fremont, Ohio, where Bro. Lester Pifer is pastor, is now engaged in starting a work among the colored people of the area.

## PHOENIX BREAKS GROUND FOR BUILDING

Rev. J. C. McKillen reports that the Phoenix, Ariz., church broke ground for its building April 26. R. Paul Miller, Carlo Pietropaulo, A. L. Howard, LeRoy D. Thomas, and Roy L. Laurin participated in the program. More complete account will appear on these pages later.



# ISRAEL CALLS!

## THIS IS FAIRFAX!

By Bruce L. Button

A street some 30 or 40 blocks long, lined at intervals with groups of shops and stores, teeming with people, noisy with traffic—this is Fairfax Avenue. This is the street I walk every day. This is the business street of the section of Los Angeles, Calif., where the Brethren Messianic Witness is giving forth the Gospel.

Our immediate business section is 4 blocks long. Here you find only stores and shops that cater to Jewish trade. There are the delicatessens, the book stores, the kosher meat and grocery shops, theaters, photo shops, all striving for the Jewish trade. Here also you find the synagogue, the temple, the Jewish community center.

Each day Fairfax Avenue teams with thousands of people, people you recognize to be Jewish from their actions and appearance, people with happy faces and sorrowful faces, peaceful faces and troubled faces; people with wealth and people of poverty; people with families and people all alone; people who love and hate, laugh and cry; people like the folks in your town, like your neighbors, like yourselves, with but one exception. As you live with and love these people you begin to recognize what this exception is. It is not in the matter of "blood," for the Word of God maintains *all* men are of one blood. It is not in the classification of the names "Jew" and "gentile," for the Word of God maintains there is no difference between the Jew and the gentile, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. Only those who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rather, this difference lies in the intensity of Jewish living.

They seem to feel an uncertainty, as far as security is concerned. They seem to fear that the cruelty and oppression which has always been showered upon the children of Abraham by the ungodly and unregenerated gentiles will be brought to the fore here in this last refuge of democracy. They seem to feel it is necessary to live for today, for tomorrow might bring forth the terror.

When I first contact the people of the Fairfax District they seem to throw up a barrier between us. They are polite and courteous. However, they are not interested in what I have to say. They have their own religion. They are sorry, but they are so busy. They are sure I understand. And the interview is over. And I do understand. You also should understand. These dear folk we contact have lost loved ones in the concentration camps of Dachau, Buchenwald, Vught, Terezin, and the many other camps set up in Europe during World War II. In not a few cases these people I talk to are the very refugees from these camps. At times I learn that the person to whom I am speaking is the last of a family which, at the beginning of the war, numbered 50 or 60 people. Mother, father, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, cousins all disappeared during the Nazi blood bath. Why should they listen to me? Why should they even talk to me? They do not know me. They have every right to be suspicious of me.

So they consider the interview ended. But I do not. I have a Lord who is able to make the dead live. He can

cause the blinded eyes to see. He can make the deafened ears to hear. He can make the hardest heart receptive to His gracious words. He IS ABLE to open the way for a testimony concerning His gracious Son, the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of all mankind. Thus I pray and study His Word and go back again ready to grasp the opportunity He will open to me each new day. And each day they become better acquainted with me. Each contact means a word of testimony here, a Scripture quotation there. It is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little.

Then a real opportunity comes. I've dropped into the delicatessen for a small purchase. No one is there but the proprietor. Time and time again I have tried to witness to this man. He will not listen. Only a little at a time. I have seen him at his home. Still no opportunity. Two years of contact—no real testimony. Our business is concluded. He jokes with me. If I continue eating Jewish food I'll soon become a Jew. I laugh with him and then suggest he would be surprised if I were to tell him I was a Jew. He says he does not believe I am. I tell him I am not as far as physical birth is concerned, but in spiritual birth it is another matter. I am a child of Abraham through faith! Through faith? What do I mean? Do I believe in Judaism? I reply that I do, but it is the Judaism of the Tenach in which I believe—a Judaism that has Messiah as the chief cornerstone. It is the Judaism which recognizes Psalms 2:12 and 16:10; Isaiah 9:6-7 and chapter 53; Daniel 9:25-27; Zechariah 12:10 and 13:6. It is the Judaism which recognizes sin and the need of atonement for the soul which sins. It is the Judaism of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, the prophets. It is NOT the Judaism of the Talmud or the rabbis.

It is then the opportunity presents itself. The question: "What is the difference of which you speak?" I open God's Word and begin to read the passages referred to, and also others which deal with the identity of Messiah and His reason for coming to earth.

"But Israel is not a sinful nation," is the reply. I turn to Isaiah 1:4 and read: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers . . ." and on to the end of the chapter. There is no answer to this reading. My friend is silent. I tell of the graciousness of Jesus and of His claims. I read Scripture from the New Testament—passages that state the fulfillment of the Old Testament passages I have previously read.

Someone comes up to the counter. I tell my friend I will see him again and hand him the Mediator, with 2 tracts enclosed in it. "My address and phone number are in the pamphlet," I say. "Should you have further questions, get in touch with me and I will be glad to answer for you." He bids me good-bye and I start for the door. I hear the customer say, "You and the missionary?" As I go out the door my friend answers, "Can you do better?"

Testimonies such as this are made possible by your prayers for and gifts to the Brethren Messianic Witness. God's Word only goes forth as God's people pray. Brethren, pray for us.



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what they will be facing away from home in the form of sinful temptation. The pastor may have a little talk with the individual, which often is soon forgotten in the demands and temptations of military life. Many of our young people look on these months of military training as a lark—a sort of opportunity to sow a few wild oats. In the process sometimes their lives and bodies are ruined morally and physically. This we have seen personally in several vivid cases.

The Roman Catholic Church provides preinduction courses for their prospective GI's. Lectures, films, and advice on how to conduct one's life in the armed services are given to Catholic young men and women.

Within a few years more than 10 million young men and women will have spent an average of 2 years in military service. This is an amazingly large segment of our population. More important, it is the segment which will be ruling America tomorrow, making its laws, and administering its government. Admiral Salisbury points out that these young people "will bring back with them the imprint of their service life, their observations, and their experiences in the countries in which they have served."

Protestant churches, including our own, should further investigate this matter. If we continue to ignore the spiritual and recreational needs of these young people the moral fiber of America will suffer another severe blow. Deprived of this help, hundreds of GI's are turned into cheap dance halls, disreputable night clubs, "clip joints," houses of prostitution; and some become professional gamblers.

Churches which are close by military installations have a special responsibility and privilege. They can meet the GI need on a local basis by providing some spiritual and social help for these often very homesick men and women. To say the least, home churches can keep in contact with their servicemen by mail at regular intervals and, through other printed literature and special prayer meetings, can further fortify them against daily temptation. For larger denominations a special national agency could certainly find plenty to do in keeping contact with service personnel all over the world.

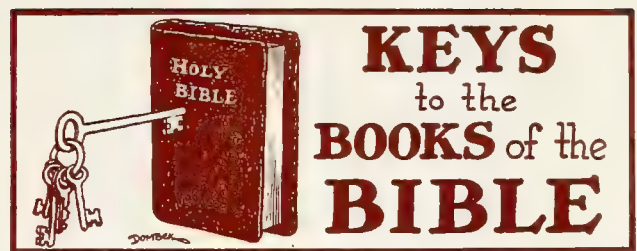
This is one more indication that sometimes the church needs to change its methods, program, and approach, even though we still preach the same Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. The church limits the scope of its ministry and its effectiveness for Christ when it fails to see and meet these needs and remains in the same traditional rut.

## HOME MISSIONS TRAVELOG

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ing on the growth of our church in the future, is the decision to organize a Brethren Construction Company. This has been done and the company is now operating in the construction of Brethren churches. One construction gang is already at work, headed up by Bro. Tom Bailey, and others are in the making.

We need the prayers of Brethren everywhere for wisdom in meeting the ever-increasing challenges to establish and build new Brethren churches.



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## I Thessalonians

### I. Presents.

A. The relation of the second advent to Christian experience.

### II. Key Words.

- A. Coming (1:10 implied; 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23).
- B. Gospel of God (2:2, 8, 9).
- C. Word of God (2:13).

### III. Key Verses.

A. 1:3—"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father."

Unfolded in 1:9-10.

- 1. "Faith" points to the past—"turned to God."
- 2. "Labour of love" points to the present—"serve the living God."
- 3. "Hope" points to the future—"wait for his Son."
- B. Cf. 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23.

### IV. Key Outline.

A. Personal (1-3).

Each argument enforced with the idea of the return of Christ.

B. Instruction (4-5).

- 1. Exhortation (4:1-12).
- 2. The substance of the teaching (4:13-5:3).
- 3. Other exhortations (5:4-22).
- 4. Prayer (5:23-24).
- 5. Conclusion (5:25-28).

### V. Key Thoughts for Today.

A. Ways that we are to respond to the truth of the second coming of our Lord.

1. In our own life, by sanctification.

The life of sanctification is that of personal purity, love of the brethren, and honesty in the world. That is response to doctrine (I John 3:3).

2. In face of death.

We fall asleep, knowing that when the Lord shall come we will be awakened, and changed with those who remain. We wait not for death, but for Him.

3. In view of the judgment that lies beyond.

It will keep us from—

- a. Unbelief, and return to idols.
- b. Indolence, which issues in strife.
- c. Impatience, which issues in sin.

B. The sanctification of the spirit, soul, and body consists in that waiting for Jesus which is the waiting of unceasing service. It puts feet and hands to our hope.

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*Dr. Herman A. Hoyt* is scheduled to speak at the California District conference the first week in August and is open to other speaking engagements in that area.

*Pastor and Mrs. Norman A. Nelson*, of the Compton, Calif., church, became the parents of a son, Nels Norman, April 11.

The address of *Chaplain (1st Lt.) Wayne S. Flory* is Hq. 130th Inf. Reg., 44th Inf. Div., Fort Lewis, Wash. (change Annual, p. 68).

The *Dayton, Ohio*, Patterson Park church, pastored by Caleb S. Zimmerman, maintained an average of 66 in Bible school during April.

Miss Ruth Snyder is scheduled to speak at the *Flora, Ind.*, church May 17, according to Pastor Charles Turner.

*Pastor Charles Turner*, of the *Flora, Ind.*, church, is scheduled to be ordained to the ministry at his home church, Akron, Ohio, May 17 at 2:30 p. m., with the pastor of that church, Harold H. Etling, in charge.

The *Cornell Heights* Sunday school, sponsored by the *Dayton, Ohio*, First church, had 59 people present April 26. Pastor William A. Steffler was the teacher of the adults that day.

The *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church gave its pastor, Richard L. Burch, a call to serve another year.

The *Canton, Ohio*, church, where John Dilling is pastor, was host to a singspiration service, May 3, of the Canton Bible Institute.

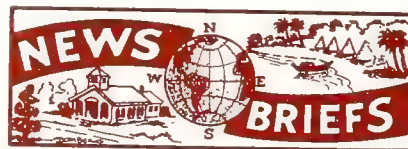
*Pastor Miles Taber*, of the *Ashland, Ohio*, church, will speak over the local radio outlet each day during the week of May 18.

*Dr. Alva J. McClain*, president of Grace Seminary, is scheduled to speak over the national network of the American Broadcasting Company on 4 Saturdays—May 16, 23,

30, and June 6. Consult local papers for time. These messages are in the series, "Bible Messages," being sponsored by the American Council of Christian Churches.

The *East District* preachers met at the Altoona, Pa., First church, April 20-21, for a time of Bible study and prayer. Dr. Ralph Stoll, a local Baptist pastor, was the main Bible teacher. The churches of this district have planned a banquet for the seniors in their congregations for May 16 at Baker's Summit school-house. The laymen of the district have set aside May 23 as a day of prayer, with the sessions being held at the Conemaugh, Pa., Pike church.

A daughter, Pamela Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeton in April. Brother Sweeton is assistant pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., Second church.



The *South Gate, Calif.*, church, pastored by Alfred Dodds, held a campaign, March 31-April 19, led by the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade team of R. Paul Miller and Carlo Pietropaulo. It resulted in 60 decisions. The church recently added Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, and Mrs. Mabel Force to its deacon board.

Dr. Homer A. Kent preached at the *Waterloo, Iowa*, church April 26. Prof. John Whitcomb and Dr. Alva J. McClain are to be there May 17 and 24, respectively.

*Pastor Orville A. Lorenz* ended his ministry at the La Verne, Calif., church with a communion service April 5. He is now the chaplain in charge of Chapel 1 at Camp Roberts, Calif.

*Pastor James G. Dixon* accepted a call to continue his ministry at the Washington, D. C., church.

Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., and Bro. Howard Schrock have been in charge of services at the *La Verne, Calif.*, church following the resignation of Rev. Orville A. Lorenz.

The father of *Miss Dorothy Magnuson*, office secretary at Grace Seminary, died in a Los Angeles hospital

May 1. Miss Magnuson left for California at once by airplane.

The *California District* has planned a precamp youth rally for May 18 at the Compton church, where Norman Nelson is pastor.

The Third church of *Philadelphia, Pa.*, pastored by Robert S. Cessna, had 170 people in Sunday school April 26, and received 5 new members during April.

At the *York, Pa.*, church, where Gerald Polman is pastor, the Sunday school attendance was 60 or more each Sunday in April, with a high of 70 on April 12.

Plans have been developed suddenly making possible a 9-weeks tour among Brethren churches and summer camps by the *Brass Trio of Grace Theological Seminary*. The team is composed of Edwin Cashman, Eddie Smith, Harold Westing, and David Halvorsen, accompanist. Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president of the seminary, will travel with them. Further information will appear in the Educational Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald next week.

The *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, pastored by Charles W. Mayes, called Rev. Albert L. Flory to continue as minister of education and superintendent of the Brethren Schools of Long Beach; and called Bro. Don Hocking, Grace Seminary student, to join the staff during the summer—his third there.

Bro. Walter M. Fergus is now serving as pastor of the Accident, Md., church.

*Profs. S. Herbert Bess and George Cone, Jr.* (with Mrs. Cone), attended the foreign language conference at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., April 23-25. On the last day of the conference Mr. Bess read a paper on the "Philosophic Preconceptions Reflected in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible."

Mrs. Don Pugh, 1110 Burchland Dr., Martinsville, Va., would like to meet other Brethren or people interested in the Brethren Church living in that community.

*Evangelist William Smith* is scheduled for services at Grafton, W. Va., where Lee Crist is pastor, May 10-17; Voice of Christian Youth Conference, Clarksville, Mich., May 30; California summer camp, June 20-July 11; Atlantic-Southeast camp, July 20-August 1; and Michigan camp, August 3-15.



# "HARVEST IS PAST, THE SUMMER IS ENDED"

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Committee

Centuries ago, an old prophet of Israel cried out in anguish to a people whose ears were dull of hearing, that "harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20). There is no better time to meditate upon the words of this prophet than during those days when summer is just approaching. These are the days of planning, planting, seed-sowing, preparing for the harvest which is sure to come.

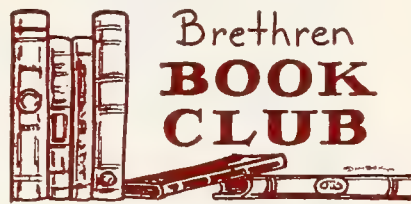
In a very real sense these are days of planning, planting, seed-sowing, and preparing for the spiritual harvest that will come at the close of this age. Every believer has some place of importance in relation to the coming harvest. All should be sowing the seed, which is the Word of God. Others are watering the new growth. Some are cultivating the soil. There is no place or position in relation to this great coming harvest that is to be minimized. The clearer the understanding of the task, the more efficient and capable the laborer, the greater will be the harvest. For this purpose Brethren people should be availing themselves of the good Christian literature that will furnish them for the task.

Brethren people who do not belong to the book club could well afford to join the group who share in this fellowship of good reading. Your book club committee has spent many hours each month poring over the mass of material coming from the press. Much of it is worth nothing. Some of it will live for many, many years. To save the time of the readers, and to guide the members of this club to worth-while books, this page is maintained from month to month.

Join this club today. Send for one of the books recommended for your reading, and you automatically become a member of the club. A premium book will be sent you immediately. You may have your choice of the following books as a premium: "Stranger Than Fiction," by Florence Gribble; "Prayer: Asking and Receiving," by John R. Rice; or "The Emerald Necklace," by Elise Fraser. By ordering one of the two books recommended for the month of June you will then be entitled to the premium book.

The first-choice book for June is

"Elijah the Tishbite," by Krummacher. The second-choice book is "Across the Seas," by Allen. The reviews follow. The first-choice book will be sent to members unless the Brethren Missionary Herald Company is informed otherwise before June 1. In case you desire another selection, either the second-choice for this month or some other book listed previously in these columns, be sure to send word to the company before June 1. Members of the club purchasing books April 1



through July will receive the dividend book for this period, "How to Obtain Fullness of Power," by Reuben A. Torrey.

## ELIJAH THE TISHBITE

By F. W. Krummacher

There was no more interesting person in Old Testament times than Elijah the Tishbite. James said he was "a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (Jas. 5:17-18).

Elijah is the man with whom the Lord Jesus compared John the Baptist and the one chosen to represent all the prophets on the Mount of Transfiguration. He is the man who was caught from the earth by a "miracle" of God, not yet having suffered death, though he lived centuries before the time of Christ.

Dr. F. W. Krummacher, of Germany, has set forth this Old Testament prophet in his surroundings in a clear, interesting, and readable manner. Yet this is much more than a historical biography of a man of God. This treatise by Krummacher

shows the meaning of his ministry and the underlying purposes back of his prophecies.

In the 32 chapters of this book the author treats the 32 events in the life of this man that God has recorded concerning him in the Word of God.

Saints everywhere owe their appreciation to the Zondervan Publishing House for making this classic of the church available to this generation, and the members of the book club committee take much joy in being able to offer this volume to the members of the Brethren Book Club at the very reasonable price of \$2.95.

—Conard Sandy.

## ACROSS THE SEAS

By Leroy Allen

One of the delights of the men on board a destroyer is participation in the initiation of newcomers into their society. Our story opens with this hilarious occasion on board the *U. S. S. Mastin*, far out in the Pacific Ocean. Our 2 heroes, Mickey Conant and Tom Wilson, were enjoying themselves to the full—until the young man about to be initiated changed the entire tone of the proceedings. With defiance and hatred he threatened Mickey if he received the same treatment as the ones who had gone before him. Mickey was almost too stunned to move, but not his buddies; so this sneering newcomer really got the "works."

This was the beginning of an extremely varied relationship between these 3 men. Rumor on board had it that Ernie Farrow was a Communist, which immediately placed him under suspicion. How he was freed of this evil association and his name cleared of any stigma makes captivating reading. Ernie turned from a "watched" man into a real hero by a daring act on board ship. Most important of all, he found Christ and a new life through his association with Mickey and Tom.

There is tension, action, and romance—everything needed to make a real story. Those who have met Tom and Mickey in "Desires of the Heart" will look forward with anticipation to their further adventures in this new book, priced at \$2 a copy.—Blaine Snyder.

# THE MARK OF THE BEAST

By Rev. R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind.

Fifty years ago German peddlers trudged through our country with packs on their backs, offering their trinkets to whomsoever would buy. Sometimes they would stay all night at our house. One man told my father that in Germany all young men had to take military training and that he had come to this country to escape it. Another said that a German farmer was not even permitted to butcher one of his own hogs without permission from the government.

In our boundless American freedom we could hardly imagine such a condition on this earth. But as the years passed and I read how that in the end of the age a world despot would arise who would grasp the reigns of human government and control all industry, I wondered what could ever happen that would lead the people of our land to permit their government to control their buying and selling.

## *The "Blue Eagle"*

Several years ago I spoke in the State of New York on the 13th chapter of Revelation, and mentioned the mark of the beast. The very next Tuesday night I passed through Roaring Spring, Pa., and saw my first "Blue Eagle" in a grocery store window. Verily, that old bird was not the mark of the beast, but she most certainly laid an egg that will hatch out into the real thing some day. And who of us does not even now remember the day, not so long ago, when to buy a gallon of gasoline or a pound of sugar we had to produce a coupon with its certain mark upon it.

The political end of this age is set before us in Revelation 13 and is to be characterized by 2 evil men.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea" (Rev. 13:1). The Book of Revelation is written in picture language, thus we seek the meaning of the pictures somewhere in the Bible. In 17:15 we read that the water represents the great mass of humanity, "peoples, and multitudes, and nations." This beast, or man, rises from living humanity. This is important, because another beast comes from another place later on in this chapter.

This beast has "ten horns" (13:1).

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings. . . . These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (17:12-13).

## *A Universal Dictator*

Gentile world power is to end in a United States of Europe (Dan. 2). The old Roman Empire is to revive and one man will head the whole league of nations. But get Italy, England, Spain, and the other nations to unite under one man if we can. Impossible? But, verily, it shall be done. In fact, such a union



Rev. R. I. Humbert

has been accomplished in years past.

In the first World War, the Germans were fighting the Allies on the west and the Russians on the east. The Allies knew they should unite under one head, but English soldiers did not wish to fight under a French general, neither would it work the other way. And then Russia withdrew on the eastern front, leaving a million German soldiers free to go to the western front. It was a tremendous crisis and the Allies went under one man—General Foch.

And so again, let a great outside power loom up in the distance, and the same thing can happen again. In fact it has already happened as the growls of the Russian bear have vibrated the hearts of the kings of Europe and made them form a union for self-preservation.

## *United States of Europe*

Twenty-five hundred years ago Daniel prophesied of a coming league of nations. In August 1952 the Pathfinder magazine declared that "a fully matured United States of Europe may be 10 or 20 years away, but according to every statesman who counts, it's a sure thing now." Verily, when these things begin to come to pass, "Look up."

The beast of Revelation 13 is Satan's superman, the Antichrist. "And the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (13:2). The dragon is Satan. Once Satan offered this power to Christ. Our Lord refused, but Satan will yet find a man who will accept.

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (vs. 3). Satan seems to stage some sort of a resurrection for his man, the Antichrist.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth" (13:11). This second beast comes up out of the underworld. He has lived before, and now returns to play his part in the great drama of the Satanic trinity. Both of these beasts are immortal and do not die again, for they are cast "alive" into the lake of fire (19:20).

## *Satan's Great Desire*

Satan's great desire is to be like the Most High. God is presented as a trinity and Satan presents his power as a trinity—the dragon and the 2 beasts. The Father gave authority to Christ and the dragon does likewise to his Antichrist. The true Christ was killed and rose again and we worship Him because of His resurrection. The Antichrist has a "deadly wound" and is healed and the world worships him (13:12). The Holy Spirit bears witness to the death and resurrection of Christ, and leads us to worship Him. The second beast, as an antiholy spirit, causes earthdwellers to worship the Antichrist "whose deadly wound was healed."

"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on earth in the sight of men" (13:13). It has long been an established fact that only God can bring fire down from heaven, so the scene on Mount Carmel will be enacted again. Once Elijah called fire down from heaven and the people shouted their faith in their God. Now let the scene be reenacted; let them build an altar; let a great electric wizard like Edison examine the altar and assure the people there is absolutely no trick. Then let fire fall out of heaven and millions will go wild



with joy and will gladly embrace the Antichrist.

### *The Plain of Dura Again*

But the scene on the Plain of Dura must also be reenacted. Once proud Nebuchadnezzar erected an image of himself and demanded worship of the image under penalty of death. Three young Hebrew men refused to bow the knee and were thrown into the fiery furnace, but their God delivered them. And so again, the order goes out "to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live" (13:14).

The great day of dedication will draw nigh. Untold thousands will gather to give honor to the beast whose deadly wound was healed. We can imagine that some of the same television sets that now are in American homes will be used to report this great event.

### *Worship or Die*

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (13:15).

I have stood by the statue of some noted man and tried to imagine some such similar experience. There it stands, cold, hard, and lifeless as the years roll by. Suddenly I see the flit of an eyelid, the blush of health appears on the cheeks, and the statue comes to life.

And so, as this great image is to be dedicated, a sudden hush falls upon that vast audience. The image receives "life." Not mere mechanical movements, but life. And not merely life, but intelligent life; it can "speak." And not mere intelligent life, but almost supernatural life, for it is able to discern disloyal ones in that vast throng.

There it stands. Signs of life appear as the ponderous head moves around; the massive hand is raised; the eyes are focused on the crowd; the lips part and a voice thunders forth, a voice so unearthly that every heart is made to tremble with dread and fear. "Grab that man in the yellow sweater. Down with those 3 men under that tree."

Soon it is a wild scene of terror as the dupes of hell carry out orders and all who will not worship are killed. Out over the air the fearful

sights are wafted; into the homes of countless thousands the bloody sights are televised, and earth's millions go wild with joy and excitement and vie with one another to outdo their fellow men in honoring the beast which had power to do such things.

It is over. Not a disloyal soul still lives in that vast throng. But countless millions of earthdwellers have not taken their stand. The issue must be world-wide. The earth is too small to hold a single godly soul. Everyone must worship their great emperor or perish.

### *The Mark of the Beast*

A mark is devised and "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond," are commanded "to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (13:16-17).

There is a sudden shift on the television and the emperor himself appears on the screen. He utters a fiery speech as he blasphemes the God of heaven and His humble saints. Then in wild excitement he presents the issue.

Next Wednesday morning every citizen on earth must receive a mark. The mark will be received at the courthouse and the doors will be open at 8 o'clock, and woe to anyone who does not appear.

Verily, our nation has already been prepared for just such an event, for only a few years ago we had to humbly petition our government for permission to buy or sell.

### *Fearful Scenes*

One time I stood on a dark street in a little town and watched an NRA parade move past. I fairly shuddered as I cast my mind a few years into the future when a similar parade may go down that same street in honor of the Antichrist, and woe unto that man who stands on that street with my attitude toward the whole affair.

Well can we imagine the fearful scenes as blaspheming humanity gathers at the courthouse to receive the mark. A half dozen men lay on the lawn all night; they are determined to be the first to receive the brand of hell. Four-thirty a. m. and the cars begin to arrive; 5 and then 6 o'clock, and hundreds are milling about the courthouse lawn. There

have been 3 or 4 fights about the courthouse door as men vied with each other to be the first to enter.

Seven-thirty and then 7:45 . . . only 15 minutes until the doors open. Thousands are jostling about; excitement is high, as everyone seeks to outdo his neighbor in ascribing glory and honor to their great emperor whose deadly wound was healed. There are 3 or 4 more fights about the courthouse door when suddenly in the air above their heads an angel voice peals forth: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name" (14:9-11).

A sudden hush falls upon that vast crowd; a sudden spell of fear and surprise. But only a moment do they cease their mad scene, for one man shakes his fist at the angel and yells his defiance. Another pulls out his gun and shoots at the heavenly messenger and the whole yard goes into a wild orgy of screaming and blaspheming as the poor dupes of hell pour out their hatred to the God of heaven.

### *The Warning Heeded*

But wait; not in vain did that angel warn; not in vain did those words go forth, for down that alley runs a man. Over there half a dozen others break away from the crowd.

"Hey, where are you going?"

"I don't want that mark!" cries the convicted soul.

"Grab him!"

Someone runs to the hardware store for a few feet of wire; another runs for a gallon of gasoline. The doors of the courthouse open and the excited crowd files through, while the quiet air of their doomed city wafts to their nostrils the odor of burning living human flesh.

Verily, let mortal man mock at these things if he will; some such scenes are on schedule for end-time events, and even now we can see them casting their shadows across our path.

# REVIVAL AT LONG BEACH FIRST CHURCH CONTINUES

By Rev. R. Paul Miller, Field Secretary, Brethren Evangelistic Crusade

The first revival conducted under the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade in California was in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, of which Dr. C. W. Mayes is pastor. We found the finest of fellowship and cooperation with Dr. Mayes in these meetings. Many years ago we worked with him in his congregation at Whittier, Calif. God sent a precious revival then, and He greatly blessed us again here in Long Beach.

Brother Mayes' great concern is that his own people be reaching others for Christ, and he asked that we keep his own people in mind especially during these meetings. This we did. We asked him for a paragraph setting forth his appraisal of the results of the meeting among his people 1 month after the campaign came to a close. He very graciously dictated the following at once:

"We recently closed a 2-weeks meeting with Evangelist R. Paul Miller at the First Brethren Church in Long Beach.

"Brother Miller preached faithfully throughout the 2 weeks to changing crowds, with the result that there were a number of decisions registered, both first-time and for other purposes. We are finding that the deep conviction which mounted during the meetings is apparently the basis for decisions which are coming regularly since the meeting.

"Brother Miller's work was of

special value in his personal visitation and in awakening believers."

We have never found a more capable and efficient group of responsible laymen in any field. They knew what to do and how to do it. The personal work, the advertising, and the music committees were outstanding.

Attendance ranged from 300 to 800, and interest in the preaching of the Word from the evangelistic standpoint was excellent.

The Long Beach church does a great work for God both at home and

a fine work to date, under God. The group has grown, but still it is very small for such an undertaking. Attendance, finances, workers are a tremendous concern for the pastor and his people.

*Pastors, please do not forget Phoenix when you call your people to prayer each week. Hold up these courageous hearts now when they need it so much. If our Lord tarries, there will be a strong Brethren church in Phoenix, and you will be glad you prayed and helped them when they started. REMEMBER! Your church was a small and struggling group once, and every bit of help meant a lot to you.*

*When this reaches your hands, we will be in our last days of the Phoenix campaign. We will be needing help from God more than ever. Drop to your knees and plead with God for victory in Phoenix, won't you? The report will come in a later issue.*

Pray for the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade. Our goal: "Twenty thousand souls for Christ in five years."



Dr. Mayes

abroad, and with a growing emphasis on evangelism its harvest of souls in Long Beach will become as great as its harvest in foreign lands.

## Phoenix Meeting Begins

The Phoenix, Ariz., campaign began Sunday, April 26. This is a tent campaign. The weather is already very warm in Phoenix at this time of the year. Bro. Kenneth Peters brought the tent and equipment out several weeks ago. He did it as a layman's gift to his Lord. It is such laymen who have been such a joy in bringing about the greater evangelistic ministry of our Brethren churches. Other laymen are doing outstanding work to lay the foundation for great revival to spread over our Brotherhood, and we will bring them forth to you as we are able.

Bro. J. C. McKillen is pastor in Phoenix. He came and took over a handful of people a year ago, and has been sweating it out with the Lord through all the problems that confront any new work amid the tremendous opportunities that prevail in the West today. He has done

## TO REPEAT CFE CAMPAIGN

The Christ for Everyone simultaneous evangelistic campaign of October 1952 enlisted the cooperation of thousands of pastors and churches all through the United States and Canada.

Mr. Horace F. Dean, president of Christ for America, with headquarters in Chicago, will again direct the Christ for Everyone campaign which is set again for the month of October. However, each church is given complete freedom in setting its own dates.

Chairman for the United States is Dr. Charles E. Fuller, and chairman for Canada is Premier E. C. Manning, of Alberta.

Dr. Billy Graham is again writing the official tract for the campaign. Vast quantities of his 1952 tract were used.

There will be no enlistment or registration fee required. Sample packets of supplies, advertising aids, stimulating booklets, and manuals for workers may be secured at \$2 a packet from the Chicago office, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

## ICU OPENS IN JAPAN

A double celebration was held April 13 to mark the official opening of the International Christian University in Japan. One celebration was held in Tokyo and the other at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D. C., where Sherman Adams represented President Eisenhower.

This university is a postwar dream of some churchmen in the United States and was sponsored by a number of denominations, most of which are members of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

The "purpose" is to teach Japanese young people practical Christianity. But one wonders how this is to be done when one considers who the sponsors are.



# Young People! Attend a Brethren Youth Camp This Summer!

## IOWA DISTRICT—

Junior Camp Hawkeye, ages 9-12.  
Senior Camp Iowa, ages 13 and up.

To be held simultaneously, Aug. 2-8, at Riverside Bible Camp Grounds (a new site), 11 miles north of Ames, Iowa. \$12.50.

Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, camp director.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT—

Juniors, 9-12, Aug. 2-8.

Seniors, 13 and up, Aug. 9-15.

Camp Indisinewa, to be held this year at a beautiful new lake site near Clarksville, Mich.

Rev. Lee Jenkins, camp director.

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT—

Boys 9-13, July 20-25. \$10.

Girls 9-13, July 27-Aug. 1. \$10.

Seniors, 14 and up, Aug. 3-8. \$10.

Camp Clear Lake, near White Pass, in Washington.

Rev. Russell Williams, camp business manager.

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT—

Senior Camp, June 20-27.

Junior Camp, June 27-July 4.

Junior High Camp, July 4-11.

Tahquitz Pines, near Idyllwild, Calif.

Rev. L. W. Marvin, camp president.

*When a young person goes to a Brethren youth camp, you can be assured that he will be adequately supervised, well fed, and wholesomely encouraged in every good thing. All campers are insured, in case of sickness or accident, and precautions are taken for their safety. The best in recreation, fun, and spiritual emphasis are provided, and lasting friendships and life decisions are frequent. Get your young people registered early for Brethren camp this summer, for capacity crowds are expected in almost all of them.*

## EAST DISTRICT—

Juniors, 9-13, June 28-July 4.

Seniors, 14 and up, July 5-11.

Kamp Keystone, near Somerset, Pa., in Laurel Hills State Park.

Rev. R. D. Crees, camp director.

## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT—

Juniors, 9-12.

Seniors, 13 and up.

Camps to be held simultaneously at Camp Buckeye, June 14-20, on the lake near Leesville Dam. \$13.

Rev. Kenneth Ashman, camp manager.

## MIDWEST DISTRICT—

Dates and prices not known at this writing.

One week of camp, for all ages, 8-20, at Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je, 40 miles southwest of Denver, Colo.

Rev. Lowell Hoyt, camp committee chairman.

## ATLANTIC AND SOUTHEAST DISTRICTS—

Juniors, 9-12, July 20-26. \$12.

Seniors, 13 and up, July 26-Aug. 1. \$12.

Camp Grace, near Woodstock, Va.

Rev. Paul Dick, camp business manager.

## NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP—CAMP BETHANY—

For all young people, 12 and up. August 24-30 (simultaneous with national conference). \$20 for the week. Costs more, but it's worth more, too! Youth Director Ralph J. Colburn, camp director.



### Long Beach, California (Los Altos)

"Attempt great things for God—expect great things from God." Today we, as a church, stand on the threshold of a new door of opportunity. The new church site in Los Altos, which includes about 1½ acres of ground, has been purchased. Those who have prayed long that we might have a testimony somewhere in the Lakewood area may now see God's answer to prayer. Unlimited possibilities now lie before us.

We may well take a look again at William Carey's motto that one more Brethren church and school will soon be established. The board of trustees is expecting the support of the people of this congregation for 2 reasons:

First, the board feels that all of our people are interested in broadening our testimony and establishing a church in this new and vast area of homes.

Secondly, the church in business meeting on 2 occasions gave the board of trustees the sign to go ahead to make the necessary arrangements to purchase this property.—*Pastor Charles W. Mayes, in Fifth and Cherry Light for May 3.*

### Whittier, California (Community)

Rev. Wayne Flory, former pastor, arrived at Fort Lewis, having left here early Monday morning, April 20. He is now a chaplain in the 130th Infantry Division of the U. S. Army.

The Sunday school attendance April 19 was 298—105 beginners, 69 primaries, 53 junior-junior highs, 24 young people, and 47 adults. There were 23 people in the prayer meeting April 22.

The congregation has already begun work on additional rooms for

the Sunday school, the new addition to total 2,976 square feet.

Rev. Ernie Johnson, of Youth for Christ, was in charge of the services April 26, and the Calvary Men's Quartet were present May 3.—*Excerpts from church bulletin.*

### Aleppo, Pennsylvania

The Lord is "daily loading us with benefits" at Aleppo, so thought we'd let the rest of you know about it.

We had a series of 4 pre-Easter services. The spirit and attendance were very fine. The pastor was the speaker. We had a sunrise service on a hill at 5:30. Just as the colors were shining in the sky the message of the Light of Easter was brought to 35 hearts. Then followed a camp-fire breakfast.

Our superintendent had a feeling the Sunday school attendance record of 127 would be broken on Easter, so he had a phonograph record there ready for the occasion. The last person to enter the building that morning was a young man. He made the attendance stand at 138. He was asked to come up and *break the record*, which he gladly did.

The Lord has been working in hearts for the last several months, which is shown by an increase in attendance at all services. Part of this increase and added interest is created by the presence of more men in our meetings. What a happy and hopeful outlook for the church is given when heads of families begin to see and take their rightful place in the things of the Lord!

The Sisterhood girls and their

### Additions to Membership

Ashland, Ohio .....	3
Clayton, Ohio .....	7
Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ....	8
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) .....	5
Uniontown, Pa. ....	3
Washington, D. C. ....	1

### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Glendale, Calif. ....	3
Uniontown, Pa. ....	2

### Public Confessions

Ashland, Ohio .....	9
Clayton, Ohio .....	13
Compton, Calif. ....	8
Glendale, Calif. ....	2
Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ....	14
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	4
Radford, Va. ....	2
South Gate, Calif. ....	60

mothers enjoyed a covered-dish meal and meeting in April, the birthday month for Sisterhood, when an offering was taken for the higher education of missionaries' children. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Arthur Carey, of Troy, Ohio, as guest speaker.

In January the WMC conducted a family altar service in the BYF meeting. As a part of the program a family conducted a family worship service.

Lastly, we want to praise the Lord for putting into the hearts of the people the desire and courage to buy a parsonage. The trustees are at work now getting ready a down payment. The property purchased includes a building which can be used for D. V. B. S., boys' meetings, Sisterhood meetings, etc. Pray and praise with us as we make the necessary repairs and payments, that all this will be a true testimony to our Lord.—*Fred and Lyda Walter.*

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Phoenix, Ariz. ....	April 26-May 17.	J. C. McKillen ....	R. Paul Miller.
Grafton, W. Va. ....	May 10-17. ....	Lee Crist. ....	William Smith.
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	May 17-24. ....	John Aeby. ....	Archie Lynn.
Sterling, Ohio. ....	May 18-24. ....	Joseph Gingrich. .	Paul Bauman.
Artesia, Calif. ....	May 24-June 14.	Adam Rager. ....	R. Paul Miller.
Long Beach, Calif. (Second) .....	May 31-June 5..	George Peek. ....	Alva J. McClain.



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**THE GRACE TRUMPETERS**

This week we present four young men with whom many of our Brethren churches will become better acquainted during the summer months. The team, left to right, is composed of David Halvorsen, accompanist; Edwin Cashman, Harold Westing, and Eddie Smith. Grace Trumpeters, together with Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary, will be leaving for a nine-weeks tour on May 31. During June and July they plan to visit as many Brethren young people's camps, churches, and district conferences as possible. The tour is being made especially for the purpose of interesting Christian young people, particularly high school graduates, in the college division of Grace Theological Seminary. Pray for them as they travel together.



# EDITORIALS

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

## *For Your High School Graduates*

Do you have Christian young people in your church or community who are graduating from high school this year? You will do them a service and, possibly, change the whole course of a life by passing your copy of this magazine on to one of them with an urgent request to prayerfully consider God's plan for his or her life. Grace Seminary, college division, is now offering Christian young people 4 full years of liberal arts training which lead to a standard A. B. degree. Parents can send their young people to no safer place than Grace. It means much to send a boy or girl off to school in these days of callous unbelief with the assurance that he or she will come home believing more firmly than ever that the Bible is the eternal, inspired Word of God. Young people today, more than ever before, need to be reminded that any education that is not influenced by a proper Christian philosophy of life derived from the Word of God is, after all, no true education at all. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Make sure that you have such an education.—P. R. B.

## *Many Students Enrolling Early*

Already more than 40 young people have sent in their applications for enrollment for next year in either the seminary or college divisions of Grace Seminary. If early registrations are any indication, there will be a sizeable increase, particularly in the college division, next year.—P. B.

## *New Catalog Ready for Students*

Young people considering the advisability of attending either the college or seminary division at Grace are invited to send for the new catalog which is now going to press. Address your request to Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.—P. B.

## *Graduation Number Next Month*

It is graduation time as the seminary number of the Herald goes to press, and it is just a few days too late to give a report of the commencement services. The June issue will contain pictures and considerable material of interest. Watch for it!—P. B.

## *The Vacation Period and Seminary Offerings*

Do not fail to take at least a glance at the financial

report of Grace Seminary offerings for April, printed elsewhere in this magazine. The grand total of offerings given to all funds was \$9,704.70—another occasion for thanksgiving to God! As we enter the summer vacation period, let us not forget that school expenses do not take a vacation, summer or winter! In fact, this summer the school will be making some of the heaviest expenditures of the year. Most of these are in the form of vitally necessary campus improvements, some of which are already under way. If you plan to be away on a vacation, be sure to place in your church offering that little yellow envelope containing your contribution to the Monthly Finance Plan. Do it before you leave. Remember, school expenses do not take vacations!—P. B.

## *Delinquent Grandparents*

Recently a country-wide survey of juvenile crime by the Associated Press found that some of the increase was due to a corresponding rise in the population, but that the average age of offenders had dropped—some house-breakers being only 10 or 12. Among the contributory causes blamed by officials were increased divorce and delinquent parents. One authority named "delinquent grandparents," meaning that if the parents themselves had come from better homes they might have been better mothers and fathers. Long ago God warned concerning the danger of becoming a "delinquent grandparent." No less than 4 times in the earliest books of the Bible did He cause to be written in substantially the same form these words: "The Lord God . . . will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation" (Ex. 34:6-7). Oh, that more parents these days would covet the blessing God promised Abraham. It was not without a reason, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment" (Gen. 18:19). The force of these words is even more evident as one reads the following chapter and considers the tragic story of Lot, a delinquent parent who became a delinquent grandparent. Consider the tragic history of the Moabite and Ammonite nations which came into being as a result of his delinquency. What a heritage a young man has today when it can be written of him as it was by the Apostle Paul to the young man, Timothy: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:5). What kind of a grandparent will you be?—P. B.

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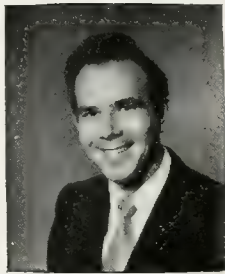
# THE GRACE TRUMPETERS GREET BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE

Psalms 19:9-10—"The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb."

During the past year it has been my joy to search out the judgments of the Lord as He has revealed Himself in His Word. Under the guidance of earnest teachers I have searched and found great treasure. And it is wonderful to know that limitless riches yet remain to be discovered.

Before coming to Grace Seminary I studied at 3 secular institutions. Hence it has been a special delight for me to receive instruction from teachers who exalt the person of Christ and the written Word of God and to fellowship with other students of like precious faith. Furthermore, it has been gratifying to find that the standard of scholarship maintained compares favorably with that of secular graduate schools.

Therefore I thank God for Grace Seminary and for the faithful men and women of the Brethren churches who support it with their gifts and with their prayers.—*Ira D. Halvorsen, Jr.*



Thankfulness is one of the traits which the Bible tells us is much to be desired. As I begin to write this brief testimony of what Grace Theological Seminary means to me, my feeling is indeed that of gratitude, both to the Brethren people for their part in making the school possible and to the faculty and administration for the many hours which they have devoted in bringing the school to the position which it now holds today. During this year the enlarged student body has shown a wonderful spirit, both in the things of the Lord and in their student projects and activities. Grace effectively demonstrates that fundamentalism and orthodoxy are far from being *dead* as a way of life.

Since my home is here at Winona Lake, it was possible for me to enjoy some of the benefits and blessings of the seminary during my years in high school. Those experiences were truly only a sample of those which were to come. Excellent instructors guide us into the riches of the Scriptures and related subjects. The Bible conferences and chapel programs provide real spiritual inspiration so necessary to complement our daily studies in God's Word. Opportunities for witnessing and service help to round out a full schedule of activities. There need never be an idle moment, for there is always a job to be done.

As we travel this summer in the interest of our school, it is our desire, first of all, to be an effective testimony for our Lord Jesus Christ, and second, to present effec-

tively the challenges and advantages of an education at Grace. Will you pray for us that our goals may be realized?—*Edwin E. Cashman.*

Being at the halfway point of my years here at Grace, I can say that I am looking forward with great joy to the next 2 years. After graduation from Bible school, I came here to finish college before entering seminary. I have found sweet Christian fellowship among the students in student prayer and testimony meetings. It's a thrill for me to be able to pray with different students over many matters and then rejoice with them as God sends the answers.

I continue to praise the Lord for the Brethren people and for their kindness in providing an education for me. To me Grace Seminary is the best school I could have chosen for my preparation for the Lord's service.

I'm thankful for salvation in Christ Jesus, my Lord. Having been saved as a young boy, I have had joy in years of service for Him already. Knowing what peace there is in His service, I'm looking forward to a life completely yielded for His use and glory.—*Harold Westing.*



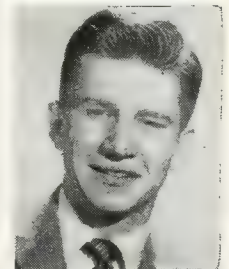
My second year in the college division at Grace Seminary is now past history. Already I have begun packing my books away and in a few days will begin my summer's work with the Grace Trumpeters.

As I write this I cannot help but think over the blessings of the past school year. The classroom lectures, chapel periods, practical work, and social activities have all been wonderful. I am also very thankful for the real Christian fellowship that prevails here at Grace.

The college division also presents a challenge to me. First of all, it challenges me in my devotion and service to Christ. Secondly, I am challenged to join with other young people in building Grace College. I sincerely believe that this school can become one of the greatest Christian colleges in the country.

Upon graduation from high school I was very perplexed as to what college I should attend. I knew of several young people who had made careless choices in colleges and as a result their faith in Christ was shattered. This was proof enough that I should choose a Christian college. After much prayer and investigation I was led by the Lord in the choice of schools. I have never been sorry that I came to Grace.

May I suggest that you also prayerfully consider Grace College?—*Eddie Smith.*



## DEFEATED AT MADISON AND HALSTED STREETS

By Eugene McKeen—As Told to Arnold R. Kriegbaum ('40)

Just one of a thousand men who have lingered around Madison and Halsted Streets in Chicago. That's right, I'm just one of thousands, but my story has a different ending from most. Let me tell you about it. As I tell it I hope it might be used of God to challenge every true believer and to help lost men who, like myself, may be lingering defeated at some Madison and Halsted Streets.

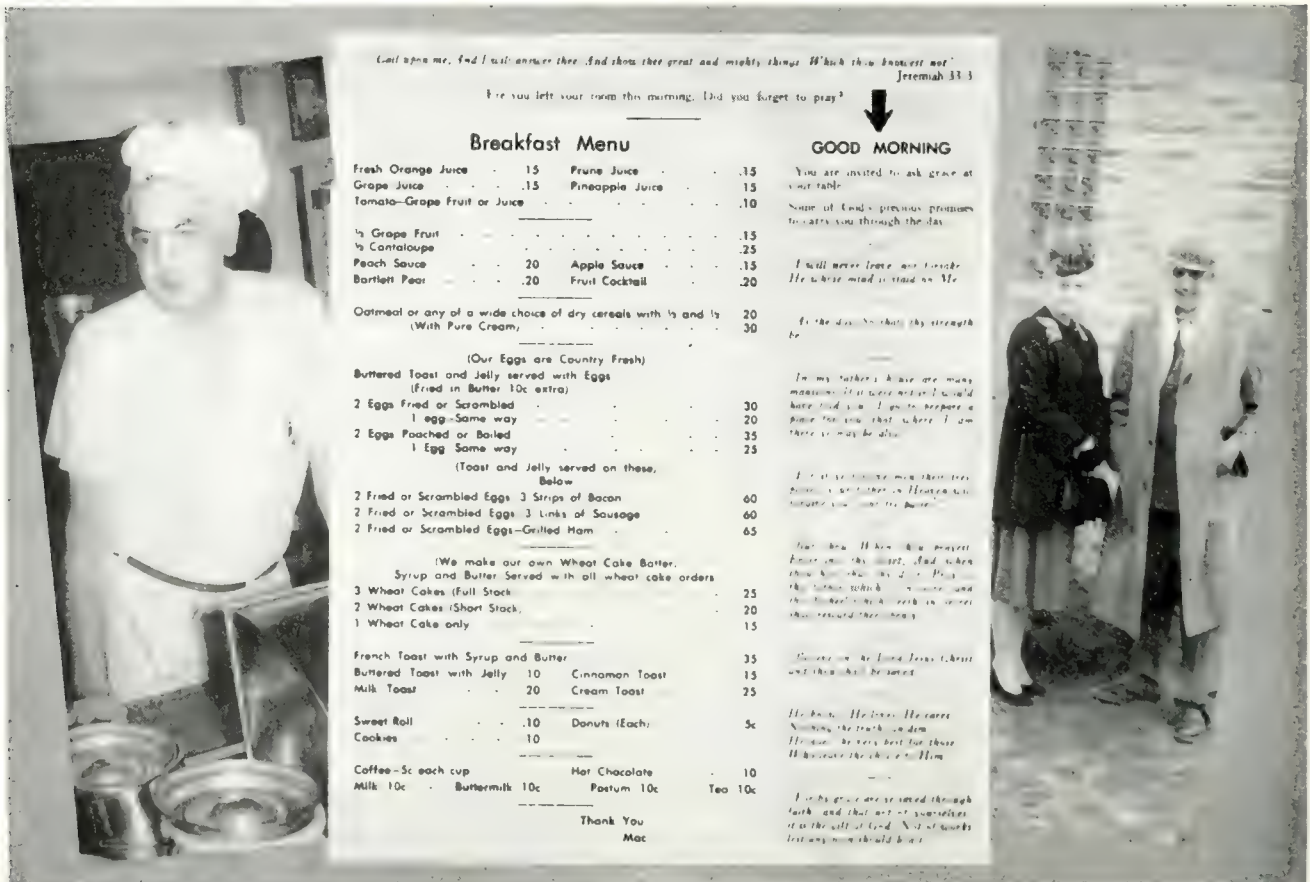
I was born in the tall-corn State of Iowa on March 8, 1901. My father was a buttermaker in Dewar. I was the 5th of 9 children. That's right, Number 5! Could this be the reason God has shown grace to me since that night I lingered at Madison and Halsted Streets?

In 1902 my father moved to Waterloo, Iowa, and there I went through high school. For some 12 years I worked as a bus boy in Black's Luncheonette and Acme Cafe. This gave me my early training in the restaurant business. In 1928 I left Waterloo for Chicago, where I was employed as a chef for the Thompson restaurant chain and later managed a chain of restaurants in Chicago. A better offer came from the Carson-Pirie store of Chicago, which is one of the larger department stores of the "Windy City." As floor manager, I worked with this firm for 4 years. Still a better job was offered to me and

I went to work for the Shell Oil Company. In a short time I held the position of dispatcher and depot manager for the entire Chicago area. With my success in business came defeat in spiritual things.

A church member, yes indeed! A Sunday school teacher, that's right! But spiritually I was dead! I was in a church which taught salvation based principally upon meritorious works, and I was lacking in a basic understanding of the marvelous grace of God. My business responsibilities were pressing ones, and the tension sought release. A man always finds his release in 1 of 2 avenues—carnal or spiritual. Like thousands lingering around Madison and Halsted Streets I was seeking peace and happiness in the carnal or "fleshly" things of the world. In my business I made many contacts, and as a gesture of good will my clients far too frequently handed me gifts—from hell. It was not an unusual thing to receive 15 quarts of fine whiskey at the christmas season. Notice the small "c" on christmas, for then Christ was a small thing in my life.

However, God's ways are "past finding out." What leisure hours I spent at home or in my car I frequently tuned in radio station WMBI of the Moody Bible Insti-



Left, Eugene McKeen as he appears in chef's clothing. Center, one of the menus from his restaurant, showing selected Scriptures printed on the right side. Right, Mr. and Mrs. McKeen as they appear when in attendance at the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids.



tute of Chicago. Often were the times that I was deeply distressed and convicted as I listened to those old hymns and heard the messages from godly men proclaiming God's grace. But just as often I relieved my convicted heart with one excuse or another.

I was slipping deeper and deeper into sin, and far too frequently the tension of business was finding an escape valve in the bottle. My wife and 3 children, whom I dearly love, were seeing their home life vanishing because the sin of drink was getting more and more of a hold upon me.

It was a winter night down on Madison and Halsted Streets, and I walked with unsteady step when a young man approached me near the Calvary Mission and handed me a gospel tract. The young man started on down the sidewalk passing out tracts, but I called him to come back. He did, and I inquired if he were from the Moody Bible Institute. He said he was, and I told him that I listened to WMBI regularly and would like to talk to him. He informed me that he had to conduct a meeting in Calvary Mission and invited me to go in. I declined, but told him I would wait in my car up the street until his meeting was over and then I would talk to him. I showed him where my car was parked, and he went into the mission and I retreated to my car. Soon I was sound asleep, so sound asleep in fact that when the young man came out of the meeting he could not so much as awaken me. He left a note on my windshield giving his phone number and address and asked that I phone him. I didn't bother to phone him, but a day or so later he phoned me. And, praise God, this Christian gentleman never gave me any peace from that time on until I found real peace in my Saviour!

The young man would phone me in the morning, at noon, and at night. Along with my position with Shell Oil Company, I had purchased a restaurant and was "burning the candle at both ends." This young fellow seemed to know when I was at the restaurant, and he persistently came and would actually follow me around the restaurant quoting portions of God's Word. Oh yes, I rebelled! I didn't appreciate it, I thought! But praise the Lord, the Holy Spirit was working, and every verse was as a sword piercing my sinful heart.

This young man urged me to accept Christ and make an absolute decision for Him, but with my lack of understanding of His Word, I failed to see that "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure." I feared that I might not be able to "hold out." Praise God for the day when the truth of God's Word broke upon my soul which says "faithful is he that calleth, he will perform it." "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy . . ."

Spiritual inventory revealed that while I was going to church and taking rather an active part, I was still foreign to God's wonderful grace. To me it was only form. Why, I could tell as "snappy" a story as anyone. I could tell them by the hour. My mouth was vile with filthy stories and a filthy language.

But here was a young man telling me there was victory over all this through simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God I accepted the gospel story without mental reservation, and salvation became mine through simple faith in God's unchanging Word. What the Lord Jesus did for me he can do for any man who will believe



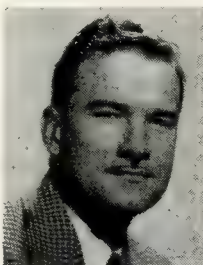
*Interior of Mac's Sugar Bowl, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Left to right—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Mrs. Eugene McKeen, Richard Kriegbaum, Mr. McKeen, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Mrs. David Bright.*

on His name. I tried to overcome sin, but I failed miserably. Then I turned the whole matter over to the Lord Jesus and He forgave me of my sin and gave me peace of heart. Soon after my new relationship with the Lord the thought came to my heart: "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God." Hundreds of people were entering my restaurant every day. Why not tell them the story? How could I do this? The menu! I started printing Scripture verses on my menus and placing gospel mottos on the walls. God only knows what this has accomplished.

In April 1948 my family and I moved to Mount Vernon, Iowa, where I purchased the restaurant that I now operate. I entered the church of my denomination in this city, but time revealed that I was not in a church that was honoring the Lord Jesus. I was personally studying the Word of God and listening to gospel radio messages, and I was more and more aware that I was not in a church that was preaching the Gospel of Christ.

Then my friend that had led me to the Lord wrote me a letter and told me about a church in Cedar Rapids where the Gospel of the saving grace of God was faithfully proclaimed. Thank God that I am now a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Praise God for this church which has been established through the sacrificial gifts of God's people to the Brethren Home Missions Council.

But I know what you are wondering. Who was the young man that God used to bring me to the Lord? May I introduce you to my beloved friend, Rev. Alvin Showalter, who this year graduated from Grace Theological Seminary. Brother Showalter is still proclaiming the glorious Gospel, not to a lonely man on Madison and Halsted Streets, but to God's chosen people in the land of Israel.



*Alvin Showalter*

I won't see you down on Madison and Halsted Streets, but the next time you drive through Mount Vernon, Iowa, stop in at Mac's Sugar Bowl and I, Eugene McKeen, will gladly come from the big kitchen and sit down in a booth to talk with you about the most wonderful subject in the world, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

By the way, the next time you are down by your Madison and Halsted Streets, just remember there is



victory in Christ over any sin—tobacco, drink, or whatever sin is defeating you. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory!

*Editor's Note: The above article, written by an alumnus of Grace Theological Seminary who is also pastor of one of our thriving home mission churches, should certainly demonstrate the value of training men and send-*

*ing them forth to the harvest fields of the world. Rev. Alvin Showalter completed his work at Grace Seminary in January of this year and left almost immediately for Israel, where he is now engaged in missionary work. The story of his experiences since leaving the United States is a thrilling one and will be shared later with our readers. Brother Showalter's present address is c/o Jacob Blum, Box 857, Jerusalem, Israel.*

## GRACE COLLEGE STUDENTS BEAR THEIR TESTIMONY

I have profited much during these past 2 years in the college division of Grace Seminary. I am so glad that I transferred from a secular institution because, since I arrived at Grace, I have grown much in the Lord. Coming from an ethical but non-Christian environment to the Spirit-filled atmosphere of this campus brought me to the realization that some adjustments had to be made in my life. The Lord has truly blessed me, and has been with me continually, teaching me many things about His Word. Recently I gave my life wholeheartedly for Him, and I am now trying to discover His place for me to serve. I am looking forward upon my return to Grace to meeting my Christian friends, and to our good times in studying, working, and in the clean social activities of the school.—*Harriet Hutchings.*



"For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods." Many times this past year I had occasion to whisper this verse. As I rethink the events of this school year I am awed at God's goodness to me. When I graduated from high school I had no intentions of furthering my education. But God led me here, and this year of schooling has indeed opened new worlds to me. I have enjoyed my secular studies tremendously. Because of this blessed fellowship with students and with God, I plan to return next year. I again thank God for raising up Grace Seminary and especially the college division. To further one's education in some secular schools is often detrimental to one's faith. How good it is to study in such an atmosphere as I have found at Grace.—*Jane Hose.*



Grace Seminary has been a blessing to me throughout this year. I have enjoyed every part of it: the classes, studying, and the fine Christian fellowship of the students. I have learned much concerning the Scriptures, and have learned to put my trust in Him more than I ever have before. I want to thank the Lord for sending me here to the college division of Grace Seminary. The year is now finished, and I am looking forward to returning again in the fall.—*Betty Flora.*



By the time this reaches you the halls of Grace Seminary will be quiet, for once again a school year has come to an end. Truly I can say that I have received the richest blessing of my life during this first year in the college division at Grace. I praise the Lord from the bottom of my heart for calling me to this place. Especially do I thank Him for professors who not only know their subjects in the secular fields of study, but who also know the Word of God. The most inspirational time this year has been the chapel hour, with its rich feast of spiritual food. I am looking forward to more years at Grace, and I heartily recommend the school to any young person desiring either a secular education or preparation for Christian service.—*Roy Dice.*



How thankful I am for the opportunity that has been mine these past 2 years in attending the college division of Grace Seminary. The Lord has really blessed my life during that time. Even though I have been a Christian since I was 6 years of age, I feel I have grown more spiritually while here than at any other time.

The verse that has become very precious to me is Psalms 68:19, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." If I would sit down each day and try to count the blessings God has given me it would be impossible. But this is the promise that the Lord has given us as believers.

My future education is rather uncertain, but I am hoping it will be possible for me to continue here at Grace.—*Nancy Bry.*



If you want to study the Word of God and still get a solid liberal arts background, then come to Grace College! How I praise the Lord for the instruction I have received while studying here. Every course has been so designed that it can be readily applied to the Christian's life. Such subjects as Greek, Archeology, Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, and Bible Prophecy, along with courses in Speech, English Composition, English Literature, World History, U. S. History, and Science have indeed proved a great source of bless-





ing. One of the most outstanding things here is the desire on the part of the faculty to teach God's holy Word in all its truth. Surely God has raised up this school in order to prepare and send forth laborers into His harvest. If you anticipate entering college this fall, then permit me to sincerely recommend that you very prayerfully consider Grace College.—*Donald F. Locke.*

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour in the fall of 1949, and it was some months later that I felt the call into full-time service. It was by His wonderful working and leading that I finally decided to come to Grace Seminary college division and then on to seminary.

It has been a wonderful 2 years that I have spent here. I have received many blessings while being instructed in God's Word and also in the secular subjects as we looked at them in the light of God's Word.

There is a fellowship found here among the professors and students that can be found only in a Christian college which has a deep spiritual interest in each of its students. I can heartily recommend our college to any Christian young person who is looking for a place of preparation, and I know all who attend will receive as great a blessing as I have.—*James Hoffmeyer.*

#### Amazing Grace

During my 2 years of schooling here many people have asked me why I chose to come to Grace College. I will answer the question with a written example—a man who has started from "scratch" and has worked his way up the "ladder of success" in the world can generally attribute his success to a wise and vital investment somewhere early during his climb.

In His Word the Lord has told us that we are "to present our bodies" to God, and it is very important that we as young people wisely invest our "bodies" in a foundationally superb institution that will ground and saturate us in an extensive Christian education. This is especially needed in view of our oncoming experiences with the people of this world.

The reason that I have entitled my testimony as such is this—Grace College answers the question to all doubts as to this type of institution. It fits to a "T." It has been my privilege during the last 2 years to sit at the feet of learned men, and I am anticipating a great third year. I sincerely hope that any young person who is being led by the Lord to attend a Christian college will thoroughly consider Grace College. This is not an advertisement! This is not propaganda! This is the true conviction of my own heart!

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. . . . Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."—*Larry Lawlor.*



## Faculty Plans for the Summer

President McClain expects to spend the major portion of the summer in conference work on the Pacific coast. He will officiate at the wedding of Prof. John Whitcomb.

Dr. Herman Hoyt will be engaged in conference work in the East and in California.

Dr. Paul Bauman will be traveling with the Grace Trumpeters during June and July. He will also be speaking at the Gull Lake Conference and 3 Brethren district conferences.

Dr. Homer A. Kent will be kept busy with the work of corresponding with prospective students and registration. He and Mrs. Kent expect to travel westward for the wedding of their son, Homer Kent, Jr.

Dr. James Boyer will be kept busy at Winona Lake with his responsibilities as financial secretary. All Brethren should remember that school finances do not take a vacation.

Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., will travel to California, where he will be united in marriage to Miss Beverly Page, August 1, at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

Prof. John Whitcomb will be united in marriage to Miss Edisene Hanson, June 7, at the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach.

Prof. George Cone, Jr., and Mrs. Cone will be spending the summer at Norman, Okla. Mr. Cone will teach at the Summer Institute of Linguistics, which is sponsored by the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Prof. John Rea will continue his work in the Holy Land, where he has been serving as a member of the archeological expedition working under the direction of Dr. Joseph Free, of Wheaton College.

#### MISS MAGNUSON IN CALIFORNIA

The Grace Seminary family was recently saddened by the news that the father of Miss Dorothy Magnuson, our office secretary, was lying dangerously ill in a hospital at Huntington Park, Calif. She made immediate plans to fly west, but even before the plane left, word was received concerning his death, and Miss Magnuson was obliged to travel to California to care for the funeral service and other business. The funeral service was in charge of Dr. Charles W. Mayes. Both students and faculty have missed the cheery smile and efficient work of Miss Magnuson. We trust she will soon be able to return to Winona Lake.

#### A CORRECTION

In the directory for the 1953 seminary graduating class which appeared in the seminary issue of the Herald last month, there was a mistake in the statement concerning the future plans of Mr. Roy Glass. He and Mrs. Glass are candidates for missionary service in Brazil and plan to undertake such service when sufficient funds are available.



Roy Glass

# \$10,000 IN MISSIONARY GIFTS—HOW IT WAS DONE

By Rev. James D. Hammer, Pastor, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

"A strong missionary program will always build a strong church." We have seen the truth of this statement demonstrated in the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne during the past year.

At the beginning of the year the church was giving to all Brethren interests in fairly good proportion. In addition they were paying the full salary of Miss Isobel Fraser, a member of the Brethren Messianic Witness staff.

But God had raised up 3 more missionaries and 3 missionary children right out of our own congregation. With real enthusiasm the Fort Wayne church assumed the outfit and salary support of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and family and Miss Mary Ann Habegger. The result—an increase of 111 percent in the foreign missions offering.

In August we began to participate in the monthly plan to support Grace Seminary. In the first 4 months the congregation of 225 members gave an average of \$121.75 per month toward the monthly goal of \$6,000. This represents a per-capita average of 54 cents a month. With the added emphasis on an annual offering for Grace Seminary the December figure came to about \$240, raising the per-capita average in 5 months to 65 cents a member per month.

During the same time the church assumed an increase in salary for Miss Fraser and showed a sizable increase in its annual home mission offering.

Altogether, our missionary giving for 1952 amounted to about \$10,000, with an additional \$15,000 expended on building and other local interests. The church closed the year in a sound financial condition.

"What is the secret of giving at Fort Wayne?" I have been asked. The answer lies in the method adopted under the ministry of the former pastor, John M. Aeby, which simply provides for spreading out our missionary



Rev. James D. Hammer and Family

giving into 52 weeks instead of concentration at each offering date. By vote at annual meeting, we distribute our giving through the "mission" side of our duplex envelopes as follows: December and January—Grace Seminary annual offering; February through May—Foreign Missions; June—District Missions; July—Publications; August through November—Home Missions.

A great majority of our congregation make use of the "mission" part of the envelope every week. An additional blank on the envelope cares for Miss Fraser's support and the monthly envelopes for Grace Seminary come in each week. We thank God at Fort Wayne for this simple workable plan which enables us to participate in the spreading of the Gospel through the various agencies of the Brethren Church.

## GRACE SEMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1953

Church	Amount	Church	Amount	Church	Amount
Accident, Md. ....	\$2.00	Hagerstown, Md. ....	50.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	10.00
Albuquerque, N. Mex. ....	6.50	Harrah, Wash. ....	32.03	Sidney, Ind. ....	25.00
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The York, Pa., church, pastored by Gerald Polman, is cooperating in the "Key to Life Crusade for York County" to be held June 7-21 at the local fairgrounds. Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich spoke at the church May 13 and is helping to organize home prayer meetings in preparation for the crusade.

Mrs. Agnes Brandt, of Clayton, Ohio, died early in May.

Dr. O. E. Phillips spoke on behalf of Jewish missions at the Hagerstown, Md., church, pastored by Walter A. Lepp, on May 10.

The Sunnyside, Wash., church, pastored by Herbert Collingridge, on May 2 gave a dinner in honor of the boys on its basketball team that won the city church league championship, and on May 8 gave a banquet in honor of the high school seniors and juniors who attend that church. Rev. Val Cloud was the speaker there May 7.

The Los Angeles, Calif., First church, pastored by Glenn O'Neal, was host during May to a series of classes on personal work, conducted by Ben Weiss, in preparation for the city-wide campaign under the leadership of Rev. Jack Shuler, May 17-June 14.

Rev. Raymond Yeater preached April 26 at the Conemaugh, Pa., church, where Stanley F. Hauser is serving as pastor.

Rev. Albert L. Flory, Bro. Fred Wetzell, and Rev. Carl E. Sisson spoke at the Bellflower, Calif., church April 26, 29, and May 3, respectively. This church is temporarily without a pastor.

Rev. Bernard Kruse spoke at the Osceola, Ind., church April 26, Pastor Ward Miller being in special meetings at Camden, Ohio.

The Spokane, Wash., church re-

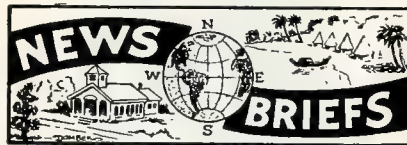
cently redecorated the primary department room and installed new equipment in the kitchen, reports Pastor William H. Schaffer. On April 30 the church gave a banquet in honor of its basketball team, champions in the church league.

The Central District held its best-attended youth rally May 1-2 at the Osceola, Ind., church, with 206 registrants present.

The Beaumont, Calif., church, pastored by Gene Farrell, averaged 100 people in the morning and 80 in the evening services during the first quarter of 1953, and received \$3,186 in offerings.

The Berrien Springs, Mich., church officially changed its name to the Grace Brethren Church. (Change Annual, p. 58.)

Bro. Roy Callahan, of the Canton, Ohio, church, died April 28.



A recent windstorm severely damaged the roof of the building of the New Troy, Mich., church. According to Pastor Richard Jackson, the damage was covered by insurance.

The rally held at Chambersburg, Pa., April 12 was attended by 206 people. It was sponsored by the Waynesboro, Pa., and Hagerstown, Md., churches to learn what Brethren interest exists in the city.

The Long Beach, Calif., First church voted to invite the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to hold the 1955 conference in Long Beach. On this matter, Pastor Charles W. Mayes said: "It remains to be seen whether or not the conference will vote to accept this invitation."

The Clayhole, Ky., church saw the film, "Mr. Texas," May 6, according to a report from Pastor Sewell S. Landrum.

Pastor Thomas E. Hammers, of the new work in Seattle, Wash., spoke at the Yakima, Wash., church May 10, while Pastor Russell L. Williams was holding special meetings in another church.

Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, of Temple City, Calif., ministered to various groups in the Seattle, Wash.,

church April 26-27, according to a recent report from Pastor Thomas E. Hammers.

Speakers at the Kittanning, Pa., church while Pastor Gordon W. Bracker was holding meetings in another church, were Bro. Robert Dain and Bro. Harry Fink.

The Harrisburg, Pa., church, of which Russell H. Weber is pastor, sponsored a spiritual life conference for young people May 8-9, with Rev. Donald Martin as the speaker.

Prof. S. Herbert Bess, Winona Lake, preached at the Sharpsville, Ind., church April 12. Scott Weaver is pastor of the church.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall, in Argentina, was born April 23 and was named Peter Philip. Date and name were not known when previous announcement was made.

Pastor Richard E. Jackson, Jr., is to be ordained to the ministry May 24 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the New Troy, Mich., church, where he is now ministering. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake, Ind., is to deliver the ordination sermon, and other elders of the district will participate in the service.

Rev. Paul Eiselstein, member of the Denver, Colo., church and missionary under the American Sunday School Union in Colorado, in addition to supervising more than 34 Sunday schools, will be overseer of 6 young people's camps this summer, beginning July 19.

Pastor Kenneth B. Ashman, Wooster, Ohio, was the counselor for the "Social and Spiritual Service" section of career day at the Dalton, Ohio, high school April 21.

The Compton, Calif., church ordained, April 19, the following to the office of deacon and deaconess: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Jenison, and Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Bryan. Rev. Arvid L. Viedmark preached there April 26.

Mrs. Laura Towner, of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, died near the end of April.

Pastor Gerald Polman, York, Pa., spoke each morning during the week of May 3 over the local radio station.

Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Sidney, Ind., church, preached at the Fort Wayne, Ind., church May 3, according to Pastor James D. Hammer.

# THE WATCHMAN OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

By Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio

*This sermon was preached at the Homerville, Ohio, church March 27, 1953, at the time of the ordination of Bro. Robert Holmes, pastor of that church.—Editor.*

There are 3 qualifications for a good sermon:

(1) *Be short*—come to the point early, establish the point, and conclude. I saw a sign in a wholesale house in Wooster which read: "Samson killed a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. But he was a piker. Ten thousand sales are killed every day by the same weapon." Multitudes of souls are lost for eternity because of the lengthy sermonizing of some men, especially those who speak out of their own wisdom.

(2) *Be specific*—have a point to come to. Many sermons are pointless. The speaker says a lot of wonderful things but never brings his listeners around to decision. We might ask, when he concludes: "What's the point?"

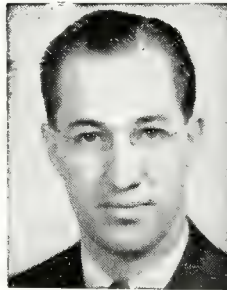
(3) *Be salty*—have a point worth establishing. The little girl's description of salt was, "It makes me thirsty." Our sermons ought to be likewise—making the people thirsty, thirsting after righteousness.

Paul wrote to the Israelite converts to Christianity these significant words: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17). He must have had in mind the words of God to Ezekiel the prophet: "I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel" (Ezek. 3:17).

For the purposes of his calling, Ezekiel claimed 2 things: (1) "The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel" (Ezek. 1:3), and (2) "the hand of the Lord God fell" upon Ezekiel (Ezek. 8:1). What the prophet recognized pertaining to himself must be the sincere conviction of every true minister of the Gospel. He is the caretaker of the Word of God and, under the hand of the Lord, he becomes the watchman of souls. It is a sobering thing to realize that every sermon deals

with the eternal utterances of the Almighty. It is more sobering to know that each and every person in the parish will shortly be in heaven or hell, largely because of your ministry. With these truths paramount, Ezekiel was quick to warn against an unfaithful testimony on the part of the watchman (Ezek. 3:18-19).

In our text, the "watchman" is thus being applied to the minister, and "your souls" is being applied to the congregation. The duties of each are assigned. Rewards are prom-



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ised to both for faithful obedience to those duties. We therefore direct our attention first to the watchman.

## The Watchman

Your pastor labors under a two-fold call:

1a. God has called him to be a *preacher* of the Word (I Tim. 1:12). In this man God has found qualities and convictions which make him worthy of such a high calling. In accepting that call, which he has rightfully done, he assumes heavy responsibilities.

1b. He must be a *learner* of the Word. Notice, I did not say a student. Many people have studied the Bible all their lives and have never learned much from it. He may learn the Word in 2 ways:

1c. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15), and—

2c. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me" (Matt. 11:29).

Thus, through *study* and through *practice* he may be a learner of God's Word. This he must be before his ministry will bear any fruit.

Some ministers spend most of their time reading about the Word and gathering materials to support the Word. It's like getting a new rope, a new bucket, and a new windlass, without dropping the bucket into the well. One never gets a refreshing drink that way. The bucket must be dropped into the water—then comes forth the needed drink. Even so, we must know the Word, be submerged into its refreshing goodness, before we can give the thirsty souls of men a satisfying drink. How well do I remember that morning when all my hours were spent in rearranging my books, dusting the shelves, and adjusting the desk chair. With about a half hour left until lunch, I decided to sit down and read a little. From the shelf came a book by Spurgeon. Upon the first page these words glared out in conviction: "Some ministers spend so much time arranging their studies that they never have time to get at that study."

2b. He must be an *applier* of the Word. This is another way of expressing the command of Paul to Timothy: "Preach the word." I wish that the Lord could say of me, your pastor, and all our ministers what He wrote of John the Baptist: "He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light." Too many ministers are like the woman upon whose tombstone was written: "She was religious but without enthusiasm." We must have a fire burning from within—the outworking of the blessed Holy Spirit. "A man with a burning heart will always start a fire." We need the message of the song: "Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning in the camp, until the break of day." And while we do not press the truth, we observe that the record shows that the people "willingly" abode in the ministry of John while he burned. Perhaps more burning from the pulpit will kindle more fires of devotion in the pews, and will eliminate a lot of freezes which discourage both pastor and people.

2a. You have called him to be a *pastor* of the people, the shepherd of the flock. As pastor, he is the "watchman of your souls." After he has applied the Word to his own



life, he must apply it to yours. In so doing he is first—

1b. *A convictor.* Remember, he is the Holy Spirit's messenger to your soul. As such, he does the work of the Spirit. The Spirit's work is described in John 16:8-11—He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. It is to be expected, therefore, that your pastor will "bear down on your iniquities" occasionally. It may entertain the congregation to have the pastor denounce the "Communism of Russia," the "waste of Washington," or the "laxity of the school board," but entertainment is not what you need or want. If it's your tooth that is decayed, you need dentistry. If it's your heart that is evil, you need the Word applied.

2b. *A comforter.* Again the Holy Spirit uses him to minister to your heartaches and sorrows. The Holy Spirit is the great Comforter, and He uses your pastor to accomplish His purposes. He should be responsive to the heartbeats of his people, ministering to their sicknesses, their sorrows, and their seasons of distress. "Bear ye one another's burdens," should have its brightest exemplification in him. This is no easy part of his pastorate, but it is a blessed part indeed.

3b. *A counselor.* Of the Holy Spirit it was written: "He shall guide you into all truth." The pastor is the Spirit's counselor to the people. He advises the young in their growing-up problems; he endeavors, by faith, to keep breaches between husband and wife from becoming unbridgeable gulfs; he counsels the parents on the rearing of children; he leads the officers and teachers into a closer walk with the Lord. He thus puts into his life the passion of the life of the Lord: "I came not to be ministered unto, but to give my life a ministry for others."

Our text declares that he must give an account of his ministry. This is a solemn thing. Since that account is given unto God, as unto God he should serve. Good advice on this score may be found in Paul's writings of I Corinthians 4:1-5. Read these verses! In the Hebrew passage before us (13:5-6) there are some nuggets for the pastor. Note the word "content" means "to be self-sufficient" because of being Christ-dependent. The pastor, knowing he is doing the work of God in God's way—and of that he wants to be absolutely sure—boldly ministers,

fearing naught that man might say or do. In the final analysis, it is what *God will say*, not what *man does say*.

Now we direct our attention to "your souls."

### *The Congregation*

Note, there are 2 responsibilities laid upon the people unto whom the watchman ministers.

1a. *Obedience.* Obey his preaching. Remember, you are not obeying a man, you are obeying the Truth, Christ! We sing the song, "Trust and Obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Happy indeed is the congregation that has a pastor



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they can trust. Happy indeed is the pastor who has a congregation that will obey. Now the word "rule" in the text is a poor translation. A better meaning would be "those that guide you." Your pastor is a well-trained guide, not an arbitrary despot. Foolish indeed is that parishioner who refuses to follow the path he clearly marks. Obey his preaching—it is the Word of God. Therein you can't go wrong.

2a. *Submit.* Accept his pastoring. Receive his planning in the home, in the Bible school, in the church. God has given him certain means and methods—cooperate with him to the fullest of your ability. And in this respect may I offer a few suggestions.

1b. Remember, your pastor is *inadequate*, therefore pray for him. Paul, realizing the greatness of his calling, requested the Roman Christians to "strive together with me in your prayers for me." Note that word "together"! It took 100,000 men to build the pyramids that shall someday end in dust. But in this community the eternal destiny of many souls hangs upon the ministry

of 1 man. His work is divided into 5 spheres: studying, calling, prospecting, pastoring, and preaching—any one of which should require his full time. But to each he must give but 20 percent of his time and ability, the 80 percent being left undone. Don't pity him, but pray for him. He's having the best time of all—but he is inadequate to his tasks. He needs your constant and fervent prayers.

2b. Remember, your pastor is *alone*; he has no pastor. He faces real dangers. His temptations are more than yours. Besides the ordinary ones he must guard against self-esteem, due to his high calling. He must guard against slovenliness, due to the diversity of his duties. He must guard against discouragements, due to the daily facing of many problems. There is a mental strain that accompanies the ministry that most of you people know nothing about. He must deal with carnal members, rebellious men, officious women, wayward young people, the easily hurt, the self-righteous, and many others.

3b. Remember, your pastor *has a home, too*. By choice, he is away from that home and family most of the time. Therefore, unto his helpmate falls much of the managing and counseling in that home. Robert Morris financed the American Revolution. Next to Washington, he was the most essential personality of that era. But he died in poverty. He had been so busy caring for the affairs of national finance that he had neglected his own books. Your pastor stands in the same danger. Help him to avoid it.

4b. Remember, your pastor is *with you*. He is here 12 months out of the year. He preaches most of the 52 Sundays and most of the prayer-meeting nights. Don't expect him to produce a masterpiece each time. Lincoln is remembered mainly for but one address. Most great orators are known for but a half dozen great masterpieces at the most. Each week you expect your pastor to interest you, instruct you, convince you, stir you, and move you—and sometimes it's a hard job. The visiting evangelist comes in with 10 to 20 of his finest sermons. How we fall all over him in praise and commendation. We send him away with an offering of large proportions. But at the same time we forget to honor our local pastor who all the time has been presenting the same truths in

different words, and for a lot less remuneration.

Never worry about your pastor having a nervous breakdown from overwork. He may have such a breakdown, but it will come from a lack of appreciation, a feeling of futility, a frustration of the plan of God for himself and his people. And you, the members of the congregation, can guard him against such a tragedy. Remember, he's with you day after day. He knows you as you are. You know him intimately. It takes the "bond of love in the Spirit" to make such a close relationship a happy one. I trust that it shall be so.

Returning to our text, we note the result of such a *careful ministry* and such a *considerate congregation*. The pastor will be able to give an account of his ministry before God "with joy," and the relationship of himself with his people will be "profitable unto you." Paul declared that in the people of Philippi he anticipated his "earnest expectation" to be accomplished, so that he should not "be ashamed" at the coming of Christ (Phil. 1:20). The congregation ought to heed the advice of John when he wrote: "Abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed" (I John 2:28).

### LIKE LETTERS FROM HOME

"We wish to renew our subscription to the *Missionary Herald*. The articles, testimonies, and news are always a blessing and a real help. We are isolated members of Fifth and Cherry, Long Beach, and don't know what we would do without the *Herald* and our church publication, the *Light*. They are like letters from home, and I thank the Lord for them. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. Hubert C. Tiesing, Fresno, Calif."

### SHULER GOES TO LOS ANGELES

Evangelist Jack Shuler, son of Dr. Robert (Bob) Shuler, has been secured to conduct a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Los Angeles, Calif. The series of meetings is planned for 1 month in length—May 17-June 14—and will be held in a large tent erected for that purpose. Some of the Brethren in that area are participating in this campaign.

## LOVE

(A Metrical Version of I Cor. 13)

Though I speak with fiery tongues,  
E'en with men and angels vie,  
Yet does not a holy love  
In my burning bosom lie;  
Bragging brass and cymbals' clang  
Do my empty life desecry.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill my life with holy love!

Though with power of prophecy,  
And with knowledge weighing all,  
Yea, discerning mysteries,  
And with faith that sees no wall;  
Yet, without the self-less love,  
Nothing still am I withal.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill my self with self-less love!

Though I make the poor to shine  
In a philanthropic turn,  
Though for friend and fellow mine  
I should let my body burn;  
Yet, without a timeless love,  
I should then no profit earn.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill my soul with timeless love!

Love is patient, yea, and kind,  
Envies not nor self displays,  
Knows no arrogance or pride,  
Leads itself in wholesome ways,  
Knows no selfishness or goad,  
And of evil makes no prey.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill my heart with perfect love!

Love rejoices not in wrong,  
With the truth its gladness rests;  
Love bears all, believes yet all,  
Hopes all, still endures all tests;  
Love unending never fails;  
Blest he who in love is dressed.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Dress me in unending love!

Prophecy shall sometime fail,  
Tongues no longer needful be,  
Knowledge stretch beyond this vale,  
Mysteries be certainty;  
Yet remain faith, hope, and love:  
Love, the greater of these three.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill my mind with greater love!

—Love for Jesus Christ my Lord,  
Him who, dying, first loved me;  
Love for brethren in the Lord,  
Counting not life dear to me;  
Love for souls who spurn God's love,  
That in heaven they may be.  
O my Saviour, from above  
Fill me full with Thine own love!

—Charles Bergerson.

## CHRISTIAN FLIGHT

A well-known English author notes that many migratory birds fly high. Three reasons are given: (1) By so doing they have a wider view and a better sense of direction; (2) high flight takes them out of the range of their enemies; (3) in the rarer atmosphere of the higher altitudes greater speed is possible.

How perfect is this parallel in the life of the Christian. (1) The Christian who stays too near the questionable things of earth soon loses all sense of direction. He may become so confused that the "way of death" looks like the way to heaven. (2) How many are the enemies of the Christian life! The world, the flesh, and the Devil—their arrows are sharp and poisonous. But, thank God, they are all earthbound, never penetrating the higher altitudes. (3) Speed—ah, yes! Christian at Vanity Fair thrust his fingers into his ears and ran, crying, "Life, life, eternal life."

"Urge on your rapid course,  
Ye blood-besprinkled bands;  
The heavenly kingdom suffers force;  
'Tis seized by violent hands."

—Covenant Weekly.

### A CURE FOR MISERY

"When you find yourself overpowered with melancholy," said a saintly man, "the best way is to go out and do something kind to somebody or other. Thousands who today are sitting daily in the gloom of a self-created misery would soon lose it if they began to care for others." One quaint writer says concerning this: "When I dig a man out of trouble, I turn the hole he leaves behind him into a grave in which I bury my own trouble."—*Gospel Herald*.

### POOR EATING

Lou Smith, the publicist, tells of a missionary who fell into the hands of cannibals. "Going to eat me, I presume," he said. The chief grunted. "Don't do it," he advised, "you won't like me." The chief grunted again, so the missionary took out a knife, sliced a piece from the calf of his leg and handed it to him. "Try this and see for yourself," he said. The chief took one bite and choked. The missionary remained for 50 years. He had a cork leg.—*Selected*.



# THE THREE R's OF SALVATION

By Rev. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

Though not entirely out of date, yesterday's three R's of education (reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic) are not now stressed the same way. Today, as always in God's plan, salvation from sin is based on the three R's of Colossians 1:13-14.

## *Rescue*

All who turn their backs on God and seek to do only that which seems good in their own eyes are in darkness. Insofar as God is concerned there is only one Light, Jesus Christ. Darkness is a powerful influence. One has only to see an African funeral or know some of the features of tribal initiation rites to appreciate what power the darkness of heathenism has over its victims. Ask a refugee from behind the Iron Curtain about conditions in such lands. The power which Stalinism has over the slaves in Russia and its satellites is another depressing demonstration of the potency of darkness.

But there is another darkness that is overwhelmingly powerful. It is that spiritual darkness, springing from Satan, that blinds a man so that he does not desire God's righteous way, but the path of the wicked which leads to destruction. That path is described in Proverbs 4:19 thus: "The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."

But the salvation which God offers will rescue the sinner who stumbles in darkness from the power thereof. For the word "delivered" in Colossians 1:13 is the one which Homer and other famous Greek writers used to mean "rescue." This is the meaning of the word wherever it appears in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament). Thus he who turns to God can have the assurance of being rescued from the power of darkness that results from sin and the danger of death.

## *Release*

Once rescued from the power of darkness, the sinner is released from sin's stranglehold upon Satan's slave. Colossians 1:14a reads, "In whom we have redemption." This seemingly technical theological term "redemption" means, in the original New Testament language, "a loosing away

from" in the sense of release from something. Proverbs 5:22 gives a graphic picture of the man who refuses to accept Christ and prefers to be a servant of the Devil. For truly such a man "shall be holden with the cords of his sins."

Just as a prisoner handcuffed to an officer of the law cannot be released without a key, so the sinner cannot be released from the bonds of his sins without the proper key. That key is not good works. On man's part the key is belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. On God's part the key is Jesus Christ, His Son



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whom He gave (because God so loved the world) that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. This is shown by the fact that "his dear Son" of Colossians 1:13b is the person described "in whom" at the opening of verse 14.

## *Removal*

Rescued and released from sin, the man who accepts Christ as Saviour can have the perpetual joy of knowing that his sins are removed. Not temporarily from one act of penance to the next, but forever. For the word "forgiveness" in Colossians 1:14b has the root idea of "removal." The basic meaning is to send away, and once a man's sins are sent away they are definitely removed. Seven times the word is translated "remission" in the New Testament. Remission comes from a Latin word which means "to send back."

The African porter, at the end of his trip, is always glad to have the burdensome load which he carries on his head removed that he might have relief and rest. So it is with

gladness that more than one African convert has praised God and thanked Jesus for removing from the African's head the weighty load of sin.

Men, women, and children of all races are weary under the burden of sin. Heavy laden, discouraged, weighted down; they too can enjoy that rest which only comes when the load of sin is removed. But who can truly forgive sin insofar as God can be satisfied? Only Jesus Christ.

Is there anything that man can possibly do to gain removal of sins? Nothing that man does in his own strength can obtain release from sin, and certainly man's own good works will not rescue him from the power of darkness. Yet there is—

## *Repentance as a Requirement*

Christ said to the apostles that repentance and remission of sins must be preached in His name among all nations (Luke 24:47). This repentance of which Jesus spoke is a turning away from the darkness of Satan's way. In his own strength no man can or will turn from the darkness which sinful man so loves (John 3:19). It is only as God moves the heart of a man and convicts that person that there is a full turning away from sin. Then, and only then, can there be a complete renunciation. Then, and only then, can God rescue and release the sinner from the cords of sin and remove the sinner's transgressions and this only through Jesus Christ.

Three wonderful, foundational R's are those shown in Colossians 1:13-14. Millions will go to hell without enjoying rescue and release from their sins, wandering aimlessly, stumbling in darkness without the removal of their sins. May the precious three R's of Paul's message to the Colossian church be made plain everywhere today.

## **HERALD IS RICH BLESSING**

"Greetings in our Saviour's name. . . . Will you kindly renew my subscription for another year. The magazine has been a rich blessing from the Lord the past year. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. John Allison, Long Beach, Calif."

# JOHN E. PATTERSON, PASTOR FOR 49 YEARS, RETIRES

Pastor John E. Patterson retired from the active ministry at the end of April, after 49 years in the ministry of the Gospel in the Brethren denomination.

Brother Patterson was born March 4, 1883, in Bedford County, Va. Of himself he said: "My entire life has been spent within about 25 miles of the place of my birth. Both of my parents died while I was in my teens. I do praise God for a Christian home where the children were gathered around the family altar. This has meant a great deal in my life. I do praise the Lord that He has been able to use so weak a vessel to His glory, and that He has given me such a fine group of people with which to labor in His service."

John Patterson received the Saviour in 1902 in a mission service, and, as he said: "From the time of conversion I could not get away from the urge to preach the Gospel." Though his parents were members of the Methodist church, he was baptized and received into the Brethren denomination at Red Hill by Rev. N. W. Jennings.

"The urge to preach" was always with him. Therefore, on June 4, 1904, he was ordained to the ministry by Rev. N. W. Jennings and Rev. D. C. Moomaw.

Immediately, Brother Patterson began to preach at the Red Hill church, preaching there once a month from 1904 to 1936, a ministry of 32 years. Also, at the same time, he began preaching at Boone Mill once a month and continued until 1924, a ministry of 20 years.

A writer in a Roanoke, Va., newspaper quotes Mr. Patterson thus, concerning those early days: "I preached at Red Hill (now the Clearbrook church), Hollins, and at Boone's Chapel at Boone Mill. Sometimes I would come to Roanoke from Hollins, ride the trolley through town, and then walk to Red Hill [7 miles]. Other times I rode horseback." The newspaper writer then adds that the "Hollins minister who began his career by traveling miles on foot and horseback to preach is retiring after 49 years of service."

For some time Brother Patterson preached in the Hollins community in any and every place he could get an audience to listen to the Word of God. His greatest joy came and his

greatest monument began when he organized the Mountain View Brethren Church of Hollins, Va., with 12 charter members. That was in 1913, and this man of God has been the only pastor this church has had from that time until the end of April 1953—a period of 40 years.

During those 40 years the membership of that rural church has grown to 176. Looking back over the years, Mr. Patterson says one of the most gratifying experiences is "having 3 and 4 generations of the same families come into the church." (Who says long pastorates do not pay nor have satisfying results?) This congregation has given generously through the years, not only for its own welfare, but to the various



Rev. John E. Patterson

agencies and auxiliaries of the Brethren Church. Chief in its giving is the sending forth of Rev. J. Paul Dowdy to missionary service for Christ in Argentina.

For the first 9 years, before the organization of the Hollins church, he had no salary, and even in the first years of the church the salary was very small. During those years he supported himself and his wife, a real helpmeet to him since September 18, 1901, and 2 foster sons, John and James, by raising and selling vegetables from his garden. During the latter part of his ministry, however, he devoted his entire time to the church and the work of Christ.

On September 18, 1951, the Hollins people held a celebration in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of the Pattersons. Pastor Galen M. Lingenfelter, of Buena Vista, wrote of this occasion: "It was my privilege, as a fellow pastor in the Southeast District, to attend a reception held for the Pattersons at the church on

this anniversary evening. . . . The auditorium of the church was filled to overflowing and a great majority of the people in attendance had been baptized and received into the Brethren Church by Brother Patterson. Many gave heart-stirring testimonies as they told of Brother Patterson's influence upon their lives. . . . Many were unable to express the feelings of their hearts as they gave honor to their beloved pastor and his wife. This was an unusual and yet a wonderful blessing to hear some testify how they, their children, their grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren were won to Christ under the ministry of Brother and Sister Patterson. . . .

"I have been in the Southeast District just 3 years [in 1951], but from the very beginning of my ministry here I found the Pattersons always interested in the other pastors and their families and always ready to help them. Their lives have been a real blessing and encouragement to us. . . ."

A recognition service in honor of Brother Patterson's long ministry was held at the Hollins church April 21. Representatives from the various churches of the Southeast District were present, and Pastor Herman W. Koontz, Winona Lake, Ind., who had worked with Brother Patterson for 18 years in the district, was the speaker, and the choir of the Roanoke Ghent church, under the direction of Bro. Joseph B. Huffman, furnished the music.

Following this recognition service a pastor of the district received this note from Brother Patterson: "If I live to be 100, I will never forget the kind verbal expressions of brotherly love and friendship directed to me last Tuesday night (April 21). It was truly one of the warmest demonstrations of appreciation I have ever witnessed or been a part of."

"Your monetary gifts were certainly not expected, but I want you and your congregation to know that from the bottom of our hearts we thank you for them and for your continued loyalty and love through these many years."

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Bowman have moved from Garwin, Iowa, to Hollins, and Brother Bowman became pastor of the church as of May 1.





### Camden, Ohio

Under the combined efforts and talents of 3 men of God, we experienced a wonderful revival here in Camden.

Pastor Ward A. Miller, of the Osceola, Ind., church, was the evangelist, and he preached soul-stirring messages from the Word of God. Pastor Charles A. Flowers, of the Sampleville, Ohio, mission, was in charge of the music, and his wife, Maxine, was pianist on occasions. Together they sang several duet numbers. The pianist for the campaign was Bro. Arthur Flick, of Williamsdale, Ohio. In addition to special piano solos, he also played his own sleighbell instrument.

During the first week 19 people made public rededication of life and 1 person received Christ as Saviour. Then there were no more decisions until the closing day, April 26, when a number made decisions of rededication in the morning, and 16 came forward in the evening, 5 of whom were receiving Christ for the first time.

The pastor wishes to thank Brother Miller and all others who helped, including the delegations from other churches. The average attendance was 103, with a low of 78 and a high of 144.

On May 8 Mrs. Rose Foster was

#### Additions to Membership

Chico, Calif. ....	3
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) .	2
Johnstown, Pa. ....	5
Spokane, Wash. ....	2
Summit Mills, Pa. ....	1
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	7

#### Public Confessions

Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
San Bernardino, Calif. ....	1

#### Dedication of Babies

Chico, Calif. ....	3
Uniontown, Pa. ....	1
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	1
Winona Lake, Ind. ....	2

### ONE FOR TWO

A Christian opened store one day;  
In walked a worldling, boist'rous gay;  
The worldling, muttering, proclaimed  
With finder's joy and dupe's disdain:  
"Christian, you have it, rare and new;  
I'll buy this one marked price of two!"

The Christian took the double price,  
And, mutt'ring at his sacrifice  
In selling something new and rare,  
He chuckled with the meanest air:  
"Ha, ha! I'm smarter than I knew;  
I've just sold one for price of two!"

Need else be said? Oh, God, anoint  
This lesson: Christian, see the point:  
Who loves to make the ephah small  
And shekel great, deceiveth all!

—Charles Bergerson.

with us to speak at the mother-daughter banquet, and then she spoke at both services on May 10.—Robert Betz, pastor.

### Chico, California

The Lord began to pour out special blessings upon us the first day of April by sending us the Solts, a missionary family from the pastor's home town.

Easter Sunday was a blessing to us. The pastor spoke at a sunrise service in which 5 churches cooperated. This was followed by breakfast in the church basement. There were 127 in Sunday school and 147 in church, our peak attendance for these services. Three babies were dedicated to the Lord. In the evening the young people presented a play.

On April 19 the Gideons were in charge of the morning service, and on April 26 we baptized and received 3 members.—Ward Tressler, pastor.

### BLIND

Blind! Blind! What awful tragedy  
When one is born to never see  
The beauties that around us lie—  
The green of tree, the blue of sky.

Blind! Blind! What greater tragedy  
When one is blind and will not see  
The beauties that in Christ abound,  
The joy that may in Him be found.

Oh God, touch blinded eyes, I pray,  
And cause those eyes to see the Way.  
Poor, blinded souls who grasp and grope,

Give them the eyes of faith and hope!

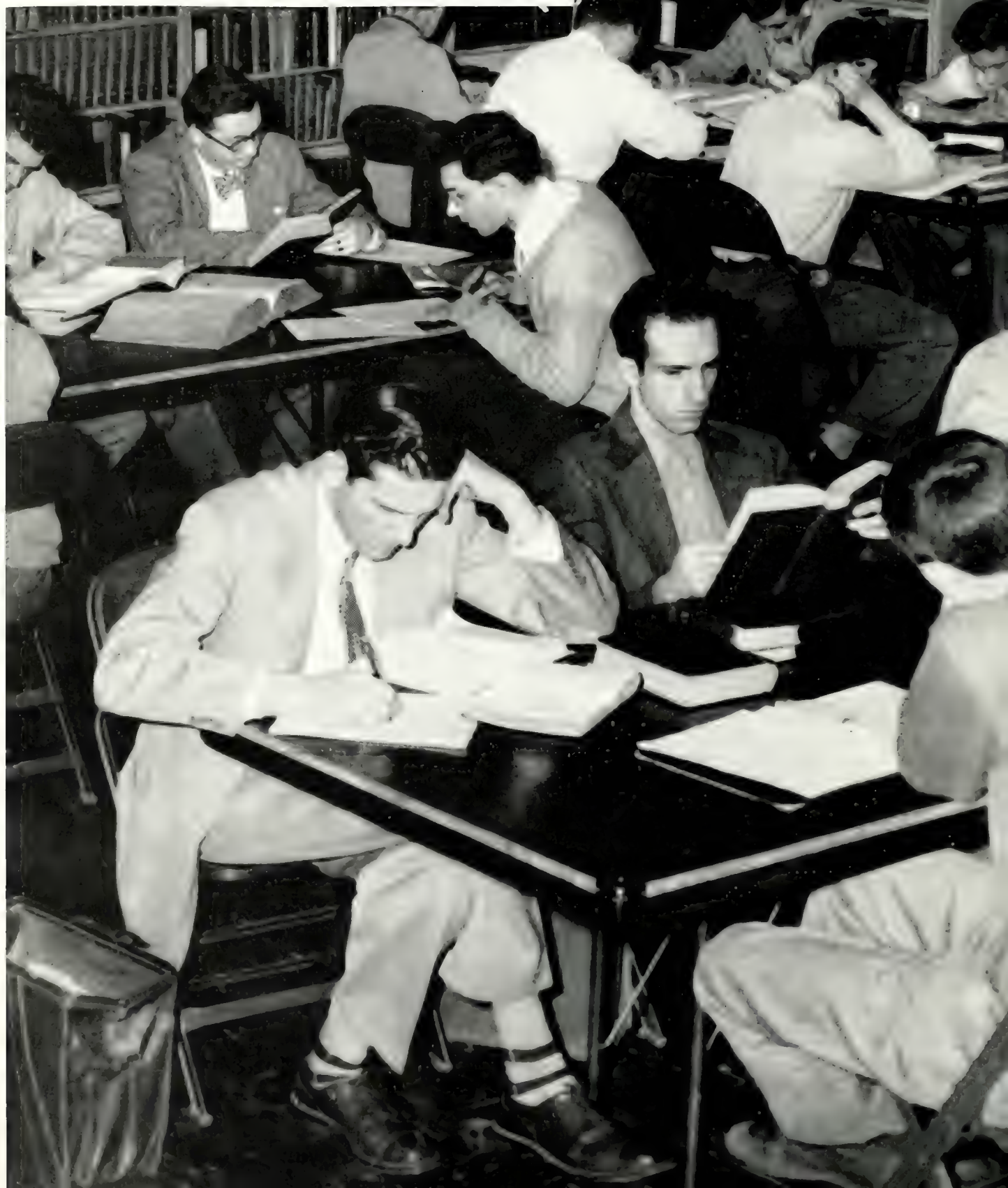
—Geneva Showerman.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(First) .....	May 17-24.....	John Aeby.....	Archie Lynn.
Sterling, Ohio....	May 18-24.....	Joseph Gingrich..	Paul Bauman.
Osceola, Ind.....	May 21-24.....	Ward Miller.....	Herman Hoyt.
Artesia, Calif....	May 24-June 14.	Adam Rager.....	R. Paul Miller.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(Second) .....	May 31-June 5..	George Peek.....	Alva J. McClain.
Denver, Colo.....	June 1-14.....	Lowell Hoyt.....	Arnold Kr'gbaum.

5-55  
Mr. and Mrs. Elaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.

*A Familiar Scene in the Seminary Library—Just Before Exams!*





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## African Village——

*"How shall they hear without a preacher?"*



# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

## *Africa—Next Goal of the Communists*

Dr. Max Yergan, a leader among American Negroes, and recognized as a sufficient authority on African affairs to have been called to testify behind closed doors at a joint meeting of the International Security Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee of the U. S. Senate, sees this land of treasure and trouble as "next" on the list for Communist attack. This is the conclusion of an interview with Dr. Yergan, reported in a 12-page discussion in the May 1, 1953, issue of United States News and World Report. Unless the God of heaven intervenes and prevents this terrible thing, every other bit of information confirms Dr. Yergan's contention.

## *Can We Meet the Attack?*

The May 4, 1953, issue of Life magazine devotes the entire issue to a review in word and picture of economic and political conditions in Africa. It is hardly possible for one to read that issue without coming to the hopeless conclusion that the governments of this world have failed and are failing to fortify Africa for any such attack. Only a vital faith in God revealed in allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ has been able to combat the Communist view in any land. Only this view of things and the personal faith implanted in the hearts of African natives will fortify them in this situation.

## *Have Missions Failed in Africa?*

One writer, in the issue of Life mentioned above, expresses it as his conviction that all missions, and especially Protestant missions, have failed in Africa—at least so far as giving strength to the natives is concerned. We doubt not but that the writer writes from a prejudice and bias with which we could not for one moment agree. Yes, many missions in Africa have gone as far astray as

the modernism of America. Certainly such missions have nothing constructive to offer Africa.

But missions have not failed—not in our field in French Equatorial Africa where some 20,000 give evidence of being born-again believers. Just one step from dark paganism, they are now happy in the service of the Lord. Lives have been changed, as have homes, villages—yes, even whole communities. Administrators and native chieftains alike testify that believers are better citizens living better lives. **BRETHREN MISSIONS IN AFRICA HAVE NOT FAILED**, other than in that 94 percent of the people in our area are still without Christ. This 94 percent is a "No 1 seedbed for communism."

## *200 Missionaries by 1963?*

Is this an unreasonable goal for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church? At present we have 1 missionary for every 225 members of the Brethren Church. Another fellowship of believers now has 1 missionary for every 100 members of that fellowship. They are not wealthy people! They do not love the Lord more than the Brethren! Even with no gain in the membership of the Brethren Church during the next 10 years, 1 missionary for every 100 members would give us 200 missionaries by 1963. It would take every one of them to man our present fields sufficiently and to open those other fields now knocking at our doors.

## *99 Missionaries, a Sufficient Present Challenge!*

With the arrival of Brother and Sister Foster Tresise in Honolulu and the departure of Brother and Sister Victor Meyers and family for Argentina, we will have 89 missionaries on our roster. Then, IF we are enabled to send out 10 additional ones from among those who have completed training, or who will complete it within this year and waiting for appointment, our total will be 99. These 99 missionaries will tremendously challenge the dedication and the supplying of funds by our Brethren people, but **IT CAN BE DONE!**

## *2,880 New Members of the Foreign Missionary Society*

This increase in membership in the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church would help greatly—yes, it would probably care for our entire needs. The offering envelope being used for this annual foreign missionary offering sets up a goal for 8,880 who will make gifts of \$5 or more. Last year our list of donors

### EASTER OFFERING REPORTS

*Please remember:* Your Easter offering must arrive before June 15, 1953, in order to be counted as a part of the offering of this fiscal year. Offerings and reports should be sent to Miss Ruth E. Reddick, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

Make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to *The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.*

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totaled only about 6,000. Is it unreasonable to expect 15 new donors out of every 100 members of our Brethren churches? We believe this is entirely possible.

#### 4c Per Member Per Day

Just 4c per member per day for every member of the Brethren Church will care for our entire program of missions and send out all the new candidates who are ready to go. "Easy," you say. Yes, but it hasn't been easy, possibly because so many have not presented of their tithes and offerings for foreign missions. Last year we gave a little less than 2½c per member for our foreign mission work. Thus far, just parking-meter money represents our giving to foreign missions. Many have been giving most sacrificially, and we pray for the day when that will characterize the giving of every member of the Brethren Church. Newsboys and baby-sitters, if

they love the Lord, will dedicate of their income that boys and girls in other lands may hear the Gospel—they can help raise the per-member giving in the Brethren Church.

#### There's Still Time

If the coming of the Lord is still future when you read these editorials, there is still time to help in this business of world evangelization, in this business of getting the Gospel out. Our annual offering period concludes with the end of the month of May, and offerings should be sent immediately thereafter to our financial secretary, Miss Ruth E. Reddick, Winona Lake, Ind.

Re-think your giving to foreign missions this year. Re-pray it. Be sure you have given all that the Lord has directed and we shall say, "Thank you, and praise God!"

## "BE NOT DISMAYED"

By James B. Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

Recently a group of believers from our local church accompanied me to Isla Verde (Green Island), a little town about 12 miles from Corral de Bustos. I dropped 2 people off at each street with an armful of tracts and in 1 afternoon we covered the town.

One man, the owner of a hotel behind the Catholic church, received me with an open mouth. As soon as I greeted him and explained why I had come, he insisted on presenting his views of God, future life, and the Bible. The fact is that he didn't believe in anything and he seemed to delight in explaining why. The man challenged me. He read and spoke several languages and was versed in almost all the major philosophies of the past century. He didn't believe in God and he had a well-defined philosophy of why he didn't. I asked him why he had such an odium of the Christian faith and he told me his story.

"When I was a child I was a Roman Catholic. I was baptized by the church, but I didn't like to go to the masses or the confession. One day my father told me to go to mass, but I didn't obey him. When he learned of my disobedience he was furious. He forcibly carried me to the Catholic church and tied me to a hitching post directly in front of the door. I stayed there that day and all through the night without anything to eat. Every moment that passed I hated my father and his church more and more. Finally he returned to set me free, hoping that I had learned my lesson and had repented. Yes, I learned my lesson, but not what my father wanted to teach me. I learned that Christianity is a despicable thing that makes men act like brutes, and I determined to forsake it entirely. I was only 14 years of age when I left my home in Italy never to return."

It was a great privilege to explain to him the faith of the Bible, and that God does not demand human efforts but rather a simple trust in His Son who gave Himself in love on the cross of Calvary. This is just one experience of many that we have regularly in our work.

How needy the people are, and how ignorant they are of their need! As the Lord spoke to Jeremiah: "Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their

faces, lest I confound thee before them," so He speaks to us today. Pray with us that the Lord will give us the strength, the wisdom, and the ability to fulfill His desires for our lives, and that He will open the hearts of the people to receive the Word of Life.

#### WHO IS THE ARCHITECT OF YOUR LIFE?

An architect complains that many of his clients come and ask him to design a house for them, only to let him speedily discover that they have already designed it for themselves. What they really want is the sanction of their own plan, and the satisfaction of seeing him draw on paper what they have fully in their own minds.

In very much the same fashion we often go to the great Architect with our lives. We ask for wisdom and guidance, like Solomon; but we have already planned how we will build our fortunes and shape our course; and it is not His way we are seeking but His approval of ours.—*Selected*.

#### ABROAD

*Church in Polish-occupied Silesia run by laymen:* The German Evangelical Church in the Polish-occupied part of Silesia has virtually become "a church without clergy." There are about 40,000 Protestants in some 100 scattered parishes in the area, but they are served by only 2 pastors, both of them ailing and overworked. Services and religious classes are being held by lay men and women. Before World War II, the Evangelical Church in Silesia was one of the most prospering in Germany. It had 2,300,000 members and 734 parishes served by over 900 pastors.—*The Alliance Weekly*.

In one place in South India the wind blew away a number of copies of the Gospel, one of which was picked up by a Muslim shopkeeper. Next time he saw the worker, who had not noticed that any were missing, he told her that he himself and 50 other men had read it, and that others were waiting to do so.—*Selected*.

# Foreign Missionary Directory

## LATIN AMERICA

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Churchill, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B., Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Dowdy, Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul, Jorge Ross 631, La Carlota, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. Solon W., Calle 31, No. 33, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.  
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Rottler, Rev. and Mrs. Carson, San Martin 254, Huinca Renanco, F.C.N.G.S.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Schrock, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn, Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M. Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
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Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo E., 599 Belgrano, Gral. Cabrera, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

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Bickel, Miss Florence, Bellevue via Bossangoa, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Byron, Miss Grace, Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Cripe, Miss Mary, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Dunning, Rev. and Mrs. Harold L., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Geske, Miss Edith, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Robert W., Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Jobson, Dr. and Mrs. Orville D., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Jones, Miss Gail, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Kennedy, Mrs. Minnie, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Kent, Miss Ruth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Kliever, Rev. and Mrs. J. P., Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F., Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Mishler, Miss Marie, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Munn, Miss Mary Elizabeth, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Myers, Miss Estella, Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Samarin, Rev. and Mrs. William, M'Baiki via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Schwartz, Miss Clara, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. C. B., Bellevue via Bossangoa, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Sumey, Rev. and Mrs. Charles, Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Taber, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W., Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Thurston, Miss Marian, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Tyson, Miss Elizabeth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.  
Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert, Batangafo via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

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Tresise, Rev. and Mrs. Foster, c/o T/Sgt. Edwin J. Jones, Mar. Det. N.A.S. Navy 128, Box 1373, F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.  
The above address is only temporary. Watch the News Briefs for the new address.

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## They Are Taking the Gospel



REV. AND MRS. JOHN TEETER AND JOHNNY  
NOW AT MACAPA, BRAZIL

(The picture was taken on board ship as they were ready to sail from New York)

## They Need the Gospel!



Boys and Girls in Brazil



# ROY A. PATTERSON MEMORIAL

DONATED BY THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, DAYTON, OHIO

*The Bronze Memorial Plaque*

## DEDICATION AT BEANDJE

By Orville D. Jobson, Bozoum, Africa

On the Tuesday following Easter Sunday, at Beandje, the Brethren leper colony near our Bekoro Station, it was the writer's privilege to assist at the dedication of the Roy A. Patterson Memorial donated by the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio.

April is a warm month at Beandje, and on this particular morning the sun came up bright and unusually warm. There was a hustle and bustle in the village, for the patients knew a great day had dawned for them. Possibly a hundred lepers gathered on the laterite rocks which form natural benches under the shade trees between the dispensary and the ward building. Misses Munn and Cripe, faithful nurses to the lepers, were there in white uniforms to direct their patients. Pastor Kliever and Mrs. Kennedy represented the Bekoro Station, and Pastor and Mrs. Jobson came from Bozoum especially for this glad day.

The service opened by all singing the much-loved

song, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," led by one of the patient-nurses. Then Brother Jobson gave a brief statement concerning the dispensary and how the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, came to choose the building and its furnishings as a memorial to their beloved leader, Bro. Roy A. Patterson. The microscope, a part of the furnishings for the memorial, was placed on the table and the beautiful bronze tablet was fastened to one of the pillars of the building. Then Brother Kliever led in the dedicatory prayer. The reverence and interest shown by the patients fully expressed their deep appreciation for this act of love on their behalf.

These expressions of interest and love, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for these unfortunate but happy people are deeply appreciated by them, their missionary nurses, and the mission as a whole. May the Lord's blessings rest upon each one who had a part in making these practical gifts available for our leper colony.

*Scenes at the Beandje Dedication (from left to right)—*

*Marybeth Munn and Mary Cripe, with native nurses, on the veranda of the leper dispensary. Note the Memorial plaque on the pillar.*

*A close-up view of Misses Munn and Cripe and the Memorial Plaque.*

*Leper patients viewing the new microscope.*





# INTO GBAYALAND

By Harold L. Dunning, Africa

(Editor's Note—At the time Brother Dunning wrote the following article he and his family were stationed at M'Baiki. Since that time they have moved to Bozoum, where Brother Dunning will be teaching in the Institute Biblique.)

"Rain, rain, go away," had been our chant for several weeks. In the normal course of events rain would be the order of the day for several more weeks around M'Baiki, but up in GBayaland the big rains were about over. It was an off season for work among the GBaya, so more people would be found in the villages than usual. It was a good time to visit the GBaya.

To get ready for a stay of several weeks in a land of no hotels, no restaurants, no grocery stores, no service stations or garages—nothing but bush, bush, and very primitive villages—is no small task. Though now it is an old story to us, it still takes time. Clothing, food, water, bedding—all the minimum requirements and essentials

koutou." (They all figure they have pushed this car about as far as it has run under its own power.) Fortunately the road from the garage is slightly downhill, so it did not take us long to get up the momentum necessary. The motor sounded good when it caught. Waving our good-by's, we rolled merrily on our way with the prayer in our hearts, "Lord, bless and give us souls among the GBaya."

## *We Visited Boda*

Boda is a government post on the edge of GBayaland. Here we have a group of about 50 believers. We spent 3 days with them, preaching each morning and evening. After dark we showed slides depicting the life of Christ. The attendance was good, for Boda, with over 100 at each service.

The believers there were attempting to build a brick chapel. One day was spent with them hauling bricks to the chapel site. Working with them like this gives one a little closer insight into their thinking. The believers at Boda are being influenced strongly by current political movements, and this can definitely hinder the church if it grows. Pray that the believers at Boda will put first things first.

## *We Visited Bogana*

Our next move was deep into the heart of GBayaland to the village of Bogana, which is a main village of a first line chief. There are a government school and dispensary, as well as several stores located here. Over 7 months ago a young man named Bouhele moved here to preach the Gospel. The village has long been under Catholic influence, but their workers have moved away recently because of the lack of interest on the part of the people. The Bogana GBaya are hardened heathen. Bouhele reported that only 15 or 20 attended any of the meetings, but a village about 3 miles east was very much interested.

We stayed here 2 days, having 30 turn out for our morning meetings. In the evenings I visited surrounding villages and Marguerite spoke at Bogana to a group of about 60—there are over 500 in the village. The pictures on the life of Christ which we showed each night drew a larger crowd and gave us an opportunity to preach to them.

While at Bogana we lived in a back room of the dispensary, the entrance being made through the same door with all manner of diseases. (The 2 back rooms are used as government rest houses.) The nurse's wife insisted on cooking under our window through which the smoke poured into the room. When she was finally persuaded to move, she went just beyond the end of the shade, preferring to be a "martyr" in the hot sun rather than to cook in the shade of her own dwelling. We could not fail to see at every glance out the window how "abused" she was. Also, she picked Alberta's nap time for keeping up a loud chatter with anyone in sight. This was not mere thoughtlessness, but a planned program of petty persecution. One often runs into such



*Traveling down the M'Baiki road.*

for the life of a family of 3 had to be gathered and adequately packed for a rough trip. The pickup had to be checked and put into as good condition as possible. As we checked from front to rear we were cheered to see the new propeller shaft in place at last. Many miles had been covered in past months with an "invention" taking its place. Everything else, as far as we could see, looked all right. Of course, the right front spring was only a makeshift. The new main leaf ordered a month or more ago had not yet arrived, but the 2 broken pieces bolted into place should, with reasonable care, stand the trip. The battery connection was badly worn, but it should hold for the trip, and the new one should reach us by the time we returned.

It was just light enough to see when we climbed into the pickup and stepped on the starter. No response! Dead! The cable connection just could not be made tight enough. Perhaps by pushing . . . ? The black boys grinned as we climbed out, saying, "*Poussez koutou-*



things in modern Africa. We were white, and whites are often not very popular.

### *We Visited Bonaguilo*

After a short but profitable visit in the village of Joubele, 20 miles off on a side road, we moved on to the village of Bonaguilo, about 25 miles farther on. This is a village of a principal chief and is a center like Bogana, but lacks the stores, school, and dispensary.

There has been a chapel here at Bonaguilo for about 12 years now, but no definite impression has yet been made on the heathen population. Louis Mounou took over the work here in 1950 after he was graduated from the Institute Biblique. At the time he came here there were about 5 young men who said they wanted to dedicate their lives to the preaching of the Gospel. Since then one has been called home to glory, another has gone back to making beer, another has taken a job as a storekeeper, another has just lost interest, but one, Ouabingui, stuck, and he has undergone some hard trials during the past year.

Mounou has secured a fair hearing for the Gospel among some of the smaller villages nearby. From these meetings have come 2 other young men who profess a desire to preach the Gospel to their own people. These will be starting their elementary Bible training this year.

The congregation has been built up by Mounou to around 80 and 100 on Sundays. This he manages to do each fall and winter. Then comes the circumcision dance season, which sweeps through each year as a terrible, evil wind, and by April or June leaves the battered and beaten congregation here with about 10 people. It is one of the most rending sights ever to be seen, and the toll it takes on the faith and patience of these Christian workers is tremendous. How much they need the prayers of God's saints! While here we worked daily with Mounou and Ouabingui to perfect the GBaya translation of the selected verses. Each morning and evening while the people were available we held meetings.

### *We Visited Our Children at Yaloke*

The last day of October we packed up again and drove the 40 miles into Yaloke to visit our two eldest daughters, Ruth and Verna, who are at school there. We went because November 1 was Ruth's birthday and we had not seen them for 2 months. Can one describe the joy and rejoicing of such a reunion?

In spite of a repair job on the pickup, we had a gay week end. Halloween party! Birthday party! Fun for the kids and fun for us who needed a break from isolation! We had debated as to whether to spend Sunday at Yaloke or in the bush again. We felt the fellowship with others of our own kind was a thing not to be forsaken this time. It was of the Lord. Bro. Don Miller, who was at Yaloke at the same time, brought a message on doing our utmost for the Lord. His message touched our girls to tears, and their tears and the meaning behind them fired us with increased zeal to win these precious souls around us.

### *We Visited in Untouched Villages*

Monday we started out again—this time to visit Sele-moui, Gazebia, Gazipama, Kolopele, and several other villages where the Gospel has been preached very rarely, if at all. Can we describe the joy that was ours as we set

up camp, started the phonograph, and tried to present the Gospel message simply in the power of God's Spirit to these darkened, enslaved souls? In village after village we met them. We should stay and work at least months in each place, but the best we could do was to hold a meeting or two and talk with the people, offering Christ as Saviour. How did they respond? Those who had felt Catholic influence were antagonistic. Others, who had heeded political antiwhite propaganda, were sullen. Those whose only knowledge of the things of God was that the children of God don't drink or dance or carouse were suspicious. On the whole the response was friendly and noncommittal. The GBaya will respond favorably if given an adequate chance to really hear the Gospel.

### *We Returned Home*

Unfortunately, ours is the responsibility of evangelizing not only the GBaya, but the Boufi, the M'Baiti, the M'Baka, some pygmies, and others—around 80,000 in all. The time was up for that part of GBayaland this season. We had touched in 3 weeks about one-third of the vil-



*The graduating class of the Institute Biblique, November 1952, with teachers, Miss Ruth Snyder and Bro. Wayne Beaver.*

lages and perhaps one-fourth of the GBaya. The task is stupendous. We were very conscious of it as we drove home. Each turn of the pickup motor gave rhythm to our prayers. "Lord, raise up at least one more missionary to help. Lord, raise up native workers from among the GBaya to take hold of the work. Lord, multiply Mounou, Bouhele, Ouabingui, and the other Christian workers many times. Lord, have mercy on the GBaya and let them hear."

Home again! In the mail is word from the United States. New missionaries coming! Praise God! Wait, what is this? Certain candidates being held up because of the need of funds? It just can't be true! It just can't be that Brethren young people have met the challenge, laid their lives on the altar, only to have the Brethren Church say, "You can't go now. There is not enough money." That is what it says here in black and white, but it just can't be true. *Is it true? You are the ones with the answer!*

The Bible, placed in the hands of the Africans, can take your place on the field. Will you help give them the Word of God?—*The Sudan Witness.*



**"But when he saw the multitudes,**

**HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION ON THEM..."**

By P. Fredrick Fogle, France

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:33-38). These familiar verses should always stand out in the mind of a Christian. The great teaching in verse 36 is not that Jesus saw the multitudes, but rather that upon seeing them, "*He was moved with compassion on them*, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

It is necessary to note that this "compassion" was not just a thought passing through His mind, nor a stirring of emotions which could be soon restored to normalcy, but according to the Greek word it was an impression which reached to the very depth of His inward feelings that produced an inward compulsion to *action*. How many Christians there are who, upon reading the Word

for themselves or hearing it preached, say "Amen" to the challenge presented to reach with the Gospel the multitudes of sinners without Christ. They have an impression that something should be done, or they have the emotions stirred, but as a result, do little or no *acting*. This is not compassion. True compassion, as experienced by our blessed Lord, always moves to *action*.

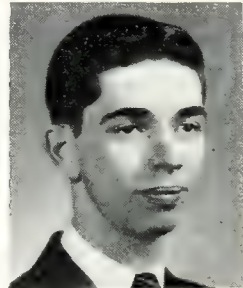
In Matthew 14:14 we see that the compassion of Christ on the multitudes moved Him to heal the sick. In Matthew 5:32 and following His compassion caused the gracious feeding of the 4,000 men plus women and children. In Mark 6:34 He was moved to "teach them many things." Also we know that it was His love and compassion on us as lost sinners that impelled Him to suffer the death of the cross. And in the verses under consideration He prayed and asked the disciples to pray that laborers be sent forth.

These multitudes, these sheep without a shepherd that Matthew spoke about, are on every one of our fields of Gospel endeavor—Africa, Argentina, Baja California, Brazil, France, Hawaii, and even the United States. My first concern is France, but my responsibility extends to all the others.

In France there are probably more than 35 million sheep without a shepherd, a human flock of souls engulfed in spiritual darkness and distress by ignorance and unbelief. This is not a criticism of them but rather of ourselves, the Christians of the world. It is our fault that these dear souls are ignorant and unbelieving.

Some months ago a fellow gospel worker in France asked me, "Where are you going to work in France? It is a big country, you know!" In comparison to some other countries it does not cover a large area, but when one travels through the many towns and villages which have absolutely no evangelical testimony it is easy to see how really great is the task. I have had the privilege of traveling across the north of France from the west boundary to the east and from the north boundary southward to Lyon, about two-thirds the total distance from north to south. As I passed through the hundreds of villages and towns, the question presented itself—"Who will tell these people who deserve to hear of Christ's salvation by grace apart from human works?"

Of the 37,989 cities, towns, and villages in all of France, approximately 35,200 have 2,000 or less inhabitants. Of these 35,200 there are 23,655 having a population under 500 inhabitants. A bit of simple arithmetic will show that about 75 percent of France's population live in these smaller communities. Who is going to reach them? How are they going to hear? The average person has no idea of the Gospel as we understand it. Evidently the answer is that the need is for laborers.



Rev. P. F. Fogle

*A French Village Street Scene*





Who will go? Who will send them? France needs workers from without, but also there is a great need for young people from within who will preach the "good news" to their own people.

In the cities the need is great, too. There are some outstanding testimonies scattered over France, but they are too few in number. As I have made my way through the streets of several cities putting up portions of the Word of God in the form of gospel posters, I have passed by many, many homes into which a true gospel witness has never entered.

Everywhere I turn, everywhere I look, there are opportunities, places to go to preach the Gospel, and multitudes to preach to. But there is nothing to do but choose from all the opportunities those seeming the best for the moment and let the rest go without attention.

Oh, what could be done if we Brethren had a compassion on the multitudes the same as that of Christ! Wherever we are we see these multitudes, but does each of us have a genuine compassion that has moved us to the action of soul-winning as Christ would have us do?

What will you do with your life, young man, young woman? What will you do with your possessions, my brother, my sister? Will you spare yourself the trouble of taking the message to those in France, as well as to those in our other fields? Will you store up your possessions on earth "where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal," or will you put everything you have into the service of Jesus Christ so that you will have souls to present to your God? You and I are the ones to answer! May God give us the compassion to give the right answer!

### A "LOOK UNTO THE FIELDS"

After 50 generations, only 35 percent of the people on earth have heard the Gospel. There are 1,700 languages without a single word of Scripture. In Latin America there is 1 missionary to each 55,000 persons, and 60 million are unevangelized. In Africa there is 1 missionary to 18,000 people, and 70 million unevangelized. In India and Pakistan there is 1 missionary to 100,000 natives, and 200 million unevangelized. Japan has 1 missionary to 83,000 people, with 40 million unevangelized. Central Asia is practically closed to missionaries, with 30 million unevangelized. There are 27 million unevangelized in the island world. Europe has 150 million still unevangelized.

The highest number of foreign missionaries throughout the world at any one time, according to the late Dr. Robert C. McQuilkin, has been 35,000, to work among 1,000 million people, while in America there are at least a million full-time workers to minister to 150 million people.

These facts paint a horrible picture of a job that is far from being accomplished. Christians are singing, "Speak, My Lord," when He has already spoken. They should be singing "To the Regions Beyond I Must Go." The theme song of the church should be "Onward, Christian Soldiers."—*Brown Gold*.

**HOW TO FACE IT**—Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. If there be no enemy, no fight; if no fight, no victory; if no victory, no crown.—*The Alliance Weekly*.



*A street scene in Caluire,  
the town where the  
Fogles live.*



*In front of the  
Courthouse  
Lyon, France*



*A country home in  
France*



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Rev. J. Keith Altig, pioneer Brethren missionary to Brazil, arrived at Monterey Park, Calif., May 13 for his first furlough.

Mrs. Lewis Hostetler, for many years a member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died May 15 and the funeral was held at Windber, Pa., May 19. In addition to her husband she is survived by 2 sons: Allen and Merle; and 3 daughters: Mrs. William Schaffer, wife of the pastor at Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Paul Dick, wife of the pastor at Winchester, Va., and Mrs. Blair Dick.

Rev. Lee Jenkins resigned as pastor of the church at Lake Odessa, Mich., effective July 1, to become a chaplain in the United States Marine Corps.

Pastor Harold H. Etling is scheduled to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Ellet High School of Akron, Ohio, on June 7.

Bro. Arthur Keiser died July 23, 1952, at the age of 72 years. He was a member of the Brethren Church for more than 42 years and was a charter member of the Findlay, Ohio, church. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Forest Lance.

Pastor William Gray has been called to continue at the Allentown, Pa., church for his 8th year. Recently he held an evangelistic campaign in Connersville, Ind.

At the Dryhill, Ky., chapel 86 people were present in Sunday school May 10, according to Miss Evelyn Fuqua.

The Uniontown, Pa., church, pastored by Clyde K. Landrum, designated May as "Family Month" in the local church. Families furnished the special music and conducted the prayer meetings during the month.

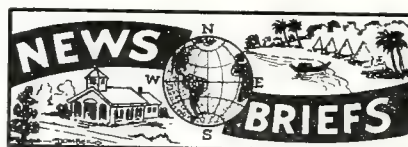
Bro. Frank Coffin, of the Uniontown, Pa., church, is among this

year's graduates from Bob Jones University. He is to be associated with Rev. Walter A. Lepp and Rev. Charles Bergerson in a Brethren Evangelistic Crusade team.

The church at South Pasadena, Calif., pastored by Dr. Charles H. Ashman, held rededication and presentation day May 17, following an extensive program of remodeling and refurnishing the building. Pastor Lewis Hohenstein, of Whittier, was the speaker at the special afternoon service.

Rev. Jerry Yerian spoke at the Bellflower, Calif., church May 10, and Missionary Albert Balzer spoke there May 17.

Missionary Marvin L. Goodman, Jr., spoke at the South Gate, Calif., church May 10, reported Pastor Alfred Dodds.



Pastor Alfred Dodds officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Luella Dumond on April 28 and at the funeral of Bro. Lowell Didricksen on April 30. Both were of the South Gate, Calif., church.

The average attendance at the Ashland, Ohio, church during April was 449 in the morning service, 152 in evening, and 61 in prayer meeting, according to Pastor Miles Taber's report. On May 10 Dr. Raymond Gingrich preached at this church.

Bro. John Rasbach, for many years a member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died April 15.

The Johnstown, Pa., First church, pastored by Dr. W. A. Ogden, was host to meetings sponsored by the Christ for Greater Johnstown committee April 25-28. The speakers were Dr. Hyman J. Appelman and Dr. G. B. Vick.

Bro. Harry Smith, of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died April 18.

The Meyersdale, Pa., church, pastored by H. Leslie Moore, is to be host to the Bob Jones University Musical Ensemble June 5.

The Bell, Calif., church, pastored by Harry A. Sturz, has done much improvement on and around the church building, including a new sign outside announcing the activ-

ities of the church. The junior Christian Endeavorers received a prize for full registration for the convention.

Miss Dolores Degan, member of the Washington, D. C., church, died May 7.

The East District held a youth rally at the Altoona, Pa., First church May 8-9. Rev. Gerald Teeter was the director and Rev. Woody Newman and Rev. Victor Rogers were the speakers. Brother Newman was also the preacher at the church for the Sunday services May 10.

Pastor Mark Malles, of the Altoona, Pa., First church, spoke at the Curtin school parent-teacher association May 12.

The Midwest District conference is scheduled for June 12-14 at the Denver, Colo., church, where Lowell Hoyt is pastor.

Recent speakers at the Waynesboro, Pa., church, according to Pastor Dennis Holliday, were Rev. H. Val Johnson, May 3, and Bro. Ernest Reisinger, May 17.

The Seattle, Wash., church held its first communion service May 17. Dr. Russell D. Barnard aided Pastor Thomas E. Hammers in conducting this service in the home of the pastor.

Mr. LeRoy Hawkins and Miss Ruth Clough were married at the Fort Wayne, Ind., church May 16. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. William Clough, of Tracy, Calif., assisted by Pastor James Hammer, of the local church.

Pastor Robert Cessna, of Philadelphia, Pa., plans to preach at the Osceola, Ind., church May 31. Rev. George Poole and Mr. John Smith preached there May 10 while Pastor Ward Miller was in California.

Pastor Walter A. Lepp and Charles Bergerson, of Hagerstown, Md., have been conducting a Bible class in Chambersburg, Pa., with 16 people in attendance May 12.

Recent speakers at the La Verne, Calif., church were Rev. Ralph Hatton, April 26; Rev. Jerry Yerian and Dr. David Cooper, May 3; and Rev. J. Ward Tressler, May 17. Bro. Ovie Christopherson spoke for Tressler at Chico that Sunday.

Editor Conard Sandy preached at the Winchester, Va., church, pastored by Paul Dick, May 17, following the Atlantic District conference which met at that church May 13-16.



# GIVE MUCH TIME TO PRAYER IN JUNE

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray that the offering given to this work during the Herald period of June and July will meet the needs of this work.

2. Pray that at least 300 new subscribers will be secured during this same 2-month period.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for Anne Goodman, who is recuperating from surgery performed May 15 in an effort to enable her to walk again. Pray also for all members of the family—they desire to return to Africa as soon as possible.

2. Praise the Lord for permission for our workers to reenter Baja California. Pray definitely for the Lord's guidance in this work and that a national pastor may be secured.

3. Pray for Brother and Sister C. B. Sheldon, both of whom recently underwent surgery at a hospital in Elat, Africa, that they may be restored fully to health and returned to their station at Bellevue.

4. Pray for Brother and Sister Foster Tresise, who arrived in Honolulu on May 8, that the Lord will lead them in every phase of the work.

5. Pray for the Victor Meyers family, whose sailing date to Argentina is being delayed because of a physical problem on the part of their son, Dennis.

6. Pray for Brother and Sister Hill Maconaghy, who are expecting to return to Argentina in July.

7. Pray for the group studying in France and Belgium. According to present plans, the Garbers, Lester Kennedys, and the 4 nurses expect to leave for Africa shortly before the end of June. The Charles Tabers are expecting to leave for Africa in July. The Mason family will remain in France for further study.

8. Pray for Brother and Sister Roy Snyder, who expect to leave Africa around the latter part of June for furlough in the States.

9. Pray especially for our missionary personnel in Africa and Argentina in the light of present-day political and national conditions.

10. Pray for the 3 families in Brazil as they carry on the work there—the Edward Millers, the Zielaskos, and the Teeters. Bro. Keith Altig has now joined his family on furlough in the States.

11. Pray for the Fogles in France, that the Lord will lead in the establishing of regular meetings and a permanent Brethren testimony.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the youth revival to be held at Martinsburg, W. Va., June 14-20 with the King's Ambassadors from King's College.

2. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff as they spend the summer months establishing a testimony in Kingsport, Tenn. Mr. Fetterhoff is a student in Grace Seminary.

3. Pray for the work in Johnson City, Tenn.; especially that their building fund goal of \$1,000 will be reached before June 30, 1953.



4. Pray that the new Bible class started in Salem, Oreg., by Rev. Glen Welborn and Rev. Vernon Harris will develop into another Brethren church.

5. Praise the Lord for the way He is meeting the financial needs of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church and for the large number of young people attending the services, and pray for some who are not saved.

6. Pray for the home mission plans made at the many district conferences, that there will be a fine spirit of cooperation as the national and district organizations work together.

7. Praise God for His every blessing upon the home mission work this last fiscal year. Truly He has been good to the Brethren Church.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has met every need of the school this year, especially through the systematic giving of the monthly offering plan, and praise Him for specially designated gifts that make possible needed improvements. Just now we are praising God for the sidewalks being put in because of the generous gift from the national WMC.

2. Pray for the ministry of the seminary during the summer months as faculty members and some of the students will be serving the Lord in Bible conferences and special meetings across the country.

3. Be much in prayer for the special ministry of the Grace Trumpeters as these young men travel this summer in the interest of the school. Pray that their testimony may count for the Lord and that they may be a blessing and a help to young people looking forward to further schooling.

4. Continue to pray for the many extra problems that arise in the launching of a full 4-year college program.

5. Be much in prayer during the summer months that God will choose the students He wants to enter our school next fall and that He will lead them in their preparation.

## WMC (NORTHERN OHIO)—

1. Pray that our WMC ladies will not forget their Prayer Warrior pledges, remembering that God will bless our church and organizations if we are faithful in prayer.

2. Pray for the new WMC district officers, that they may have wisdom and strength in caring for their duties.

3. Pray that the mother-daughter banquets may draw the family ties closer to each other and to Christ.

4. Pray that the Lord may be put first in the lives of our WMC members; that too much effort may not be given to household and garden duties at the expense of time to be alone with Christ.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the SMM girls preparing for full-time service for the Lord.

2. Pray for the missionaries' children in schools here in the homeland.

3. Pray that the Sisterhood sessions at the district camps will be a blessing to the girls.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the leaders and the young people as they attend summer camps.

2. Pray that our young people will begin witnessing for the Lord while they are young and in the formative years.

# MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

By Rev. L. W. Marvin, San Bernardino, Calif.

At the close of the War Between the States the day set aside to re-decorate the graves of those lost in battle was called "Decoration Day." After World War I the day was re-named "Memorial Day." On that day we now remember all those valiant ones who laid down their lives for their country in all wars. Various patriotic groups through ceremony and parades help to keep fresh the memory of these heroes. Therefore Memorial Day serves a very worthy and precious purpose in the eyes of the nation, for each succeeding generation, asking about this day, learns of our sons who died for our country, and we refresh our memories also.

## *Other Memorials*

This Memorial Day that comes each year on the 30th of May is not the only one—nor is it the only one that should be. Israel had a Memorial Day. When she passed through the dry Jordan as God by His breath held the waters back, she was instructed to build a memorial. Twelve stones were placed in Gilgal. The descendants of those favored people, upon seeing these 12 stones, asked, "What mean ye by these stones?" Then the elders would have their memories refreshed as they repeated the history of the crossing of the Jordan. It was an arresting and intensely interesting story concerning the mighty arm of Jehovah that moved on behalf of the Israelites, as the events were unfolded. I'm sure those young Israelites learned of the grace, the power, the mercy, and the faithfulness of their Jehovah God through the story told each succeeding generation.

## *God's Memorial*

God has a Memorial Day too. The event to commemorate happened on the little hill Calvary, just outside the walls of the earth's hub city, about 33 A. D. It was the greatest act of mercy God ever did for man. Every last sin of all civilization was paid for there. Man, through the many centuries preceding, had been away from the home hearth. God, lonesome for the fellowship of the man He created, had in the fullness of time provided a way back into the

family circle for this man. Jesus laid down His life to purchase the righteousness needed by man for a garment with which he must be covered, to stand before the holy, just, and righteous God. He took this life up again that He might justify many. But new generations see no pile of stones as a memorial of this event. No, in their place they ask about the bread and the cup—"What meaneth this loaf and this cup?" Thus the forgetful ones have memories refreshed as we tell of the cross, the preaching of which is still foolishness to those who are not born again.



Rev. L. W. Marvin

But out of each generation comes that group who believe with the heart the Gospel of Christ and are given the right to become children of God. Those of exceptional faith partaking of the memorials along with those of sick faith have ever been the cross-section of the listeners as the story is related to the younger generation. Never could Israel thrill in recounting the events memorialized by the 12 stones as we can today in telling the memorial of the loaf and the cup. Where they memorialized the salvation unto life in an earthly promised land, we memorialize the salvation unto life in the heavenly eternal land.

"I am my Saviour's loved one.  
For me He came to earth.  
I am His relative by blood,  
His cross—my second birth."  
—Leona Cole.

## *Personal Memorial*

Each one of us should have a personal Memorial Day. The 12 stones prompted the younger to ask of their meaning—the bread and the cup cause our younger ones to ask of

their meaning. Just so, we individually should have memorials that will keep green the memory of the Christ who died for us. What memorials can we have? Well, it must be something that all can afford. All cannot expend sums of money to establish one—for all are not able. But all need one. Israel spent nothing for hers—God spent a rugged cross for His—the church spends practically nothing for hers. But can we, individually, have a memorial, practically costless, that all, rich and poor alike, may have one? Yes, it is possible to have one or several.

Perhaps by far the easiest to raise up—the one most beneficial to us—and the one most pleasing to our heavenly Father—is the family altar. Each person not of the family, either witnessing or partaking, will know of its meaning, and it is a continual refresher for the memories of the whole family. The family gathered together in prayer and meditation is benefited beyond room here to point out. This one thing, families that pray together daily stay together happily, is reason enough, though there are at least a dozen more.

Daily individual devotions and prayer could very well be considered the next memorial possible for all to establish. Not of small consideration are:

1. The family gathered together in the pew each church service.
2. The prominent plaque viewed from the open front door—that every caller might see.
3. The tract rack fastened to the doorpost, adjacent to the doorbell button.
4. Grace at each meal.
5. The definite planned effort on a schedule (nothing else will interrupt) to reach the lost.

Yes, each of us in Christ has had a day—a day in which there was a definite crisis, a place in our experience in which we were thrilled to count the blessings of grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father. We should—we need to—therefore establish our own personal memorial that through the days to come, in telling others "what meaneth these things," we can keep fresh the memory of the One who was so long-suffering to usward.



Ancient Shechem is one of the most interesting sites to visit among the Old Testament towns of Palestine. The fortifications that protected this city of great Biblical significance from 1700 to 1200 B. C. are some of the most remarkable that have yet been uncovered in Palestine. At most of the excavated Old Testament towns it is difficult to trace the ruins of the walls and the buildings. Not so at Shechem; the city gate in the great defense wall and the massive walls of the temple are clearly discernible. Dirt and weeds have not yet succeeded in covering again the ruins excavated by the German archeologist, Ernst Sellin, in 1913 and 1926.

Shechem lies between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim on the eastern outskirts of the modern city of Nablus. This is the Arabic name equivalent to Neapolis, the name of the city which the Roman Emperor Vespasian built to replace Shechem. He probably destroyed the latter about A. D. 67, when he ransacked the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim.

## *History of Shechem*

Shechem was the first place at which Abraham stopped in the land of Canaan. There he built his first altar unto the Lord who appeared unto him (Gen. 12:6-7). "And the Canaanite was then in the land." Beautiful pottery and thick walls from archeological excavations in the region of Samaria show that one of the most flourishing periods of this area was during the early Bronze Age (3000-2000 B. C.), before Abraham's time. He did not come to live among uncivilized savages.

When Jacob returned from living with his Uncle Laban in Mesopotamia, he came to Shechem and camped near the city. There, from a resident of Shechem, he bought the piece of land on which he had pitched his tent (Gen. 33:18-19). Less than a mile southeast of Shechem is the quite authentic well of Jacob. At the end of his life Jacob willed this land and the well to Joseph (Gen. 48:21-22; John 4:5-6). Here it was, therefore, that Joshua and the Israelites buried Joseph's bones (Josh. 24:32).

Genesis 34 relates the tragic story of how Jacob's children, who were

not taught to live a separated life, got into trouble with the local inhabitants. When Shechem, the son of Hamor, defiled Jacob's daughter, 2 of her brothers, Simeon and Levi, plotted against the men of the city, came upon them unawares, and killed them all. Then they plundered the city completely. Yet Jacob hardly lifted a finger to correct his sons.

## *Gate of the City*

Verses 20 and 24 of Genesis 34 mention the gate of the city. The oriental custom is to do business at the town gate and to meet there for conversation. Since the location of city gates seldom changed in the different levels of occupation of buried towns, it is interesting at Shechem to see the gate of the following period after Jacob's time. It is a fortress gate with 3 gateways inside it, each flanked by a pair of massive piers.

Before going further north to Dothan (where the writer is helping to excavate at present), Joseph's brethren stopped with their father's flocks in Shechem (Gen. 37:12-17). The valley between the 2 high mountains, Ebal and Gerizim, is well-watered, a fine place for pasturing sheep.

Several centuries later Joshua assembled the Israelites at Mount Ebal to worship the Lord (Josh. 8:30-35). In order to hear the law of God read, and to recite the blessings and the curses, the people were arranged on either side of the ark of the covenant; half were in front of Mount Ebal and half in front of Mount Gerizim. Both of these mountains have a large curved pocket on the sides facing each other, together forming a huge amphitheater. As the voices of one group swelled in unison, the shouted amens could clearly be heard by the other group across the valley (Deut. 27:11-15). Undoubtedly Joshua's army had already captured Shechem.

## *City of Refuge*

The town was important enough to be designated 1 of the 6 cities of refuge a few years later (Josh. 20:7). Here Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel when he delivered his farewell address (Josh. 24:1).

Once again Shechem suffered from the consequences of parental delinquency. Although he was a great

patriot, Gideon the judge let his military success turn his heart to idolatry. Equally serious, he failed as a family man. In addition to his many wives he had a concubine in Shechem. She bore him a son, Abimelech. As happens so often today among the Moslem Arabs, who can have as many as 4 wives, Gideon had too many children to support and discipline properly.

Judges 9 is the account of how Abimelech had his 70 half-brothers slaughtered and of how he tried to maintain his leadership in Shechem. At a time when Abimelech was away Gaal, the son of Ebed, revolted and took over the city. Verses 41 through 45 tell how Abimelech recaptured and razed the city. Necessarily he had to climb over or breach a great sloping wall at least 30 feet high and 10 feet thick. Sellin uncovered a large section of this impressive wall and the gate described above.

## *Political Center of Israel*

"And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard thereof, they entered into the stronghold of the house of El-berith," a heathen god (Judg. 9:46 ASV). Then Abimelech had trees cut down and put against the walls of the building. A fire was kindled, and in a short time the thousand defenders were killed or burned to death. The stone foundations of this temple-fortress still remain. They measure about 80 x 65 feet, each wall nearly 17 feet thick. The entrance was flanked by towers. Six stone columns in the interior undoubtedly helped to support 2 or more stories of mud brick. This heathen temple was probably what the Bible calls the tower of Shechem.

Shechem became an early center of the 10 northern tribes of Israel. Solomon's son Rehoboam held his coronation here, instead of in Jerusalem, as a diplomatic move to try to hold his father's kingdom together. Here also he rashly decided to increase the labor and taxes required of the people. After the secession of the northern tribes Jeroboam rebuilt the city as the first capital of the kingdom of Israel (1 Ki. 12:1-25).

The characters in the checkered history of Shechem seem to come alive once again for the Bible reader after he has visited these ancient ruins.

# THE PASTOR SAYS GOOD-BY

By Rev. Lewis C. Hohenstein, Whittier, Calif.

*The following is part of the farewell message given by Pastor Lewis Hohenstein in leaving Waterloo, Iowa.*

The severance of the relationship between a pastor and his people is a very delicate operation. Attended to by a diligent and informed staff it can be quite successful for the Lord.

## *Method of Severance*

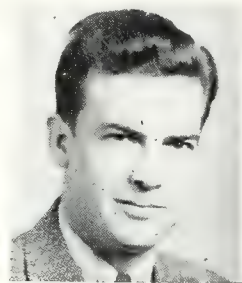
The severance must be done quickly and with the deftness and artistry of a skilled surgeon. Hemostats must be quickly and properly adjusted so that none of the life-giving blood of the church is lost or the useful testimony of the pastor is marred. The wound must not be dirty, for then it will become a source of corruption and a blot against the Lord who bought the church with His own precious blood. The wound must not be jagged or crude, for then there will be an ugly scar for the world of men to see and frown upon.

Such a severance should be a "sweet sorrow," for though the pastor and his family are taken away to another service, the Lord has "His man" to be transplanted into the place vacated. And He will ease the pain with the "balm of Gilead" and

bind up the wounds with the strands of His own love.

## *Hope Beyond*

Surgery is generally a dreaded thing, yet beyond the pain, nausea, and fear lies renewed hope and power and life. And I verily believe that our leaving and the coming of Pastor Richard DeArmey will prove



Rev. L. C. Hohenstein

to be of great value to the Lord's work in the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo.

In the years immediately past we have come to know you and to love you all dearly in the Lord. We have in Christ tried to share your laughter and tears, your hopes and fears, your heartaches and joys. Undoubtedly we have often failed. We are doubly sorry for those failures, but

we count it all joy for what we could do as we ministered the things of Christ among you.

## *Estimation of Work*

We have always felt that we owed no man aught but to proclaim the saving grace of God through Christ, and that we have tried to do by the power of the Holy Spirit. Never consciously have I esteemed one of you above another as to my responsibility. Though I must say, to your shame, that some of you have continually, willfully, for some very trivial excuses rejected the plaintive plea of the Gospel which I have preached. Some because I was not someone else, some because you did not always approve of us as a family, some because our children were not made to obey as you thought they should; but if for any of these or other personal reasons you have rejected Christ's plea through me, it will be a flimsy standard on which to lean at the bema. This I say, not to be critical in any way, but to admonish and exhort you that your lives will be fruitful for His glory.

## *Plea for New Pastor*

And I say these things also, realizing that the new pastor will be human, that his wife and kiddies will be human. He will not look like I do, he will not preach as I preach, his approach will be different and he will emphasize different things. But this we have in common: he loves the Lord as I do and his ministry, as mine, will be for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I leave and he comes, he will be your pastor. Please, for my sake and for the glory of our dear Lord, accept him as such. He will make mistakes just as I made mistakes, he will have problems and there will be trials. He does not promise to bring in the millennium, but he will preach the Gospel. Pray for him, work with him, and encourage him as you have me in my labor for Christ.

I am certain that many of you will never see my face again until you see it as we pass through the ethereal spaces to meet at the feet of our blessed Lord. So I can but commend you to the "love of His grace."

## HIGHEST HONORS AT GRADUATION

In the school of Christ, the highest  
Class for saints, we would not shun,  
Because of many tests and failures,  
Before the proper grades are won.

For when their school days here are finished,  
And all the rigorous years at last  
End in heaven, He will grant them  
Kingdom honors, high and vast.

On the day of graduation  
His "well done" they will have earned,  
For the lessons resolutely,  
In the "class of patience" learned.

Perfect, entire, wanting nothing;  
Prepared by Him from second birth,  
To rule and reign with the King of Glory,  
In the heavens, and on the earth.

—Leona D. Cole.



# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (North Buffalo)

The prayerful interest of God's people is urgently requested for the work at North Buffalo. The building of the basement unit nears completion; in fact, the public dedication has been held.

However, the matter of securing a loan to finance the balance of the work has not been worked out. The banks and loan agencies will not grant us the needed \$1,200 because we have no one in the congregation with proper security to back such a loan.

Because of this condition, we are asking you to seek the Lord in prayer for us in regard to this matter. Our contract states we are to finish paying off our contractor when the work of the basement is completed and approved as satisfactory to the church. This will not be very far in the future.

Pray for us that the Lord will raise up those whom He would have to help in this need. It may even be that the Lord would have YOU to have a small part; at least won't you just now take time out and pray for us?—*Donald W. Rossman, pastor.*

## God's Blessing on YRCA

I would once again like to share with you some more blessings we have received recently here among the Russian people in East Los Angeles.

On May 10, Marjorie Trulin, member of the First Brethren Church of

Rev. Conard Sandy recently presented his resignation as editor and business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, effective July 31, 1953. The board of directors, after much deliberation and prayer, accepted the resignation, but requested Brother Sandy to remain as editor and business manager through August 31.

Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been called as editor and business manager, effective September 1, 1953.—*Walter A. Lepp, secretary, board of directors, Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Inc.*



Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Los Angeles, and the jungle camp nurse for the Wycliffe Translators in southern Mexico, was our speaker.

The Young Russian Christian Association has partially supported Marjorie for a year and purchased a much-needed microscope for her. The final payment on the \$500 was made possible when over \$100 came in in the missionary offering alone.

Another blessing was that after showing some interesting colored slides and giving the challenge, one of our fine Russian girls responded to the call and leaves next month for Wycliffe training. Vera Bukan, a graduate of both Biola and Whitworth College, has been our director of Christian education, and we hate to lose her, but our loss will be the gain of the Mexican Indians.

One of our boys, Al Gussiff, will be graduating from Biola in June and will also be leaving for the Wycliffe training this summer.

This sort of thing is new among these Russian people and is very bitter to them indeed. They do not understand nor appreciate their young people going out as missionaries. Pray for us—so many are responding that it is going to cause a great deal of antagonism and criticism.—*Jack Green, director.*

## YFC HOLDS BIBLE QUIZ

Youth for Christ International plans to hold its fifth annual Bible quiz finals in connection with the annual convention of YFC at Winona Lake, Ind., June 28-July 12. During the 4 years the contest has been in progress it has been won twice each by Detroit, Mich., and Kansas City, Mo.

Eleven cities have already entered teams for this year's finals to be held Saturday, July 11. Each team is composed of 5 members and will be examined this year on the Book of Acts.

## Additions to Membership

Ashland, Ohio .....	3
Clayton, Ohio .....	7
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	10
Glendale, Calif. ....	4
South Gate, Calif. ....	2
Summit Mills, Pa. ....	1
Uniontown, Pa. ....	2
Washington, D. C. ....	4

## Public Confessions

Ashland, Ohio .....	1
Clayton, Ohio .....	2
Glendale, Calif. ....	1
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	4
Washington, D. C. ....	6

## Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Clayton, Ohio .....	8
Whittier, Calif. (First) .....	4

## Dedication of Babies

Johnstown, Pa. (First) .....	1
Kittanning, Pa. (First) .....	7
Uniontown, Pa. ....	3

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Artesia, Calif. ...	May 20-31.....	Adam Rager.....	R. Paul Miller.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(Second) .....	May 31-June 5..	George Peek.....	Alva J. McClain.
Denver, Colo. ....	June 1-14.....	Lowell Hoyt.....	Arnold Kr'gbaum.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	June 21-July 12.	Glenn O'Neal.....	R. Paul Miller.

## LIFE WITH A PURPOSE

*An Actual Incident as Reported to Arnold R. Kriegbaum*

How about a cigarette? Sure, come on and have one! Where was I last Friday night? Let me think. Oh yes, I was playing cards with the boys . . . some game! Saturday night? Why I was home, I guess. You didn't find me there? Funny! I take it all back; I went to the show . . . yea, pretty good one; I just wish you had seen— Worked in your garden Sunday morning? Well, my wife and I went to church. Sure, we go about every Sunday morning. A fellow should! The preacher down there at the church is a pretty good Joe. . . .

This was my routine of life. To summarize my life prior to February 10, 1950, it was a "life without a purpose."

It has been quite different since my eyes were opened on February 10, when the Spirit of God spoke to my heart during an evangelistic campaign in the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. As the evangelist was preaching, my heart was pricked and my sins stood as giants before my mind and heart. But then I beheld the giant-slayer, the Lord Jesus, who not only died on the cross to release me from sin, but He arose from the grave to unshackle me from the power of sin's grip.

Satan tugged hard to hold me in his grip, but the Holy Spirit won! I dropped my hymn book and started to make my way toward the aisle. Alone? No indeed, for I knew the Lord was with me. Alone? No indeed, for right behind me came my dear wife. Down the aisle we made our way toward the front of the church, but honestly, it was to the arms of the Lord we were coming! We wanted victory! We wanted purpose in life! We found what our hearts wanted!

Since that night my outlook on life has been revolutionized. Things in my life have been changed more than most of my closest friends even realize. I never thought so many long-standing habits could be bro-

ken so easily, by simply trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ. I can honestly testify that since that night that I absolutely turned my life over to the Lord for salvation and submission, all those desires and habits have gone without any effort on my part.

Teach a Sunday school class? Who? Me? No, not before February 10, 1950. Since then, God has opened this effectual door of service, and one of the greatest joys of my life is teaching my class of boys of high-school age. Maybe I can keep them from the pitfalls I had. The more I teach the more I learn! The more I learn the more I am blessed!

There have been so many hap-

penings in my life and in our family during the last 3 years that only now I am beginning to see why God's hand moved in on my life.

Now I can say I am living a "life with a purpose"; that purpose is to serve the Lord Jesus until He by His grace calls me home to be with Him.

## OUR ROCK NEVER TREMBLES

Dr. J. U. Stotts tells the story of a man who was out in a boat when a terrific storm came up and the boat was capsized. The man struggled to a rock and with great difficulty clung to it until rescued. One of his rescuers asked him if he did not tremble greatly during the raging of the tempest. "Yes," he replied, "I did tremble, but the rock didn't."

Christ our Rock *never* trembles, no matter how severe the storms of life or how much we may tremble. On Him we are safe until the boat comes that shall take us ashore to our eternal home (Matt. 7:25).—*Moody Church Herald*.

## FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE

Make up your mind that you will find  
Much of imperfection  
In the one to whom you give  
The all of your affection.

Make up your mind that your mate will find  
Early at the start,  
No small share of undreamed faults  
And failures on your part.

Be resigned each time you find  
In bright and stormy weather  
That you are mortals housed in clay;  
Not angels joined together.

So never doubt, but talk things out,  
Embrace, then laugh and joke;  
This is enchantment that will clear  
Your skies when things provoke.

Let all be done in Christ, the Son;  
Let every thought be humble.  
Gild the walls with sacred love  
And they will never crumble.

From strength to strength, while heart to heart,  
As well as hand in hand;  
Each will make up what the other lacks,  
As your Creator planned.

—Leona D. Cole.





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### *Our Paper*

It is our paper because it is produced by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Inc., which corporation is composed of those members of the Brethren denomination who give \$5 or more in a single gift during the year of membership for the support of this work.

It is our paper because it is the only medium of exchange, on a church-wide scale, of ideas, instruction, and information for the welfare of all the constituent parts of the Fellowship.

It is our paper because, in the main, it is written and produced by Brethren people for Brethren people in all parts of the world.

### *Our Purpose*

It is the purpose, under God, of all concerned with the production of this weekly paper to keep it at all times according to certain stated and well-known standards.

1. This paper is true to the Word of God and it is our intention that it always shall remain thus.

2. This paper is true to the position of the Brethren Church and it is our intention to keep it thus, so long as the denomination remains true to its Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

3. This paper is the servant of the whole denomination and it is our intention to keep it free from all sectionalism, partyism, or individualism.

It is our intention, in other words, that this paper shall serve all the people, all the time, with the whole Word of God, and for the eternal welfare of the congregations and individuals affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

### *Our Procedure*

Illustrations of how this paper is our paper and of how it carries out its purposes are to be found in this issue of the Herald.

The article by Bro. Blaine Snyder is an illustration of how it presents the Word of God in its presentation of God's revelation to and for us.

The articles by Brethren Russell D. Barnard, Ralph Colburn, Luther L. Grubb, and Alva J. McClain, and the article by Miss Ruth Snyder are examples of how the Brethren Missionary Herald serves the whole denomination and binds it together in one in the service of the Lord of the church.

The pages given to news briefs, to church reports, to the story of the Berne church by Bro. Ord Gehman, and the account of the ordination of Bro. Richard Jackson give illustrations of how the magazine is the medium of exchange of news and the bearer of good tidings. The news briefs, along with the schedule of the itinerary of the Grace Trum-peters, give an example of how the paper calls attention to "good things" to come so that people in various communities may also share in these things.

Then there are from time to time special articles that tell of God's wonderful grace in saving souls from sin and damnable heresies. As an illustration read the article by Bro. William H. Schaffer.

### *Our Goal*

Our goal is to continue the improvement of the paper in every way possible. A new editor will assume the direction of the work September 1 and new features will be added when needed and available.

An immediate goal is to raise the subscription list to 8,000. It is hoped this will be done during June and July, the period in the calendar of the Brethren Church allotted to this phase of the work. The subscription list is now slightly in excess of 7,700, therefore 300 new subscriptions will make it possible to pass the 8,000 goal by July 31.

This goal can be reached if each church and individual will do either of the following or both.

1. If each congregation in the denomination would become 100 percent in subscriptions that would put us over the top. A 100-percent church is where the Brethren Missionary Herald is sent into each home represented in the membership of the congregation. Most of the churches are already on the list; if the remainder would join the list our goal would be easily reached before July 31.

2. Or if 300 present subscribers would subscribe each for a relative or friend not already reading our paper the goal would be attained.

The subscription price is only \$2 a year, or \$1.50 a year for subscriptions on the 100-percent lists. Incidentally, names may be added to these lists any time during the year and also they may be added for people who are not members of the Brethren Church, so long as they come through the church and are recognized by it.

### *Our Offering*

There are 2 reasons why offerings from the saints of God are needed for this phase of God's missionary program.

1. The Brethren Missionary Herald is sold to the subscribers at less than actual cost. Part of the deficit is made up by subsidies from the various auxiliary organizations using our paper. But these are not sufficient to carry the full burden, therefore we ask God's people to give generously to the work of this paper. As long as God's people give for this work we can keep our paper free from advertisements as a means of income.

2. An offering of \$5 or more in a single gift makes the donor, if he is a member of the Brethren Church, a member of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation for 1 year, with all the rights of membership. An offering of \$100 or more in a single gift makes one eligible to life membership, provided that person is a member of the denomination. Members of the corporation are needed to determine the program and policies of this part of God's work.

### *Our Suggestions*

1. That the Brethren pray much for this work, especially during our period of June and July.

2. That an offering be given for the continuance of this work. We suggest June 28 as the day for the presentation of this offering in the local churches. If this day is not suitable, use the day that fits the local program.

3. That each reader will secure 1 new subscription for the Brethren Missionary Herald during June or July.





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The Dayton, Ohio, area churches are sponsoring a dinner June 12 at the North Riverdale church to honor this year's graduates.

The Compton, Calif., church, pastored by Norman Nelson, was host to the California Brethren camp rally May 15, and held a family dinner May 23 in honor of the pastor's birthday. Rev. Arvid Viedmark preached there April 26 and Rev. Owen Murphy on May 10.

The Seattle, Wash., church held its first communion service with 23 people present in Pastor Thomas Hammers' home May 17, with Dr. Russell D. Barnard assisting. The church has purchased property at 35th Avenue NE. and E. 68th St.

The First church, Los Angeles, Calif., pastored by Glenn O'Neal, was host to the local chapter of Evangelical Released Time Education for its banquet, with Dr. Alexander Stoddard as speaker. The church bought a bus for its Sunday school and Christian day school.

The Beaumont, Calif., church, according to Pastor Gene Farrell, averaged 160 people in Bible school, 121 in morning and 95 in evening services, and received \$997 for the building fund in April.

Pastor and Mrs. William Steffler were given a surprise celebration May 20 by members of the Dayton, Ohio, First church in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.

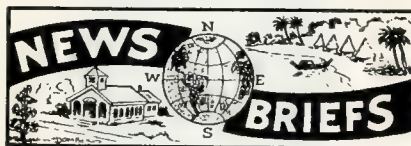
Pastor Ward A. Miller resigned from the Osceola, Ind., church effective June 21 and accepted the pastorate of the Whittier, Calif., Community Brethren Church effective about July 1.

The Peru, Ind., church, pastored by Ronald Robinson, had 50 people in prayer meeting May 14. Rev. Ross McLennon spoke there May 24, Rev. Ralph Colburn is to speak June 7, and Prof. Herbert Bess, one-time interim pastor, is to speak on Anniversary Sunday, June 21.

Pastor Thomas E. Hammers, Seattle, Wash., preached at Spokane May 24 while the Schaffers were attending the funeral of Mrs. Schaffer's mother at Johnstown, Pa.

The Glendale, Calif., church, pastored by Charles M. Underwood, has planned a youth week, with a series of meetings for the young people, June 21-26.

Mrs. Harry D. Ringler, for many years a member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church and mother of 11 children, died May 14 at Johnstown. In the absence of Pastor W. A. Ogden, the funeral was conducted by Pastor Paul Mohler, of Listie, Pa.



Recent speakers at the Waterloo, Iowa, church were Rev. J. B. Williams and Miss Bernice Preble, May 10; Prof. John Whitcomb, May 17; and Dr. Alva J. McClain, May 24.

The Whittier, Calif., First church, pastored by Lewis Hohenstein, held a dinner and reception for Missionary J. Keith Altig, former pastor of the church and now on furlough from Brazil, May 26. Prof. John Whitcomb spoke there May 24.

The York, Pa., church, pastored by Gerald Polman, though yet without a building of its own, gave \$519 to foreign missions, which exceeded the goal of \$15 a member. The mother-daughter banquet was attended by 41 women.

The address of Chaplain (1st Lt.) Wayne S. Flory and family is Quarters 391-D, Ft. Lewis, Wash. (change Annual, p. 68).

Pastor John M. Aeby, of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church, was

elected moderator of the Atlantic District conference.

The San Bernardino, Calif., church, pastored by Lyle W. Marvin, began junior church services May 24. The Russell Browning family gave the church 25 hymnbooks.

Pastor William H. Clough, of Tracy, Calif., preached at the Uniontown, Pa., church May 17, according to Pastor Clyde K. Landrum. Brother Clough pastored the Uniontown church almost 13 years.

During the first quarter of 1953 the South Pasadena, Calif., church, pastored by Dr. Charles H. Ashman, witnessed 20 confessions of faith and 5 baptisms, received 8 members, and had 3 volunteers for life service for Christ.

The Ankenytown, Ohio, church, pastored by Wesley Haller, held special meetings March 8-13 under the leadership of Pastor Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, with an average attendance of 92.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, gave a series of lectures on archeology at the Akron (Ohio) Bible Institute May 18-22, and Pastor Neil Beery, of Danville, Ohio, spoke at the homecoming banquet of the school May 22. Dr. Raymond Gingrich is president of the institute.

During April and May Rev. R. I. Humberd, of Flora, Ind., spoke at 3 churches in Dayton, Tenn.; a church and radio station in Birmingham, Ala.; Youth for Christ, radio station, 3 churches, and a seminary in Salisbury, N. C.; 3 churches and radio station in Bristol, Tenn.; church in Dresden, Ohio; and Bible institute, Akron, Ohio. On June 12 he is scheduled to speak at the Calvary Baptist Church and June 14 at the Grace Brethren Church, both of Altoona, Pa.

The Hollins, Va., church, pastored by Edward Bowman, has honored the man who served there for 40 years by making him, Rev. John E. Patterson, pastor emeritus of the church. The church plans to build a parsonage in the near future.

The average attendance in the Bible school of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church for April was 210. Rev. John Balyo, of Kokomo, Ind., spoke for Pastor John Aeby May 10.

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# WHAT THE HERALD MEANS TO GRACE SEMINARY

By Dr. Alva J. McClain, President of Grace Theological Seminary

I want to begin this article by saying that the Brethren Missionary Herald is a publication of which the Brethren Church should be proud. Considering its size, the excellent articles it contains, the unusually high number of pictorial features, the good quality of the paper on which it is printed, and then to remember that it is issued *every week*, not merely once a month, you cannot help but wonder how the Herald can be produced at such a low subscription price. Other publications issued monthly often cost as much per year, although their circulation far exceeds that of the Herald.

I am inclined to question whether our Brethren people really appreciate how remarkable an achievement we have in the Brethren Missionary Herald. If they could compare it with the weekly papers of other denominations vastly larger than we are numerically (as I have done), see the cheap quality of the paper on which the latter are printed, the almost complete absence of pictures, and consider the high prices charged for subscriptions, it would be a matter of wonder how a church of 20,000 membership could issue a paper like the Herald for the price we charge for it. As a matter of fact, there are many non-Brethren people who do wonder how it can be done. And it could not be done except for the close financial cooperation of the various boards of the church in this important venture.

Representing Grace Theological Seminary, I am writing this article to say something about the high importance of the Brethren Missionary Herald to our educational interests.

*I. The Herald provides a channel through which the seminary can minister the Word of God to all our churches.*

The members of the faculty should indeed visit the churches personally for the ministry of the Word of God, but this at best is a limited ministry both in time and geographically. The printed pages of the church paper provide a wider field for this ministry, and its added advantages are, first, that it reaches all the churches at the same time, and second, it pro-

vides a medium which is permanent in form. It is not like the word spoken in a sermon which can so easily be forgotten and lost.

Also through the Herald the seminary is able to review and recommend good books, and thus exercise its ministry directly as well as through the students trained here and sent out as missionaries and pastors.

*II. Through the Herald the ministry and needs of the seminary can be kept before the churches and their members.*

There is no question at all about the value of the Herald in attracting



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students to the seminary. Since the majority of the students come, and should come, from Brethren churches, it is clear that there must be some medium of information between the school and the churches. Furthermore, practically all the financial support for the seminary comes from Brethren churches and members. It is not exaggerating the case to say that without the medium of some organ like the Herald there could not be such a school as Grace Seminary is today. It is true that seminary publicity could be specially printed and mailed directly to the churches, as in the case of other schools. But an organ such as the Herald provides a wider coverage, and also does this with less cost.

*III. Through the Herald our churches become acquainted with our students and they with the churches.*

I cannot remember how many times people at a distance who have never been at the seminary will ask

me about some particular student whose activities have been related in the Herald, or whose picture has been seen there. This is a matter of great importance, especially for a denomination which is congregationally governed. In churches with highly centralized forms of government this is not of great consequence, since pastors are assigned by the ruling powers. It is not so in the Brethren Church. Therefore, for us some medium of information is all the more essential.

*IV. The Herald helps maintain the unity of our churches.*

As long as the Herald continues to be what it ought to be, and as long as it is circulated widely as it should be among the various congregations, it is bound to prove a powerful deterrent to disunity. Congregations are less likely to become "isolationist" in their attitude. And Grace Seminary and its best interests depend greatly upon the unity of our Brethren churches. And this unity cannot be maintained by any form of ecclesiastical pressure. It must be voluntary, based upon information and teaching.

In conclusion, I wish to point out that while the circulation of the Herald is good among Brethren churches, it should be much greater among those outside. And I feel that a tremendous opportunity is being overlooked just here. Spending a few dollars for extra copies, or even extra subscriptions, is the most valuable publicity that any local Brethren congregation could possibly put out. We have not yet begun to exploit this field as we should. And it is the cheapest. Where is the local church that can afford to publish anything like the Brethren Missionary Herald 52 times every year?

## HERALD IS APPRECIATED

"This is to notify of a change in address, for I don't want to miss a single copy. I appreciate my Brethren Missionary Herald more than ever since there is no Brethren church near me now. May God bless this phase of His work. (Signed) Mrs. Don Pugh, Martinsville, Va."



# "OPERATION COOPERATION"

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard, General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society

There are two very definite parts in "Operation Cooperation" so far as this business of getting the Gospel out to a lost world is concerned. These are expressed in Psalm 68:11 as follows: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." There is God's part, the part of the senior partner in the corporation, and the believer's part, the part of the junior partner—and very "junior" indeed. Probably about 99.99 percent of the work done by those who are spoken of as "the company of those that published it" is of God's empowering, guiding, and encouraging. Man's part is a small part in relation to the whole undertaking, but it is a very important part, since God has arranged that the work shall be done in this way.

## *A Manual of Procedure*

How shall we proceed in this business of getting the Gospel out? I believe God has given the formula, really the "manual of procedure," for this in His Word. In I Corinthians 3:9 we read: "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." There is certainly no misapplication of the Scriptures in thus referring to the agencies of our fellowship of believers, since they are all engaged in this business of getting the Gospel out.

## *Laborers*

God has no place in His program for slackers or lazy folk. He can't use the slothful. Our work for God must be more than shadow-boxing. St. Paul didn't want to be found "beating the air" at the coming of the Lord. Ours is a big job, in America, in neighboring countries, and to the ends of the earth. The business of getting the Gospel out is the biggest business in the world today and the most needed. Communism today is almost synonymous with opposition to the Gospel of God, and no weapon that has been devised against it has been successful. Only the gospel message as it affects the hearts of native and national believers can fortify them against the terrific attacks of this communistic monster. The Breth-

ren Missionary Herald Company is being used in this business of getting the Gospel out.

## *Together*

God doesn't have much room in His program for "soloists." Oh, I'm not speaking of those who render beautiful vocal or instrumental music. Rather am I thinking of those born-again believers who, although they want to serve the Lord, do not work well with other believers. God



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permits them to accomplish some things, but how much better it would be, and how much more they would accomplish working together with others. In our foreign missionary work we have ample opportunity to see the Herald Company at work, since it publishes our issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, as well as much other missionary literature. We have found those in that company eager to work cooperatively with us in this great work.

## *God's Husbandry*

God is in the farming business with every "tiller of the soil." He is also in another kind of farming business, that which looks to a spiritual harvest. Even in looking to a spiritual harvest there must be clearing of the ground, plowing, sowing, and tilling before there can be a harvest. There will be no bountiful harvest unless the laws of sowing and cultivating are observed. Our publishing agency, the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, is uniquely fitted to help in God's farming business. Through their Christian publications, Bible-centered, well-written,

and beautifully published, they point the lost to Christ, and encourage the born-again to grow in the things of the Lord. It is stimulating to read the reports of missionary activity, and the Herald company is so very willing to publish all such reports.

## *God's Building*

In a real sense the whole church is God's building; every believer is as a stone in that building. The agencies of our fellowship of churches have demonstrated themselves as a part in God's building. The Herald Company contributes largely to this building—the institution by which Sunday school literature is prepared, Christian magazines are supplied, tracts and booklets are printed, and the latest of spiritual Christian books are made available to our people.

## *Please Help*

This is the season of the year when all our Brethren churches will be thinking of, praying especially for, and making gifts to the support of this helpful company. We urge you, as a friend of foreign missions, to be a friend of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company and to help in every way possible.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN ITALY

The courts of Italy, according to recent reports, are insisting that the guarantees of religious liberty embedded in the country's constitution be respected and that no one shall be punished for religious convictions.

A trial court freed a Protestant minister, Franco Sommani, who had been charged with failing to get a permit for public worship. On another occasion the highest court of the land, the Court of Cassation, upheld the right of Protestants to conduct public church services without obtaining police permission, which permission was often difficult and sometimes impossible to secure.

All Christians ought to rejoice in this turn of affairs in Italy and pray for the believers there who desire to worship God according to the dictates of their hearts and according to their understanding of His Word.

# HERALDING HOME MISSIONS

By Dr. Luther L. Grubb, Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council

This is a large task!

How can we tell the story of Brethren home missions most effectively to the most people and most frequently? The answer to this question is very important. On it hinges much of the success of the Brethren home mission program. It is a question which is faced constantly in this great, basic missionary endeavor of the Brethren Church.

## *Sharing Information*

Those intimately connected with the home mission work know what is happening in the field. We are thrilled daily as reports of spiritual victories, the salvation of precious souls, and the growth of our churches come to the office. Our hearts are encouraged to greater diligence in this missionary endeavor.

But our great concern is how to get this thrilling information to *you*. We want those who have prayed for us and helped the missionary enterprise with their gifts to know about these multiplied blessings from our blessed Lord. You should be sharing in the joy of these dividends from God.

Thus we are constantly seeking for means of conveyance. Every possible channel of information is being used. However, one of the most effective means of publicity available is our Brethren Missionary Herald. We place great value on this medium of publicity for several reasons.

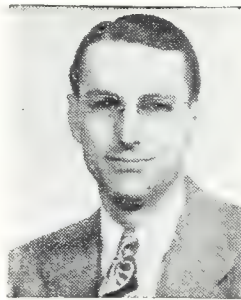
## *Reaching the Maximum*

We are able to reach a *maximum* of those who are interested in the work God has given us to do. We are also able to reach many who otherwise would know absolutely nothing of our missionary program. The subscription list covers a vast portion of our Brethren membership. These are the folks who support Brethren home missions and who should directly know of God's blessings resulting through their prayers and gifts. At the same time there have been a number who have come to know of the Brethren program here at home for the first time as they have read of it in the Herald. As a result of this, new friends have been gained and the potential of the

effort increased. The Herald information will reach those that no other medium of advertising would reach. This is a strong reason for the increase of our subscription list to the maximum.

## *Using Pictures*

Pictures speak volumes. The Herald tells a picture story monthly of the blessings of God on the Brethren home mission work. You see brand-new church buildings under construction and then completed. You see pictures of new-born babes in Christ. The growth of our churches is pictorially reported in every way.



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Thus the tangible results of your giving and praying are vividly seen. Many have expressed great appreciation for the pictures seen in the Herald. Pictures are shown in various churches setting forth the growth of the work, but the Herald reaches many who do not get to these churches.

Our desire is to contact our missionary donors in the field as often as possible. Our church paper makes at least a monthly contact possible. Even though our home mission season is specifically during the Thanksgiving period, we are contacting the churches around the calendar.

## *Developing Churches*

Frequently the Herald assists us in the development of a new church. A small note in the paper asking for the identity of Brethren people in a certain area often brings unforeseen contacts. Thus members and help are gained for a new church.

You have an opportunity to follow the travels of your secretary through the Home Missions Travelog, thus seeing some of the country and learning of pieces of interesting news through your servant in the field.

Our home missionaries are grateful for the privilege of telling you about the Lord's blessings in the field. You may be sure that the things they write come direct from their hearts and are well documented.

For us as well as for our other church agencies the Herald serves as an evangelist. Articles carrying the message of salvation and Christian edification bring the blessing of our Lord to our many readers.

No missionary organization could operate efficiently without some printed means of expression and publicity. Many such organizations finance their own paper at great cost. In our Brethren plan the cost is much less by using the pages of the Herald once each month.

In short, those of us in the Brethren home mission work feel that the Herald is a rather indispensable instrument in the conduct of the work.

## *Need for Funds*

Since the subscription list is of paramount importance in determining the effectiveness of any magazine the subscription price of the Brethren Missionary Herald has been kept within easy reach of the average individual and church. We all know that this price does not nearly cover the cost of producing this fine magazine. Therefore, some additional funds must be found elsewhere to make up the difference in cost.

Here is one reason for an annual offering for Brethren publications. When you give liberally to this offering you are helping Brethren home missions at the same time. The Herald carries on a missionary ministry through each of its issues. This is certainly fulfilling the command of Christ in Matthew 28:19 where He says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Help us herald Brethren home missions by laying a liberal offering on the altar for Brethren publications this year!



# "EVERYBODY OUGHT TO KNOW"

By Rev. William H. Schaffer, Spokane, Wash.

This is a catchphrase of a well-known chorus. And "everybody ought to know who Jesus is."

## *The Command to Witness*

The command still stands: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Lord has not excluded any one of us. If He has not made known to me personally that I should go, then I am commanded to "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

Now there is a certain amount of expense involved in reaching "the uttermost part of the earth." Have you ever known a man of prayer who was not also hilarious in his giving to the Lord's work? That's what I think the Lord had in mind when He said: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). He knew that children of God who put their gifts in the depository of heaven are praying children.

Yes, "everybody ought to know who Jesus is." If we don't get busy telling "everybody" how are they to know? We take so much for granted. It may sound a bit egotistical to say that the Brethren Church as we now know it has the most complete message for everybody concerning the person and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. And yet we sit idly by. We, like the 4 lepers of II Kings 7, should say to each other, "We do not well: this is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us." The moment a church is self-satisfied, that's the very moment some mischief will come upon it. A church that's busy getting the Gospel out won't have any time left for bickering and dissention within its own membership.

## *The Need for Cooperation*

But the local congregation can't carry on this tremendous program alone. It takes the combined efforts of all our Brethren churches. What is it that binds us all together to

make possible this greater effort? What medium do we use more than any other for mutual information, encouragement, and challenge?

*It's the Brethren Missionary Herald!*

The Brethren Herald doesn't sound right, does it? But how glibly we use this title without stopping to think that our weekly paper is primarily a missionary magazine. We members of the board of directors know this, but do you? The subscription price you pay, with the subsidies of the various boards which



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use our pages, does not cover the total cost. That is why we ask for an annual offering of those who are really missionary minded.

Will you stay with me for just a few more lines? I would like to illustrate what I told you a few paragraphs above concerning our "complete message."

## *An Illustration in Point*

Last winter there came into our services a woman who was actively engaged in "Jehovah Witness" work. You know, the people who go from door to door with literature and a talking machine. The people who will stand by the hour on the street corners "hawking" their literature. The people who will in the summer time go from farm to farm peddling their antichrist propaganda.

Well, this lady was one of them. She tells how during the last world war as a nurse she would stuff her blouse full of this literature to smuggle it into the army hospitals. She knows what it is to have doors slammed in her face and feet caught in them until they ached for days. She knows what it is to stand on the

street corners in the cold of winter and the heat of summer, "witnessing."

For years she searched over this great Northwest for the true Gospel—the Gospel that could satisfy a hungry heart. She thought she finally had it in Jehovah Witness doctrine only to discover that that too was empty.

You should have heard her testimony at her first communion in the Brethren Church. That satisfied look on her face, that knowledge of complete assurance of salvation in the finished work of Christ spoke more eloquently than her lips. She also testifies that the grace of God has been really sufficient to bear the trials and tribulations which heretofore were unbearable.

Now she wants to witness for her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ like she used to for Satan. How many of you would ever know of this trophy of His grace if you had not read it in the pages of THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD?

## SCIENCE OUTWITTED

The smart new professor scarcely bothered to conceal the fact that he was an agnostic, if not an atheist. "Unless you shake off old-fashioned views and act for yourself," he kept telling his classes, "the world will leave you behind. Putting your faith in God may be all right, but you can't stop there. Take rain-making. When the farmers simply got down on their knees and prayed for rain, what did they get? The Dust Bowl! Now all they do is send up a plane, drop some chemicals on a cloud, and it rains. No question about that, is there?"

To the professor's surprise, a drawling farm boy spoke up. "Sure, there's a question," he said. "Who furnishes the cloud?"—*Selected.*

## FINEST LITTLE PAPER

"Enclosed please find \$2 for renewal of the Herald. It's one of the finest little papers I ever read. (Signed) Mrs. Amanda Mong, Mansfield, Ohio."

# WHAT THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD MEANS TO A MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Missionary on Furlough From Africa

If any Brethren were to visit a chapel in some African village in the section of Africa where we work, he would no doubt see the picture of some dear friend, or perhaps of himself, adorning the Testaments or hymnbooks of his African brethren. In this land where paper poverty is rife, each scrap of this precious material is employed to the limit. Having reached the back of some African's precious book, the Brethren Missionary Herald will find no further employment. However, before it has reached this final phase of its usefulness, this little magazine has had a satisfactory career.

## *The Arrival of Mail*

The Herald had left Winona Lake as a sweet, clean paper should. Any trials or tears that may have been contributed to its composition have been washed away by the prayers that have hallowed it for its wide ministry.

There are those (even among missionaries) to whom the smell of printer's ink is a delight. To that variety of persons the opening of a new magazine is a real joy. Just here, we must admit, is found one of the trials of missionaries. The clean, sweet smell—where is it?

The arrival of mail is the great event which breaks the monotony of isolation. Happy is the missionary whose mail arrives just as he finishes his supper. The day's work is ended, the supper table is cleared, "fire is put in the lamp," and the missionary looks through his mail. Among the arriving mail may be at least 6 copies of the Brethren Missionary Herald. (This may not always be true, of course, but when second-class mail does arrive, it is usually thus.)

## *Waters for the Soul*

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25:25). Just how greatly the thirst for news can oppress one is something that must be experienced to be understood. No vocabulary in any language is adequate for some emotions. With a sigh of satisfaction

the missionary picks up his Herald. To his great disappointment his thirst cannot be quenched that night for his magazines are too wet to be read. Alas! the water which has soaked his magazines is not sweet and clean but muddy and dirty—unfit for his thirst. There is no sweet smell of printer's ink to stimulate his thoughts tonight. However, by



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spreading his magazines out by the lamp he may be able to handle them by the time he should be going to bed.

Or perhaps it is dry season, and as he opens his copies of the Herald a sneezing fit destroys his joy, for his paper is full of dust. Or perhaps neither of these things happens, but the white ants have made the edges of the paper as lacy as a valentine. Or it may be, as often happens, the paper has come through in good condition.

## *The Bearer of News*

The cleanness and sweetness are gone, but one thing remains. It is still hallowed by the prayers that have ascended in behalf of the ministry of the Herald. Water and dust cannot remove the blessings of God upon a work done in His name.

How refreshing is this news from a far country. Every missionary has many dear friends throughout the home churches. In the whirl of today's activities many of these friends never take a few minutes to send a note to the missionaries. This loss (it is indeed a great loss) is restored in part by the news items of the Herald. Through these the missionary keeps in touch with his friends among the churches.

## *The Bond of Unity*

An even greater joy comes to the missionary in being thus kept in touch with the churches. To know how the Lord is blessing the work in the homeland is a stimulating experience for the missionary. How willingly he rejoices with them that rejoice.

Sometimes through the pages of the Herald he has the privilege of weeping with them that weep. Privilege? Yes; thus he is enabled to obey the command, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." In joy and sorrow the brethren who have gone to the ends of the earth are one with those in the homeland. Brazil, Baja California, Argentina, France, Africa, Hawaii, the United States—

"Tho' sundered far, by faith we meet  
Around one common mercy seat."

Being kept in contact with the home base and its far-flung interests is not the only contribution the Herald makes to the missionary. In leaving the homeland he has left behind him the facilities for study which had benefited him through his years of preparation. It is essential that each one keep in contact with the spiritual studies of others. This would be impossible for the missionary if it were not for the magazines coming to his door. The Herald makes a great contribution to this need of "the lonely wilderness."

## *The End of the Paper*

After the missionary has refreshed himself with this good news from a far country, he faces the problem of what to do with the paper. Where there is room to do so, the copies are usually kept through the years. However, as everyone realizes, this could not always be done. At this point the African comes to the assistance of the missionary and gladly relieves him of any paper with which he is willing to part. Thinking that if the paper is stored away the white ants will eventually eat it, the missionary gives it into these eager

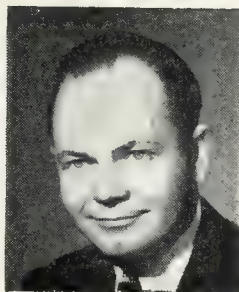
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# "I READ IT IN THE HERALD"

Frequently, when I am contacting young people on college campuses, and we talk of some recent developments or plans in some phase of the Brethren church's expanding activities, I hear one say, "Oh, yes; I read something about that in the Herald." And our church paper is a vital link with our young people in Christian schools away from home. We believe every one of them ought to be getting it, so if their own churches do not subscribe for them, we offer to do so, and I suppose that the Youth Council thus provides for about 100 or more subscriptions each year.

But it's not only when they're away from home that it helps, but



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our young people at home profit from the Herald. And I know the reading is not confined to the Youth Page. But especially through that page they can learn what other groups are doing in BYF, and in

BBC, and in district activities. It's a vital link that makes us feel more like one great group of Brethren young people, rather than a great many isolated groups.

Those pictures help, for they attract us to the article involved, and then we always like to see our own pictures in print!

Do we appreciate the Herald? I'll say we do! We in the Youth Council office appreciate it as a means of communication with our youth and those interested in youth. And our young people who are readers appreciate it for the news, information, and ideas it conveys. Let's keep it a strong, attractive publication always!

—Ralph J. Colburn.

## BRETHREN BOYS ACTIVE FOR THE LORD IN KOREA

Pvt. Glenn Lee Knepper, of York, Pa., and Pvt. Arthur Martinez, of Taos, N. Mex., were assigned to the same company in South Korea (both are in the Medical Corps) and are enjoying real fellowship in the Lord. They have Bible study and prayer together every night. They have obtained a number of tracts in the Korean language and give them out liberally. Arthur has led 9 souls to Christ since being overseas. (He is also national president of Brethren Boys Clubs.)

Pvt. Andy Varos, also of Taos, is stationed in Korea also and is busy distributing tracts and witnessing for the Lord.

Don't forget to pray for these and many other Christian boys in Korea, that they may use their opportunities for Christ there.

## YOUTH FEATURED AT ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A youth singspiration was held on the last night of the Atlantic District conference, at Winchester, Va., and about 100 young people, plus about the same number of adults, stayed to enjoy it. Many of the young people stayed overnight and shared in the SMM, BBC, and BYF seminars on Saturday morning. Thirty-eight were present at these sessions.

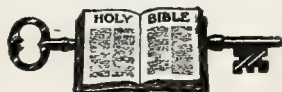


## AKRON BOYS RECEIVE SCOUTING AWARDS

On Sunday night, May 31, Harold and Roy Nelson, of the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, received the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America—the God and Country Award. In order to earn this honor, a boy must be an exemplary scout, extraordinarily faithful in his church activities, and must complete a number of assignments made by his pastor.

The awards are made in the local church by the pastor. Bro. Harold H. Etling reports that these boys are also very active in the local BBC, as junior leaders, and are faithful workers in BYF too. Congratulations, fellows, and keep up the good work!

Carl Key, of Covington, Va., now at Wheaton College, received this award a couple of years ago, and it is possible that other Brethren boys have earned it too. If so, we would like to hear about them.



## EAST DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY AT ALTOONA

Although it was not one of the largest, a very fine youth rally was held at the Altoona, Pa., First church May 8-9. Rev. Woody Newman, formerly of the host church, was the chief speaker, and also brought special music. There were other numbers by a brass quartet, a vocal quartet, and others, and a Bible-hour message by Pastor Victor Rogers, of Jenners, Pa.

The Altoona area churches are also having a banquet honoring the high school graduates, with parents and friends invited. Dean Walter, pastor at Vicksburg, is the toastmaster, and Rev. Robert Shultz is the speaker.

## "NEVER THINK OF OURSELVES"

A friend told us that he was visiting a lighthouse lately and said to the keeper, "Are you not afraid to live here? It is a dreadful place to be in constantly."

"No," replied the man, "I am not afraid! We never think of ourselves here."

"Never think of yourselves! How is that?"

The reply was a good one: "We know that we are perfectly safe, and only think of having our lamps brightly burning and keeping the reflectors clear so that those in danger may be saved."—*The Quiver*.

# "PUT UP . . . THY SWORD"

By Rev. Blaine Snyder, Winona Lake, Ind.

Among the doctrines of the Brethren there is none which has caused more difficulty and discussion than that of nonresistance. We wonder why this should be, since the Brethren have been known as "peace people" from their earliest history and from the fact that year after year in our general conferences we "reaffirm our historic position with regard to war." It would do little good to attempt to fix responsibility for our lamentable state. The problem is here and needs more consideration in the future than it has received in the past.

A full discussion of this subject would require a book of many pages. Therefore the best we can hope to do here is deal with a few of the salient issues. This is not a discussion of the subject of war as such, but of necessity we must at least mention some of the major aspects of war before we are in a proper position to formulate a standard of conduct with respect to it. Very briefly, then, we want to mention 3 phases of the subject of war, and then deal with what our attitude toward it should be in the light of the Bible.

## *Revelation in James*

First, we should note the causes of war. What is it that brings one nation to the place where it attacks and plunders another nation? Sociologists and economists have their answers, but God has one, too. It is set forth for us in James 3:16-4:3. In these verses we have God's description of that which causes contention and strife among believers. Rest assured that the motives which are successful in bringing strife within the church are also the very ones which bring on war in the world.

This passage reads in part: "For wherever jealousy and rivalry exist, there will be confusion and all sorts of evil practices. . . . What causes wars and quarrels among you? Is it not your different desires which are ever at war within your bodies? You desire things and cannot have them, and so you commit murder. You covet things, but cannot acquire them, and so you quarrel and fight. . . . You ask and fail to get them, be-

cause you ask with evil, selfish motives" (Williams translation).

## *Facts to Notice*

There are 3 phrases which you should notice in particular: (a) jealousy and rivalry, (b) different desires, and (c) selfish motives. We do not know where you can find as complete an analysis of the causes of war in so brief a space as you have in these 6 verses. Even these could be further simplified to 1 word—sin. Study these verses carefully and you will agree that they quite well de-



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scribe the history of national enterprise for the last many centuries.

If we know anything from the Word of God and from experience concerning the conduct of the Christian it would be this, namely, that the conduct of a child of God is not characterized by jealousy, by covetousness, by rivalry, and by evil practices. These found no place in the life of Christ and are just as foreign to those who are His true followers. How can those who are truly God's children lend their service to that which is utterly incompatible with the character and conduct of the Lord whose steps we are to follow?

## *Weapons of War*

Second, we should point out the method and weapons of war. International morality is simply thrown to the wind in times of war. The barbarities and atrocities of war are too fresh on our memories to deal with at length here. Let us remind you that these were not all committed by one side in the last war. When we think of what Christian nations (so-called) have done, it is little wonder what was done by other

nations. One of the "reasons" for our entrance into World War I was the killing of innocent and defenseless people. The sneak attacks upon ships, sending people to the bottom of the ocean without a chance, was heralded from coast to coast. We now blush with shame at the mention of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Our skirts are far from clean with respect to how we treated prisoners of war (see Economic Council Letter No. 214). That is what war does to men and nations.

How does this compare with the conduct that is characteristic of a child of God? How can we reconcile the conduct of nations at war with such words as "love your enemies," "do violence to no man," "avenge not yourselves," etc.? The mass killing of men by murder and starvation, the subjection of men by force, are not the ways and means which God has ordained that His children should avail themselves of.

## *Results of War*

Third, we should consider the results of war. What have wars accomplished in the last 200 years? Devastated countries, depleted natural resources, physical, mental, and moral wrecks of thousands of people, international resentment and mistrust, bankruptcy of nations, spiritual default and disaster for countless thousands. The so-called treaties have often been the very seed plots for further strife. It yet remains to be seen whether or not more could be accomplished by peaceful methods rather than by armed conflict.

## *Attitudes in Contrast*

In contrast to the results of war, what are the effects of the preaching of the Gospel? Do any of the previously mentioned things manifest themselves as the rewards for labors of the faithful child of God? Can we believe that men are worse in any way because the Gospel has been brought to them? Does Christ's message breed contempt? Does His message make men and nations hate one another? Does His message help men or hasten their ruin? If the results of war are irreconcilable with the results which come from making Christ known to men, then we should



have little trouble in deciding where we shall give our influence and support.

"Whoever can reconcile this, 'Resist not evil,' with, Resist violence by force; again, 'Give also thy other cheek,' with, Strike again; also 'Love thine enemies,' with, Spoil them, make a prey of them, pursue them with fire and sword; or, 'Pray for those that persecute you . . . ' with, Persecute them by fines, imprisonments, and death itself . . . whoever . . . can find a means to reconcile these things, may be supposed also to have found a way to reconcile God with the Devil, Christ with Antichrist, light with darkness, and good with evil" (R. Barclay).

### Word of God

If the causes of war are un-Christian, if the methods of war are un-Christian, if the results of war are inconsistent with the results of Christian effort, then it seems that we would not need to go any further in this study, for every child of God should be able to make a decision in the light of what has been presented. However, there is much more to be said on this subject. So far, we have been presenting ideas which are self-



apparent and could be the result of our own thinking. We must turn to the Word of God and see what it has to say on this matter. If it speaks clearly, then that is our final authority. Certainly those who are God's children should be content to govern their lives in accord with His Word.

One of the great passages upon which we formulate our position is Matthew 26:52-54. It is not to be expected that everyone will accept the simplest meaning of these words,

but before they are rejected, careful consideration should be given to them. From the passage before us there are 3 general principles which we present for consideration.

### Warfare of Christians

1. The sword is not a means to an end for God's children. Our Lord said, "Put up . . . thy sword." Peter may have had his faults, but there is no question but that he was a child of God. But in one of the greatest crises which he ever faced, when he was about to use force to accomplish his purpose, the Lord told him to put up his sword. If ever a sword was drawn in a just cause, this was the time, so apparently the worthiness of the objective is not to be the basis upon which we shall decide to take up arms. The reason for this is quite apparent. The warfare of the Christian is not against flesh and blood, but it is a spiritual battle (Eph. 6:10-17). Therefore it is impossible to use carnal weapons to wage it (II Cor. 10:3-4). The instruments used must be compatible with the type of warfare in which we are engaged. We are not seeking to establish an earthly kingdom, but a spiritual one. That is why our Lord commanded Peter to resheath his sword. We pump water, not gasoline, on a fire to quench it. Even so, if we are fully being used of the Lord, seeking His kingdom first, then we will use instruments to accomplish our end which have the approval of our Lord and will be consistent with our walk and warfare.

### Creator of Strife

2. The use of the sword genders strife and usually leads to retaliation in kind. The passage says, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword." We did not say this, but Christ did. There may appear to be exceptions to this rule, but the principle will stand, as every student of history well knows. Since this is such common knowledge, we will not discuss it further, but go to the third of these principles.

3. The source of strength and protection for God's children is God Himself. "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (vs. 53). We are not told to pray for 12 legions of angels, but we are taught that our safety is in the Lord (Psa. 90, etc.). It is for us to decide whether we be-

lieve these words or not. Have we come to the place in the Brethren Church where we put more confidence in steel than we do in the Lord? We personally know of one church from which over 70 young people were in the service in the last war. Only 1 entered on Christian convictions. We are convinced that this is not an isolated case. In view



of this it is high time that we either openly abandon our position on war, or else get the courage of our convictions.

### Recognition of Nonresistance

This doctrine of nonresistance offers no "city of refuge" for the unpatriotic, the cowards, or the pacifists. These words do not describe a Christian and are unjustly used of him if he is a true nonresistant. Our military leaders during the late war recognized nonmilitary service as patriotic service which places all who sincerely availed themselves of the privilege beyond just criticism. It should further be borne in mind that many times the danger and suffering of the noncombatant was every whit the equal of that of the regular service man, with the added fact that he was unarmed.

In summary we notice that Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Thus, as members of His body interested in that kingdom for which we are taught to pray, we refuse the weapons of carnal warfare as a means to our end. The weapons of this world are inconsistent with our walk, incompatible with our weapons, and inappropriate for our warfare; therefore, Christian, "put up . . . thy sword."

# THE BETHEL BRETHREN CHURCH, BERNE, INDIANA

By Rev. Ord Gehman, Pastor of the Church

The Bethel Brethren Church was the name given to the church which was organized a few miles east of Berne, Ind., December 14, 1889, by Rev. J. H. Swihart. The group was gathered together by Elder Swihart and its charter membership consisted of 16, none of whom are living today.

Immediately following the organization of the church at Berne, a revival meeting was held under the leadership of Elder Swihart, which resulted in 26 confessions of faith. All these were baptized and received into the membership of the church. Another meeting was held by Elder Swihart in 1890 and 49 more were added to the membership of this church.

## *Dedication Services*

The original building was erected in 1892 at a cost of \$991. Much labor on the building was donated by members and interested friends. The south addition to the building was added 20 years later and was dedicated to the Lord by Dr. L. S. Bauman, free of debt, March 3, 1912.

The 25th anniversary of the church was observed on October 4, 1914. Rev. W. F. Johnson was the speaker and the service was attended by 9 charter members.

Rededication services were held February 19, 1939. This service marked the addition of hardwood floors, new pews in the main auditorium, new pulpit desk, new curtains, and other improvements. Rev. Leo Polman was the speaker on the occasion of this service.

The 50th anniversary services of the church were held December 17, 1939. In addition to talks given by local members, Dr. J. C. Beal was the speaker for this occasion. An active membership of 180 was reported at this time.

## *Other Improvements*

A special service was held April 27, 1941, at which time a completed basement with 2 outside entrances and tables for use in the communion services of the church were dedicated to the Lord. The special speaker for the occasion was Dr. Louis S. Bauman. The approximate cost of these improvements was \$1,100.

Additional improvements to the building included new fluorescent lighting in 1950, and restrooms were installed in 1951. Recently a pastor's study was arranged and plans are under way for other internal improvements to the building which will facilitate our services for the Lord. In addition to these improve-



Rev. Ord Gehman

ments, as far as the church building is concerned, the congregation purchased a 7-room parsonage in Berne in 1948. The parsonage has recently undergone considerable improvements.

## *Pastoral Leadership*

The Bethel Brethren Church has had the following men who gave it pastoral leadership during the years:

Elders J. H. Swihart (1889-90), Lewis Huber (1891-92), D. A. Hopkins (1893-94), J. C. Cripe (1895-97), L. W. Ditch (1898-99), J. H. Swihart (1900-01), W. W. Summers (1902-03), W. H. Hamilton (1904), William Miller (1905-06), L. A. Hazlitt (1907-09), Frank Johnson (1910-19), Kenneth Ronk (1920-21), John Parr (1922-39), W. H. Schaffer (1940-

45), G. L. Lawlor (1945-47), Ord Gehman (1948-).

## *Dedicated Lives*

During the history of the Bethel Brethren Church a number of young people have gone from this church into the service of the Lord.

Elder Frank Johnson and Elder John Parr were both ordained to the Christian ministry from the membership of this church. More recently the following have gone into full-time service for the Lord: Robert E. A. Miller, present pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.; Ward A. Miller, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.; True Hunt, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa; Lowell Leistner, associate pastor with Dr. R. S. Beal, Tucson, Ariz.; Carl Miller, pastor, Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.; Elaine Christy, Christian day school teacher, Long Beach, Calif.; Wanda Lautzenheiser, missionary to Japan under the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade; Lester O. Smitley, pastor of the new home mission church at Parkersburg, W. Va.; R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa.

Elder R. Paul Miller, Sr., makes his home at Berne, Ind., and is a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, and at the present time is engaged in full-time evangelistic work.

## **ROOMMATES ENJOY IT, TOO**

"I would appreciate it very much if you would change the address for my Brethren Missionary Herald. . . .

"My two roommates and I all enjoy the Herald very much. I'm especially thankful for the articles on the different cults. May God continue to bless you and the work. (Signed) Barbara Hulse, Oakland, Calif."

## **BAPTIST YOUTH GO TO BRAZIL**

The fourth Baptist Youth World Conference is scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22, 1953. Among the featured speakers are Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Oscar Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo.



The Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.



# THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

## *One Standard for All*

The State of Indiana is setting up a double standard in the matter of gambling.

The legislature has enacted a law forbidding gambling within the confines of the State, yet Judge Walter Myers, Jr., of Indianapolis, has ruled that the law is not for churches nor church employees, so long as they are working for the church.

Joseph E. Bauer, 33 years of age, was brought before the judge, accused of possessing lottery tickets and records. Bauer's defense was that he was an agent of St. Rita's Church and that the proceeds of the lottery were to be used in erecting a church youth center—as though the end justifies the means.

The judge dismissed the case on the basis that churches and church employees are exempt from the State's gambling laws.

Thus it is ruled that gambling is wrong when practiced in the home, in the clubs, on the streets, or in the open fields, but gambling is all right when carried on in church buildings or by employees of the church, when the proceeds go to the church.

How is the oncoming generation ever to learn right from wrong? How can a gambling church declare the way of salvation to professional gamblers?

God has no double standard! Paul wrote of men who judged others, yet did the same things: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things" (Rom. 2:1).

## *Total Depravity Doctrine Hated*

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, in a syndicated article under the caption "Let's Explore Your Mind," denies the truth of total depravity, or the entire sinfulness of man. In answer to the question, "Does love bring out the good in people?" he answered:

"Yes. If a man, however low, is loved by some woman, it proves there is still some good in him. The notion of 'total depravity' that Jonathan Edwards and others once preached so powerfully has about died out."

The doctrine has not died out with

God. Therefore one ought not to accuse Jonathan Edwards and others of something of which they were not guilty. They preached "total depravity" because they explored the mind of God as revealed in His revelation and did not have much time for exploring the minds of men.

God's Word declares: "There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10-12).

Paul had much to boast of if he would have been given to that kind of life, but after meeting Jesus, he said: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). God and Paul believed in "total depravity," and Dr. Wiggam will someday also believe it, though he may say he does not believe in it now.

## *Shield of Faith and Prayer*

According to the Associated Press, Salvation Army Commissioner Herbert A. Lord, of London, England, defied with prayers an atheistic North Korean Communist with a gun—and won. Here is the commissioner's account of what happened after he, a British civilian, was captured in Korea at the beginning of the war, but recently released.

"Do you believe there is a God?" demanded the guard.

"Yes," replied the commissioner firmly.

"You are an intelligent, educated man and yet you really believe there is a God?"

"Yes."

"And do you believe that this God answers prayer?"

"Yes."

"Well, we'll prove it. I am going to stand behind you and I want you to pray to your God and ask Him to tell you in which hand I am holding this gun."

"I refuse to offer such a prayer—God is not a conjurer."

"And yet you believe He answers prayer?"

"Yes, and I am praying now."

"For what?"

"That He will give me grace not

to lose my temper with you, and that if you decide to use your gun I may die like a Christian gentleman."

Commissioner Lord wound up his story: "The Korean guard was silent and walked slowly away, leaving a greatly relieved internee."

The Spirit of God admonished: "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. . . . Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph. 6: 16, 18).

## *Parents Blamed for Youth Crimes*

The National Voice quotes a letter written by "A Very Sincere Las Vegas Teen-Ager" to Hank Greenspun, editor of the Las Vegas, Nev., Sun. The letter is clear and timely and is therefore quoted here without comment.

"I have just read your editorial for April 13, which concerns the recent dope tragedy. You mentioned something about a lack of recreational facilities and some other things, but I think that you were closer to the real point when you mentioned the parents.

"Too much blame for things like this is put on the youth, when it is the parents of these boys and girls that should be reprimanded. Speaking as a girl who has been brought up in such a way that I would never think of using narcotics, I say that it is my parents that have given me the knowledge and attitudes which make such things as this seem like a horrible nightmare.

"It is not a lack of 'teen-age centers' that makes young people turn to crime, but a lack of family security.

"This generation seems to have a false set of values. In L. V. high school it is not the studious, serious-minded pupil who is accepted by the top crowd, but the fast kid who won't say no to anything the gang decides to do.

This problem is the fault of the schools, which are overcrowded and cannot give enough (or won't give enough) time to those students who show signs which later lead to dope. They should not be expected to take the place of parents, but when par-

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### Limestone, Tennessee

During April our hearts contained mingled emotions of joy and sorrow—joy because of the spiritual activities of the church, and sorrow because of the serious illness of our pastor, Bro. Randall Rossman.

On April 4 we observed our spring communion service.

Rev. William Smith, of Washington, D. C., began a youth revival with us April 5 and concluded the series of meetings April 19. All of us were refreshed. Each message was a challenge to sinners and to Christians as the evangelist exalted Christ. The visible results were 8 rededications and others expressing their desire to win souls.

On April 22 we entertained some of the overnight guests attending the WMC rally of the Southeast District which convened at the Johnson City church the next day. Among those who lodged with us was Pastor Robert Miller, of the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church. He led us in our midweek prayer meeting.

Rev. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, spoke to us the morning of April 23.

### Additions to Membership

Canton, Ohio .....	7
Compton, Calif. ....	7
Glendale, Calif. ....	3
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	4
South Pasadena, Calif. ....	7
Uniontown, Pa. ....	2

### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Glendale, Calif. ....	4
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	3

### Public Confessions

Canton, Ohio .....	2
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
San Bernardino, Calif. ....	1

### Dedication of Babies

Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	3
Uniontown, Pa. ....	1

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Denver, Colo.....	June 1-14.....	Lowell Hoyt.....	Arnold Kr'gbaum.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	June 7-14.....	Charles Mayes...	Alva J. McClain.
Osceola, Ind.....	June 28-July 5..		Dudley Long.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	R. Paul Miller.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.

Many from our congregation attended the evening service at Johnson City and saw the film, "The Forgotten Navaho."

Brother Rossman was able to resume his regular duties at the church Sunday, May 3, for which we praise the Lord.

Our daily vacation Bible school is scheduled for June 16-26.—*Lelia Arnold, recording secretary.*

### Grafton, West Virginia

We just closed a week's revival meeting with Bro. Bill Smith as the evangelist. Brother Smith brought inspiring, helpful messages. And, true to God's promise, the Word brought forth fruit. There were 5 first-time decisions, all of them being youngsters and young people. There were several other decisions of rededication.

We are grateful to the Lord for our Sunday school and church attendance. We have been trying the past few months to exceed the highest Sunday school attendance record of 147. We have come within 7 of reaching this record. On Sunday evening we had 125 present.—*Lee Crist, pastor.*

From Grafton, W. Va., we can report another great blessing from the Lord. During the 8 days (May 10-17) there were 28 decisions made—5 first-time decisions for Christ, 10 rededications, and 13 heads of homes pledged themselves to make Christ first in the home.

I had been with Rev. Lee Crist in Covington, Va., several years ago and it was surely nice to be with him for another meeting and to meet many wonderful people in Grafton.—*Bill Smith, evangelist.*

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black hands rather than to the insatiable appetite of the termites. This is not the last the missionary will see of his magazine. Quite the contrary is true. Morning, noon, and evening he will be meeting it.

The Brethren Missionary Herald has now entered the most conspicuous phase of its career. Soaked once, or perhaps full of dust, maybe already frayed at the edges, the paper is valuable to the African. For him a Testament and a hymnbook were a great investment of his money. He would like to protect his cherished property. The near tragedies which have befallen the magazine on its long journey over sea and land are unknown to him.

He carefully makes of it a cover for his loved books.

The books, proud in their new overcoats, are carried on the owner's head to church, or to school, or sometimes just carried. Many a missionary has chuckled as he saw the face of a dear friend on the head of an African. Many a missionary has been reminded of his prayer partners as he saw a picture of his home church far out in some African village.

It is obvious that this final phase of the magazine will soon be ended by the hands of an eager African. Having seen how the magazine so wonderfully serves to the very end, don't you agree with the missionary who says that the Brethren Missionary Herald has had a glorious career?



## "Lousy Sportsmanship"

By Rev. Alan S. Pearce  
Long Beach, Calif.

Such is the term ascribed by News Commentator Malcolm Epley to the so-called wrestling programs televised into millions of homes for kids to watch.

"These affairs," continues Commentator Epley, "are replete with obvious, unpunished fouls of all sorts, and participants sometimes even attack the officials without penalty.

"The claims that these are just exhibition affairs for entertainment only, doesn't mean a thing. They are billed and presented as bona fide contests, and the conduct of the participants has an impact on millions of impressionable viewers equal to what they see displayed at a football game or boxing match.

"Parents already are hard-pressed preaching to children that various horrifying things they see on TV are only make-believe. It's doubtful if they can convince them that those glowering brutes tearing each other apart in the wrestling ring don't mean a bit of it."

Commentator Epley recalled the days when as a news reporter he covered wrestling for his newspaper, that the racket wasn't so bad then, but it was bad enough. He felt then how fortunate it was that few children attended such places.

Shortly after the publishing of this column a reader, discussing TV wrestling, asked: "Isn't there some way to stop such a crude, degrading, degenerate form of entertainment?"

Epley replied, "Yes, indeed. When enough people turn off their TV sets when wrestling programs come on, or switch to something else, this form of 'entertainment' will disappear from the TV screens—and ultimately from the American scene. The sooner the better."

Mr. Epley is to be commended for his fearless stand against such so-called "sport." Whether or not such programs will cease to be televised, they surely have no place in the home of a born-again believer who is admonished to manifest "the fruit of the Spirit" at all times, which is, "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, temperance."  
—From *Fifth and Cherry Light*.

## JACKSON ORDAINED AT NEW TROY

Richard Jackson, Jr., was ordained to the eldership in the Brethren denomination in a very impressive service Sunday afternoon, May 24, at the New Troy, Mich., Brethren church, before 95 people.

Pastor Ward A. Miller, of the Osceola, Ind., church, presided and read the authorizations from the Central District Ministerial Examining Board and the New Troy

the Scriptural qualifications from Titus 1 and John 15.

Brother Jackson was questioned and led in his vows by Pastor Lee Jenkins, of the Lake Odessa, Mich., church. The prayer of consecration and the welcome to the ministry were given by Pastor Herman W. Koontz, of the Winona Lake, Ind., church. Editor Conard Sandy gave the charge to the candidate.

The congregation joined in singing a hymn—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"—and the Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., led in the closing prayer and benediction.

Bro. Richard Jackson was originally a member of the Cleveland, Ohio, church. Following service in the military forces during World War II, he entered the college division and later the graduate division of Grace Theological Seminary. He graduated in the class of 1952, but had begun serving as pastor of the New Troy, Mich., church several weeks before completing his school work. During his days at Winona Lake, Brother Jackson served as a teacher, music director, youth director, and supply preacher at the Leesburg, Ind., church. (This church was represented by a delegation at the ordination service.)

Brother Jackson is married to Jean Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foye Miller, of Winona Lake, and sister of Missionary Edward Miller, in Brazil. The Jacksons are parents of 3 children.



Rev. Richard Jackson

church. Pastor Robert Markley, of the Berrien Springs, Mich., church, led in the opening prayer following the singing of "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Dean Straub, of the local church, was the organist, and Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr., wife of the candidate, sang "Yielded" as a solo.

The ordination message, "The Man of God," based on II Timothy 3:17, was preached by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Theological Seminary. Pastor W. Russell Ogden, of the South Bend, Ind., church, read

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ents are neglectful, a boy or girl hasn't a chance.

"Another fault is in the government, or whatever one wants to call it. I call it politics. I was mad during the last episode of dope peddlers in Las Vegas that it was hushed up so quickly. I believe that a big-time dope pusher should be given a life sentence. He is not only a murderer, but a traitor, undermining the youth of our country. Worst of all, too many big wheels in the dope racket are able to buy their way out.

"I am not excusing the kids—sure it is they who get into trouble—but I am saying that it won't do any good

to educate them against the use of narcotics. It will do some good, though, to educate the modern teenager to become a better parent.

"Another thing, it is not the youngster the authorities are protecting when they keep names out of the papers, but their parents. The kids don't care whether people know or not. It is the parents who are going to be hurt. That's a laugh. These parents do not care enough for their kids to give them a good home, but when the curtain falls they do not want to take the 'boos,' only the applause.

"Please, Mr. Greenspun, we need some help, and fast. You have a voice. Let's hear it!"

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.

## GRACE TRUMPETERS ANNOUNCE TENTATIVE ITINERARY

The Grace Trumpeters and Vice President Paul R. Bauman from Grace Theological Seminary and College began a 9-weeks tour of Brethren churches, conferences, and young people's camps on May 31. They spent their first week among the churches in Iowa. The schedule below is subject to change in a few places. If there are such, notices will appear in the Herald.



Sun., June 7 (a. m.)—North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio.  
Sun., June 7 (p. m.)—Clayton, Ohio.  
Mon., June 8—Camden, Ohio.  
Tues., June 9—Akron & Cuyahoga Falls at Akron, Ohio.  
Wed., June 10—Ashland & Homerville at Ashland, Ohio.  
Thurs., June 11—Danville & Ankenytown at Ankenytown, Ohio.  
Fri., June 12—Sterling & Rittman at Sterling, Ohio.  
Sat., June 13—Canton & Middlebranch at Canton, Ohio.  
Sun., June 14 (a. m.)—Mansfield, Ohio.  
Sun., June 14 (p. m.)—Wooster, Ohio.  
Mon., June 15 (p. m.)—Camp Buckeye, Ohio.  
Tues., June 16—Camp Buckeye.  
Wed., June 17—Callender Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa.  
Thurs., June 18—Kittanning & North Buffalo at Kittanning, Pa.  
Fri., June 19—Open.  
Sat., June 20—Johnstown, Pa., youth rally.  
Sun., June 21 (a. m.)—Johnstown, Pa.  
Sun., June 21 (p. m.)—Leamersville & Vicksburg at Leamersville, Pa.  
Mon., June 22—Martinsburg, Everett, and Yellow Creek at Martinsburg, Pa.  
Tues., June 23—Altoona First and Grace at Altoona, Pa., First.  
Wed., June 24—North Mountain Bible Conference, Red Rock, Pa.  
Thurs., June 25—North Mountain Bible Conference.  
Fri., June 26—Allentown, Pa.  
Sat., June 27—Open.  
Sun., June 28 (9:30 a. m.)—First Church, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sun., June 28 (11 a. m.)—Third Church, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sun., June 28 (7:30 p. m.)—Calvary Bible Church, Lancaster, Pa.  
Mon., June 29—Open.  
Tues., June 30—Hawthorne, N. J., Bible Conference.

Wed., July 1—Open.  
Thurs., July 2—Casanova Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Fri., July 3—Open.  
Sat., July 4—Gull Lake Conference, Gull Lake, Mich.  
Sun., July 5—Gull Lake Conference.  
Mon., July 6—Youth for Christ Conference, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Tues., July 7—Youth for Christ Conference.  
Wed., July 8—Youth for Christ Conference.  
Thurs., July 9—Camp Keystone, Pa.  
Fri., July 10—Camp Keystone, Pa.  
Sat., July 11—Open.  
Sun., July 12 (a. m.)—Washington, D. C.  
Sun., July 12 (p. m.)—Alexandria, Va.  
Mon., July 13—Southeast District Conference, Clearbrook, Va.  
Tues., July 14—Southeast District Conference.  
Wed., July 15—Southeast District Conference.  
Thurs., July 16—Ghent Church, Roanoke, Va.  
Fri., July 17—Buena Vista, Va.  
Sat., July 18—Covington, Va.  
Sun., July 19 (a. m.)—Uniontown, Pa.  
Sun., July 19 (p. m.)—Open.  
Mon., July 20—East District Conference, Meyersdale, Pa.  
Tues., July 21—East District Conference.  
Wed., July 22—Open.  
Thurs., July 23—Harrisburg, Pa.  
Fri., July 24—York, Pa.  
Sat., July 25—Open.  
Sun., July 26 (a. m.)—Hagerstown, Md.  
Sun., July 26 (p. m.)—Winchester, Va.  
Mon., July 27—Camp Grace, Va.  
Tues., July 28—Camp Grace, Va.  
Wed., July 29—Open.  
Thurs., July 30—Open.  
Fri., July 31—Open.

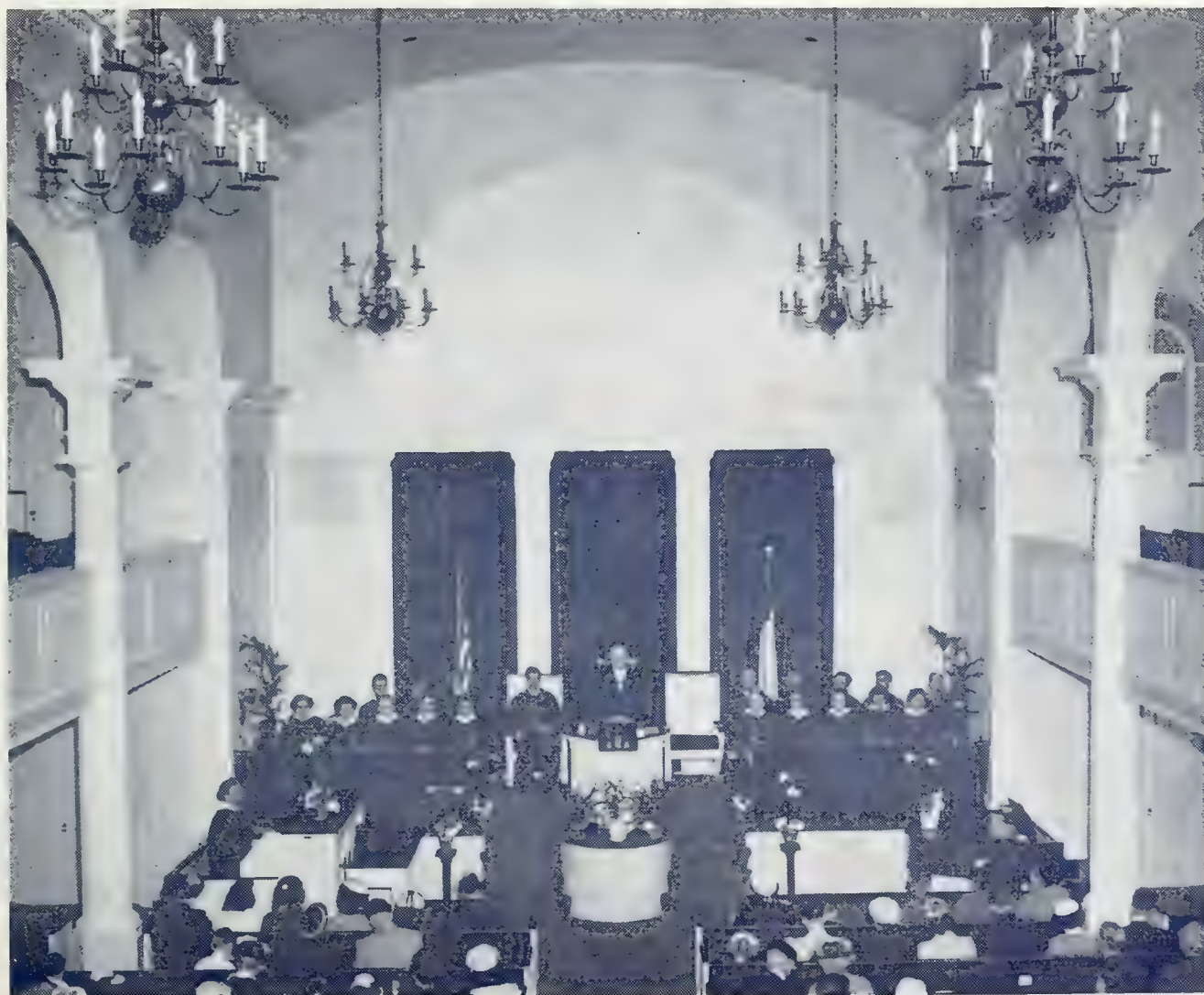


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**REDECORATED AUDITORIUM AT WASHINGTON**

This is a recent view of the remodeled and redecorated auditorium of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., showing Pastor James G. Dixon, the choir, and the congregation in a worship service. (See story, p. 380.)



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The *Sidney, Ind.*, church called Earle E. Peer, formerly pastor at Limestone, Tenn., and now a Grace Seminary student, to be its pastor effective May 28. He moved to Winona Lake. (Change Annual, p. 77.)

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peters (he is an employee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company), was born a son, Stephen Paul, May 25.

The *Johnstown, Pa.*, First church gave Dr. W. A. Ogden a call to continue as its pastor and he accepted.

Rev. and Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon, missionaries in Africa, both underwent successful surgery at the American Presbyterian Hospital at Elat, Africa, according to a telegram to Dr. Russell Barnard May 31.

Richard P. DeArmedy, recent graduate from Grace Seminary and former pastor at Sidney, Ind., began his pastoral work at the Waterloo, Iowa, church May 31. He has moved to 1315 Randolph St., Waterloo, Iowa. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind., is scheduled for meetings June 17-18 at the Springfield, Ohio, Bethel Baptist Church, and June 22-25 at the Struthers, Ohio, Baptist Tabernacle.

Mrs. Martha Livengood, of the Uniontown, Pa., church, died May 22.

The *South Gate, Calif.*, church, according to Pastor Alfred Dodds, sponsored a family night supper May 22, with Nelson Hall, assistant pastor at the Long Beach First church, as the speaker.

Pastor and Mrs. Charles W. Turner, Flora, Ind., were injured in an automobile accident (details unknown in Herald office), causing postponement of Brother Turner's ordination from May 17 date.

The *Washington, D. C.*, church, pastored by James G. Dixon, was host to the graduation program of

the Washington Bible Institute, May 26, with Glenn W. Wagner as the speaker. Alice Beem and Frank Campbell, of that church, were among the graduates. Dr. Karlis Leyasmeyer spoke at the church May 24.

Paul L. Mohler resigned from the Listie, Pa., church to accept the pastorate of the Covington, Va., church, effective about July 1.

Russell H. Weber resigned as pastor of the Harrisburg, Pa., church to become pastor of the Hagerstown, Md., church early in August. Pastor Walter A. Lepp terminates an 8½-year ministry at the Hagerstown church August 2 and Weber will move to the field soon after that date.

Youth for Christ Leader Jack Hamilton spoke at the Waynesboro, Pa., church May 17, according to Pastor Dennis Holliday.

Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise now live at 1589E South Beretania St., Honolulu, T. H. (Change Annual, p. 72.)



"Philip with the Lord." This cablegram was received June 3 in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church from Dr. Orville Jobson in Africa. The reference is to Philip Ned, the 6-month-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, missionaries in Africa. No other particulars are known here at Winona Lake nor was there any knowledge that Philip had been ill.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Barnard arrived at Winona Lake June 2 after an absence of more than 3 months in behalf of foreign missions. They report much fine interest in the foreign missionary program of the Brethren Church. Remember, dear reader, it is never out of season to give to carry the Gospel to the unevangelized.

Conard Sandy plans to speak at the 2 *Philadelphia, Pa.*, churches June 21.

Remember the *Brethren Missionary Herald Company* especially during the months of June and July. Read last week's issue of the Herald

carefully and then give a generous offering for the maintenance and advancement of this phase of the missionary program of the denomination. This company belongs to the church, therefore let every member of the church have part in its support by prayer and gift. Also help us reach the goal of 8,000 subscribers by July 31. Subscribe now for a relative or a friend, thus helping your company and also the one to whom the subscription is given.

Donald Bishop, recent Grace Seminary graduate and candidate for missionary work in Argentina, was licensed to the ministry by his home church in Ashland, Ohio, of which Miles Taber is pastor.

Recent speakers at the pastorless Whittier, Calif., Community church were Ward A. Miller, soon to be pastor of the church, May 10; Carl E. Sisson, of Whittier, May 17; George M. Richardson, of Bellflower, May 24; and J. Keith Altig, missionary on furlough, May 31. The prayer meeting on May 24, conducted by Richard Fralick, had 41 people present, a new record high for that church.

Reuben J. Witter, for 35 years a member of the Berne, Ind., church, died May 26. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Ord Gehman, at the church, and burial was in Ohio.

Recent speakers at the pastorless church at Bellflower, Calif., were Charles A. Beatty, Long Beach, and Albert Balzer, missionary on furlough from Africa, May 17; David Willis, Anaheim, May 24; and Carl E. Sisson, South Whittier, May 31.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Second church, according to Pastor Henry Rempel, voted to discontinue the Brethren Chapel work among the Negroes because the work showed so little progress after 3 years. Lincoln Oliver ended his work there April 26 and the property has been sold to a Baptist church.

During an illness of John M. Aeby, the pulpit of the *Philadelphia, Pa.*, First church was occupied May 31 by Rev. John Neely and Mark Goodyer, the highway evangelist.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Third church, pastored by James C. Beatty, has scheduled Missionary J. Keith Altig, first pastor of that church, as speaker for June 14. Missionary Marvin L. Goodman, Jr., spoke there May 24 and Dr. Robert Schaper spoke there June 7.



# THE CHRISTIAN AND THE TELEVISION

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

The question is not, "Can a Christian sometimes look at television?" but "Will a truly spiritual Christian delight in it?"

Christianity is a matter of life, of birth, of nature. Every creature on earth has a nature that it received by its birth, and it orders its life according to its nature.

## *A Birth and a Nature*

That which is born of a pig is pig, and pig life will teach it to root in the ground, wallow in the mud, and sleep in a bed of straw. That which is hatched of a chicken is chicken, and chicken life will teach it to scratch for its food, lift its head when it drinks water, and sleep on a long, narrow pole. That which is born of a dog is dog, and dog life will teach it to lap milk with its tongue, gnaw bones, and chase cats.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that birth gives us a nature that loves the world and delights in the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (I John 2:16). That which is born of the Spirit is spirit, and this birth makes us partakers of the divine nature (II Pet. 1:4), and this nature teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Tit. 2:12).

## *Nature Rules the Life*

A pig delights in the mud puddle, but a sheep has a nature that abhors the mud. If a creature loves the mud puddle, the life of a sheep is not in it. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (I John 2:16-17).

Everything responds according to its nature. A man made a mechanical bee. He placed it on the table and it buzzed around so real and he was so proud of it that he caught some real bees, placed them on the table, and dared his friends to pick out his bee. Then someone dropped a bit of honey, to which the true bees turned. And so do we unconsciously reveal our inner condition by the things we delight in.

In this article we are not dealing with the world-bordering Christian who, like Lot, is so close to the world that we must have a divine revela-

tion to know he is saved (II Pet. 2:7). But it is the Spirit-filled child of God, the one who is in fellowship with his God, we have in mind.

## *The Evil Nature*

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). Verily, is there anything that abounds with these things more than television? If our Lord declares that they defile the man, then who are we to say "No" to Him? We may be surprised to note that even "foolishness" is "evil."

Verily, it is not a matter of opinion. Two times two make four. And it is not a matter of opinion; it is a fact. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (I John 1:6). The fading sense of sin is one of the greatest characteristics of our day.

## *Feeding the New Nature*

"Blessed is the man" whose "delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psa. 1:1-2). We will meditate on what we see and hear, so blessed are we if we curtail our eyes and ears. I have not taken a daily newspaper for over 20 years. If I did, I would read it too much; and we cannot fill our mind with the murders and evils of an evil world and still meditate upon the things that please the Lord.

Some things are definite. Jump into a lake and you will get wet; walk up to a fire and you will get warm; meditate upon the Word of God and you will be blessed. We can have what we want. Noting this, I decided to put myself in line with this blessing. Years ago I memorized much Scripture and read my Bible through and through. Then suddenly my health gave way and I could not read.

I was so miserable that I would go out into the woods to cut wood and for 10 years I worked in the open to feel better. But as I moved about,

my mind meditated upon the Scriptures, and my books began to come. But I am told that we must keep up with the world, but I ask, "Which world?" Certainly to meditate on the things of the Lord does not make a person useless, for I have written 34 books and spoken to more than 13,000 students in 48 colleges and schools of higher learning.

## *The Separated Life*

Verily when God wished to use a man He used a man with whom He could fellowship, and truly fellowship with God is a lonely life, from the worldly standpoint, but it is a happy life. John the Baptist spent his early years in the desert, Elijah was a lonely man, Enoch and Noah were "one-man and God," Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness before God could use him, David was a shepherd lad.

One day I was helping shred fodder in Michigan. I was on the wagon handing the bundles to the man at the machine. The third man was to look after the machinery and stop the tractor if necessary. And what did that man do? Verily, it was warm by the exhaust, and there he stood cleaning his fingernails.

We yelled and yelled, and I had to throw an ear of corn to draw his attention. We were calling all right, but he had so much noise of the exhaust in his ears that he could not hear. And so today. So many have so much of the noise of the world in their heart that they cannot hear the still small voice of the Lord.

Sometime ago a young woman was singing a solo just before I was to speak. I was meditating on my message when suddenly 2 lines sprang out at me with great force: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus," and "the things of earth will grow strangely dim."

Verily, our Lord has promised to satisfy the thirsty soul (Matt. 5:6). He has promised to open a fountain from within that will quench every thirst and longing of the human soul (John 4:14; 7:37-39).

Do we need to repeat our question? Can a truly spiritual Christian enjoy the television? Verily, we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay.

# HISTORY OF THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Francis E. Simmons, Moderator

This is the story of the First Brethren Church in your Nation's Capital. It is one of the older churches of the denomination and one of the comparatively few located in a large metropolitan area (about 1½ million people). Situated at the very heart of the city, only 12 blocks from the Capitol along famous Pennsylvania Avenue, it has seen wave after wave of expansion push the metropolitan boundaries farther and farther into the limits of the District of Columbia and even into Maryland and Virginia. Yet its original location remains fairly strategic and the colonial architecture of the church sanctuary continues to be one of the most beautiful and attractive in Washington.

## *Reason for Growth*

The large scale decentralization of earlier member families of the church out into newer residential suburbs and a notable change in downtown population have created many problems and have largely changed the composition of our membership. Withal the church has steadfastly kept true to God's course and today rejoices in a revival of the growth and vision that characterized our earlier years, a revival sparked by a particularly fine young man of God, Rev. James G. Dixon. If any one observation is to be drawn from our 60-year experience, it is that our periods of sustained growth have been directly associated with the long, patient labors of consecrated men, notably Rev. William M. Lyon, founder and pastor for 26 years; Rev. Homer A. Kent, pastor for 15 years;



Homer A. Kent  
1925-1940

and Bro. H. Clay Dooley, who served as Sunday school superintendent for 33 years.

## *Beginning of Work*

But to relate our history. This congregation began as a mission project of the German Baptist Church when, on October 4, 1892, Rev. William M. Lyon was sent to Washington at the request of a small group of Tunkers. The first meeting of the new congregation was held on October 30 in a private home, with later meetings in a rented hall. A Sunday school of 15 members was organized in August 1893. Subsequent differences between this struggling flock and the German Baptist Church led Brother Lyon and 17 members to affiliate with the Progressive Brethren Church on August 17, 1896. In the ensuing few years the membership grew in numbers and confidence to the point of deciding to buy or build an adequate place of worship. The outcome was the purchase from the Methodists on April 2, 1900, of the present church location at 12th and E Streets SE., on which a small frame chapel then stood.

## *Ministry of Lyon*

Acquisition of church property gave an impetus to the work so that by the summer of 1903, some 170 souls had been brought into the church. Feeling that the congregation was then well-enough founded that he could leave it for a needier field, Brother Lyon resigned to take a call in Sergeantsville, N. J. The next 7 years saw the ministries of Rev. J. F. Koontz and Rev. L. O. Hubbard advancing the work, but again in 1910 the congregation turned to Rev. William M. Lyon, who returned to shepherd the flock in a renewed surge of evangelism. By 1923 the Sunday school enrollment had grown to 300 and the church was once more obliged to consider ways and means to expand. A building fund was begun and the church was about ready to build when, in 1925, Brother Lyon's health failed and he was called to be with the Lord on



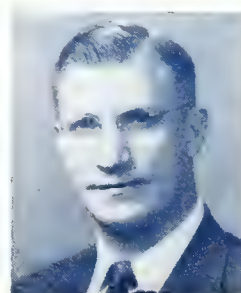
The Present Building

May 28, 1925. Emerson Rohart, a student at the seminary, filled the pulpit temporarily until the call of Rev. Homer A. Kent, who began his ministry on September 10, 1925.

## *Ministry of Kent*

Then followed a second era of sustained growth as Brother Kent and his bride won the love and respect of the congregation and launched a successful ministry of 15 years. Seeing the urgency of the building program envisioned by his predecessor, Brother Kent established that as an immediate goal. The response was such that by April of 1926 the congregation courageously voted to raze the existing building and to begin construction of the basement unit of the present edifice. During construction, the brethren met in rented quarters nearby, first a storeroom then a veterans' home.

On Sunday, October 10, 1926, the cornerstone was laid by Pastor Kent and on January 30, 1927, the grateful congregation dedicated the basement and themselves to the Lord in a service at which Dr. L. S. Bauman was the speaker. Within 2 years, attendance was again taxing the capacity of the building. The Sunday school enrollment, under the energetic leadership of H. Clay Dooley as superintendent, had jumped to over 400 and the church enrollment to 260. The church "bulged at the seams" under these conditions, until



Bernard N. Schneider  
1940-1944



by 1934 they had been able to pay off all obligations and to acquire a building fund reserve that permitted the retention of an architect to plan the completion of the building. The building plan was approved on April 17, 1934, and construction began. The congregation continued to meet in the basement and to thrive in spite of all obstacles.

It was a happy occasion, indeed, when the completed church was dedicated on March 24, 1935. That provided room for expansion of the church attendance in the main auditorium up to nearly 500, but satisfactory quarters for departmentalized Sunday school services were still lacking. Accordingly, the congregation voted on April 12, 1938, to purchase the 2 residences next north of the church. These "annexes" were remodeled so as to cope with the needs of an enrollment of 440 persons and turned over almost completely to the junior and junior-senior high departments.

#### *Tribute to Dooley*

Meanwhile, Pastor Kent had received several invitations to transfer to the seminary faculty. It was only when he had seen his ministry blessed with a healthy church that he finally acceded in 1940 to join the seminary faculty that fall. Under his 15-year ministry nearly 460 persons had been brought into the con-



L. S. Bauman  
1948-1950

gregation! By no means to detract from the role of Brother Kent and his predecessors in building the membership, the untiring devotion of Bro. H. Clay Dooley, who retired in 1942, must be mentioned as an important factor contributing to that growth.

#### *Ministry of Schneider*

Rev. Bernard Schneider began his ministry on October 8, 1940. His

evangelistic enthusiasm carried over to a fine group of young men who had been coming along under Brother Kent's ministry, with the result that several decided on full-time service for the Lord. He conducted the only radio ministry the congregation has ever had. But the urge to missions and to building was overpowering, so that Pastor Schneider resigned on January 3, 1944, to take over the Brethren mission in Mansfield, Ohio.

Harold O. Mayer, previously pastor of the Juniata Brethren Church at Altoona, Pa., was called, effective June 25, 1944, and resigned by request in January 1948.

The congregation experienced many blessings during the decade of the 1940's, but in the main this was a period of great testing and attrition. The mortgage on the church building was burned at a special church



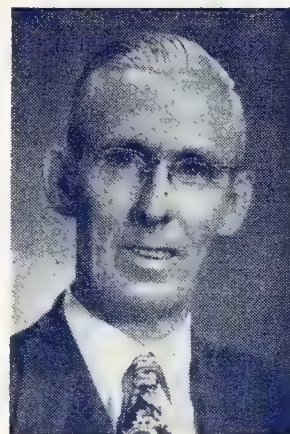
James G. Dixon  
Present Pastor

service on June 17, 1945, and the church's first parsonage was acquired that same year. Other developments, including the loss of about 75 members to the Ashland Brethren (1942), the transfer (1945-46) of around 30 of our members to the Brethren mission work in Alexandria, Va., sponsored by our congregation, and internal problems, left the church in great need of a healing and rebuilding ministry.

#### *Ministry of Bauman and Pearce*

Our all-knowing heavenly Father had His choice servants for our needs. After He had closed the door on our several calls, He afforded us the unforgettable blessing of Dr. Louis S. Bauman's rich ministry from October 1948 to his homegoing on November 8, 1950; and that of his valued associate, Rev. Alan S. Pearce, until October 1951. Their powerful ministry and their loving fellowship

with the brethren provided the healing balm that prepared our congregation for the reconstruction era which we feel has begun under Pastor James G. Dixon. He was



Alan S. Pearce  
1948-1951

graduated cum laude from Grace Seminary and had pastored the Ashland, Ohio, congregation with notable blessing for 4 years.

#### *Ministry of Dixon*

Brother Dixon became our pastor in October 1951 and began immediately the difficult task of rebuilding an older congregation which had "kept the faith" diligently through many testings, but which sorely needed a revival of its former zeal. Today our enthusiasm matches our vision as we hold our church services in a sanctuary newly beautified to the glory of God [see cover picture], and as we contemplate plans for a modern church school building to house our expanding enrollment.

The capacity and interest which earned Pastor Dixon membership on the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church have been fruitful here. We praise God for his ministry, for our very own missionaries, Fred and Maurita Fogle and Edith Geske, for our adopted missionaries, the Dowdys, for our young men serving the Lord as preachers and teachers—Ralph Gilbert, Roy Glass, Jr., William Howard, Homer Kent, Jr., Leon Myers, William Smith, and Warren Tamkin, and for our every privilege to witness for Christ in this great capital city in these turbulent days when Christ's return seems ever so near.

# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## IS OUR "FELLOWSHIP" TAKING THE PLACE OF FRUITBEARING?

From 15 to 25 church bulletins are handed to me by Brother Sandy, the editor of this magazine, during the interval between the appearances of this page in the Herald. These bulletins contain news of laymen's activities, and as I attempt to assemble them for your information, I am made to think. Yes, THINK!

I THINK that the number of bulletins containing news of laymen's activities is woefully small; therefore I THINK that there must be many, many churches without organized laymen's activities.

I notice nearly every month that of the bulletins that come to me, 99 percent of the activities mentioned featured food, fun, and fellowship. I THINK something is wrong there. It may be that the messages heard at these meetings inspired the hearers with the desire to go out and compel the lost to come in. It may be that the food and fellowship caused the men to develop more love for the brethren. It may be that the fun makes them realize that there is no need for Christians to be long-faced.

BUT I THINK that sometimes the readers of our bulletins, and by extension, the readers of this page in the Herald, should know something of the results of these meetings.

Don't take what I say to mean that I'm "agin" these 3 "F's." I think I can qualify as a partaker of large quantities of all 3. What I'm trying to say is that it is vastly more important to the Lord and to His church that fruit be borne as we labor in His vineyard.

Therefore I THINK that it would be wonderful if we could read of the spiritual victories won—the souls who come to the Lord, the visits of comfort made to the sick, dying, and bereaved, the really important things that are important in the Father's sight—rather than those things that are of the flesh.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

## ACTIVITIES OF LAYMEN—GATHERED FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

The next men's fellowship meeting of the First church, Los Angeles, Calif., will be held on Monday, June 15, with Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary, as the speaker.

On May 15 there were 59 men present at Buena Vista, Va., for the meeting of the Southeast District Brethren Laymen. A program was presented by the "Fishers of Men" from Lynchburg, Va.

Frank W. Campbell, of the Clearbrook church, was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed the late W. V. Findley.

Fort Wayne men met May 19 for a pot-luck supper and devotional meeting. Dr. L. L. Grubb spoke.

A laymen's day of prayer was held May 23 at the Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa. Speakers for the occasion were Homer Lingenfelter and H. Leslie Moore.

The laymen at the First church, Whittier, Calif., heard Max Jones, a Christian magician, of Bell, at their May meeting. The men had charge of the evening service at the church on May 3.

The Father-Son banquet at the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., was held June 2. Rev. Ralph

Colburn, national youth director, was speaker.

Two men accepted Christ at the Father-Son banquet held May 26 at the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. George Momme was the speaker.

Charles Croker was host to the men's fellowship of the First church, Philadelphia, Pa., at an outdoor meeting June 6 at his home.

At Glendale, Calif., the Father-Son banquet was held May 8. The speaker was "Tiny" Roebuck.

Bro. Earl Diehl was the speaker at the May meeting of the laymen of the First church, Dayton, Ohio. A Father-Son picnic is scheduled for June 13 at Twin Valley Gun Club.

The men's fellowship of the East District met in May at the Cone-maugh Brethren church and heard Bro. Fred Bence, layman of Riverside, Johnstown, Pa.

Bob Hubbard, a Baptist pastor, spoke at the men's fellowship meeting April 28 at the Second church, Long Beach, Calif. The Weatherford Quartet sang.

Rev. Harry Sturz, pastor of the Bell, Calif., Brethren church, was guest speaker at the men's brotherhood meeting, held April 24.

On May 28 the men at the Third Los Angeles church heard Al Balzer, missionary on furlough.

Laymen of the Everett, Yellow Creek, Martinsburg, Leamersville, Vicksburg, Altoona Grace, and Altoona First churches met in April at the First church, Altoona, Pa. The speaker was Bob Walters, manager of radio station WVAM.

A potluck supper was served at the men's brotherhood meeting of the La Verne, Calif., church, held April 21. Rev. Lyle Marvin spoke.

### Questions on Personal Evangelism

*Question—The one I am dealing with says, "I don't understand, therefore I cannot accept Christ." How should I answer him?*

Tell this inquirer, "Salvation does not depend upon your understanding, but upon your faith in Christ." Life is full of things we use daily but do not understand.

This person's trouble is not in his head, but in his heart. He understands plenty to save him.

(From "To Save a Soul From Death," by R. Paul Miller.)





### Smitley Ordained to Ministry

Bro. Lester O. Smitley was ordained to the eldership within the Brethren Church in an impressive afternoon service at the Berne, Ind., church May 31.

Brother Smitley is one of the young men who has gone out from the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne to enter God's work on a full-



Rev. Lester Smitley

time basis. For that reason he wanted the ordination service in his home church, and at his request Pastor Ord Gehman of the church preached the sermon. Others assisting in the service were Luther L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, James D. Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne; and Ralph J. Colburn, national youth director.

The first sermon preached by Brother Smitley after his ordination was in his home church, Berne, the evening of May 31.

Brother Smitley graduated from Grace Theological Seminary in the class of 1952. Since that time he and his wife have been supporting themselves by manual labor while organizing and establishing a Brethren testimony in Parkersburg, W. Va.

### Long Beach, California (First)

It will be an important day in Brethren church school history when 20 boys and girls will be given their diplomas from Brethren High School Thursday, June 18, at 8 p.m. A large

company of boys and girls will also be given eighth-grade diplomas the same day at 3 p.m.

Even though enrollments have not yet been opened officially, there are already 35 applications for one grade. Those who are interested in school next year should not delay enrollment.

It is expected that it will be possible to open 4 grades at Los Altos this fall. It seems like a huge undertaking, but with the beginning of a building at a reasonable time it is certainly well within the realm of possibility. The King's business requires haste.

Several elementary schools are interested in sending a number of high-school pupils our way this fall. One school sent a busload of young people to visit a day last week.

It is expected that the new shop building will be completed and ready to operate this fall. This means that definite courses will be offered in auto shop.—*Dr. Charles W. Mayes, in Fifth and Cherry Light.*

### INTERESTED IN CALIFORNIA?

Since Brethren schools in California, in their expansion program, will be needing a number of teachers in the lower grades, we are taking this means of asking any young people interested in teaching in a definitely Christian elementary school to feel free to write us. The response should be as early as possible. Give education, qualifications, and spiritual viewpoint. Write to Dr. Charles W. Mayes, 1925 E. Fifth St., Long Beach 12, Calif.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	June 7-14.....	Charles Mayes....	Alva J. McClain.
Ashland, Ohio....	June 19-21.....	Miles Taber.....	Joseph Dombek.
Osceola, Ind.....	June 28-July 5..	.....	Dudley Long.
Alto, Mich.....	July 3-5.....	Earl Funderburg.	Conard Sandy.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	R. Paul Miller.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First) .....	July 12-19.....	Gordon Bracker..	Harold Kattman.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 12-14.....	Charles Mayes....	Herman Hoyt.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.

### NOTICE FOR CUMBERLAND

In Cumberland, Md., a Grace Brethren Bible class was started May 27 with 6 people present. H. Leslie Moore, Meyersdale, Pa., was teacher of the class. During the summer James F. Hoffmeyer, Grace College student, will teach the class. Those interested or desiring to get information should contact Hoffmeyer at Bowling Green, R. R. 6, Cumberland, Md., or call Cumberland 2634-W.

### LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

If each member of the Brethren Church would realize that the Brethren Missionary Herald Company belongs to the denomination and would therefore pray for and give to this company and would enroll at least one new subscriber, we would surpass our goal of 8,000 subscribers by July 31.

### Additions to Membership

Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	1
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) ..	2
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	4

### Public Confessions

Hagerstown, Md. ....	4
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	6
Radford, Va. ....	6

### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Conemaugh, Pa. ....	2
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### Dedication of Babies

Hagerstown, Md. ....	4
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**LOVEST  
THOU**

**ME**

W. M. C.  
52-53  
JOHN 21: 15-17

## AN AFRICAN WOMAN'S DAY

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Missionary on Furlough

Some women are so important or so interesting to the public that leading periodicals give much publicity to every move these women make. Other women lead their lives without the fanfare of publicity. Still other women lead lives so remote from the public interest that they themselves do not so much as realize that their lives are different from those of the rest of the world. Among this last group are the women of central Africa.

If one were to publicize the life of an African woman, or if one were to write a novel using her for the heroine, little glamour would be seen. What would be seen would be the drabness and the hopeless monotony of her life.

Perhaps if one were to ask an African woman to give an account of her day it might read something like this:

- 2 a.m.—Hyena howled. Wakened family and stirred fire.
- 3 a.m.—The first rooster crowed.
- 4 a.m.—The baby coughed and cried.
- 5 a.m.—Went outdoors and started fire.
- 6 a.m.—Swept around the house.
- 7 a.m.—Went to garden. Could not work very fast because of nursing baby and watching little boy who is sick.
- 11 a.m.—Killed a scorpion near little sick boy.
- 3 p.m.—Left garden to hunt firewood.
- 4 p.m.—Went for water.
- 5 p.m.—Started pounding grain for food.
- 8 p.m.—Finally food ready so the men ate. When they finished eating, the children and I ate.
- 9 p.m.—Sat by the fire watching people play and dance. Joined them sometimes. Danced until rain drove us indoors.
- 11 p.m.—The baby coughed and cried.

Thus for weary day after weary day her life drags on. The only change for her is the seasonal change from rainy season with its garden work to dry season with its pottery-making and basket-weaving.

If sometimes this African woman should seem to be a dull, uninteresting creature, one would not marvel. Such a life as hers does not make gifted conversationalists or sparkling wits. Hopelessness and monotony seem to close the mouth.

During the time the African woman was dragging out her monotonous days and weary nights, something very wonderful happened. The God of heaven had not created her to be this dull person. He could not leave her to plod hopelessly on, so He sent His Son to bring salvation for her and all the lost human race. For centuries this woman did not hear what God had done, but now

the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ is dawning in Africa and reaching to the weary women in their isolated villages.

If the Gospel of Jesus Christ is effective, it will change the daily ways of those who accept it. These women of central Africa will not be changed into the polished women of Europe or America. They will remain African women. They will live in their villages as they did formerly. The hyena will disturb their slumber, the crowing rooster will remain their timepiece, the baby will cry, the children will get sick, scorpions will run on the path, wood must be chopped, and water drawn. None of this will be changed, but that a great change had been made, none could deny.

The woman whose heartbeat quickens in fear because of a lion on the path can now lift her heart to God, who is able to save her from the perils of the bush. The mother who weeps over her sick baby can ask God for His perfect will to be done in life or death. The dying one can rest on the arm of the Shepherd who will lead her safely through the valley. Thus the monotony of her hopelessness has been removed.

Her daily schedule has been changed as well as her hopes. At an early hour of the morning she finds her way to God's house. There in company with other Christians she commits her day unto the Lord. Sometime during the day she attends a reading class that she might learn to search out God's words in His Book. Evening finds her no longer watching idly as others play, nor does she join in their wild dancing. Now she is joining others in singing praises unto Him who loved her and gave Himself for her.

Alas for that poor woman who does not know the grace of our God. Many remain in heathen darkness with its monotony of hopelessness. It seems that nothing could be more fitting than that the women of the WMC should send a messenger to Africa to lead these lost women into the fold where there is room and rest for all who come. As you work and pray toward this goal, might your eyes be fixed on Jesus and may you seek to glorify Him.

### DEVOTIONAL STUDIES FOR JULY

Bible Study—"The Produced Change That Love Makes."

Mission Study—"Messianic Scriptures Useful in Witnessing to Jews."



# MAKING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE WORK

By Althea S. Miller

Can one expect love to last between a husband and wife? When you started out on this marriage venture you expected that love to last, didn't you? What then makes married love, even among believers, lose its early delight? My heart is ever grieved at the dullness of eye, the matter-of-factness, or resigned expressions so evident on the faces of many married people. The loved one who once set the other's heart "a-skimming" has somehow lost that charm. WHY?

In facing this problem through the years several factors stand out like a sore thumb. It might be well for us to check on these in the light of our own marriage failures and work to overcome the mistakes. You cannot honor your Lord if your marriage is a life of frustrated unhappiness.

The first of these reasons for a lost or dulled love in marriage seems to devolve on the matter of *challenge*. Each new marriage faces a challenge. In many cases the challenge of the new relationship is fulfilled and the two are then ready for and capable of handling the daily challenges normal to the blending of 2 hearts. For the passage of years does not lessen the frequency or number of challenges. And where those early challenges are unmet, unconquered, defeat stalks the couple. Marriage is a state of changing conditions. Even love for each other changes—but the change is for the better; it is deeper and richer with the passage of time when God's love and will are supreme. Married folk must be willing to adjust to changing conditions and circumstances. It is unwillingness to adjust which makes for so much marital failure. No wonder then that God's Word enjoins

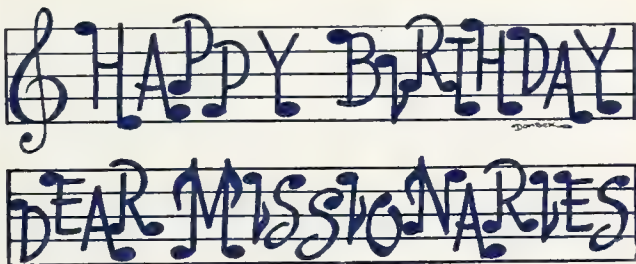
believers to live "in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10).

Another reason for that dulled heart is a *lack of shared experiences*. Whether there are children in the home or not, the husband and/or wife who sees only to his or her own tasks and responsibilities with no desire to help the partner builds selfishness. Selfishness sounds the death knell to the stoutest of loves. An attitude of "that is out of my sphere; that's his or her job; this is beneath me," alienates and estranges. The heart which once loved, but which allowed selfishness to usurp love's place, is indeed impoverished. True love gives itself away and in so doing is replenished and enriched for all eternity. How truly the Scriptures have said: "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 10:39).

There is no better way of cementing hearts in continuing love than the way of *oneness of purpose and goal*. Many husbands and wives share the common goal of the rearing of the children the very best they can do. Some just share the purpose of getting the family up and out from under the roof! When this hope and goal become a reality a vacuum is created into which boredom rushes with a vengeance unless the husband and wife have other plans and interests for their life together. With the children gone from the nest husband and wife are back where they started many years ago—just 2. Where a woman's entire married life has been within the confines of the home and where she may have failed to create for herself interests other than the family, she will be especially bored both with herself and her husband. As a result, both husband and wife will lose sparkle and zest. That desire for the intimacy of life and love together which once was so very satisfying will flee as winter's snow before the spring's warm sun. Let's have some stardust for each other in our eyes. We did once! Remember? The Apostle Paul said: "I press toward the mark [goal] for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). What a goal! We do well to ask ourselves if we are living up to our personal high calling in Christ Jesus.

Accept then the challenge of your marriage in all its changing conditions and circumstances; share the experiences and responsibilities in unselfish love; plan deliberately toward a goal with singleness of purpose both now and for whatever future God permits you to enjoy together, and your married love will last. If you love God the Father with all your hearts His delight will ever be to enable you to make your marriage and its love a monument to His grace and a witness to a sinful world.

The following is a quotation from a letter to Mrs. McCall from Dr. Alva J. McClain: "Writing to acknowledge with deep gratitude the check for \$2,229 for Grace Seminary. [More has come in since I sent this in.—Mrs. McCall.] Please convey to the women of your organization the appreciation of the students and faculty for this very generous gift. We are losing no time in spending the money. As I am dictating this letter I can look out the window and see the concrete being poured for the sidewalks."



## Africa—

Miss Estella Myers.....	August 9
Rev. Charles Sumey.....	August 13
Dr. Floyd W. Taber.....	August 16
Miss Ruth Kent.....	August 21
Rev. J. P. Kliever.....	August 21
Miss Elizabeth Tyson.....	August 25

## Argentina—

Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock.....	August 17
Rev. Jack B. Churchill.....	August 20
Aldo Elwyn Hoyt.....	August 21, 1950
David Roger Dowdy.....	August 23, 1939

## Brazil—

Joan Marie Miller.....	August 6, 1944
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## France—

Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle.....	August 7
Stephen Paul Mason.....	August 6, 1949
Gloria Elizabeth Mason.....	August 13, 1951

# PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER

By MARY EMMERT

The Lord told Peter, "I have prayed for thee." Shall we be able to say the same thing to our many missionaries, pastors, church officers, and converts when we all meet over in glory? Let us remember that we are engaged in an "all-out war" in which our prayers are needed *every day* to gain the victory over the enemy of our souls. Intercession is one form of service in which *every* Christian may partake. All that is required is *faithfulness*.

How are we coming with the covenant cards? Has each prayer band availed itself of these prayer warrior cards? Are they placed where they remind us daily to intercede for our church and our front-line workers? We trust that if your church has not yet procured any of these pledges you will write to our literature secretary at once for a sufficient number to supply the needs of your membership. The cards will cost you nothing, and will, we believe, be of real service in reminding you to be faithful in intercession.

Then what about the 15th? Have you found the real joy and blessing there is in joining forces with others of like mind on this special day of united prayer for the many aspects of our work? We should not begrudge several hours to this service for the Lord. Some churches have both a forenoon and an afternoon session on the 15th so that all may take part. Others divide their number into smaller groups.

Instead of a long list of requests read by the leader and not fully remembered by anyone, they could be cut in sections and distributed to all present. Then after the prayer session, each slip should be taken home by the one holding it and kept as a reminder for continued intercession. Think of the volume of prayer that would ascend for each petition if we all followed this simple plan!

Then, too, I am wondering about our prayer circle in the WMC meetings. Here the problem is a trifle different. Those of us who are greatly burdened to pray for the many urgent requests may be inclined to pray for *all* of them whenever an opportunity is given, without fully realizing the effect upon our WMC circle. May I suggest that part of our aim in the WMC prayer circle certainly should be to get everyone to take part, and that the customary few should not do all the praying? Let us by all means encourage the younger members to pray in our meetings.

There have been some inquiries on this very point. The burden of the plaint is this: "We want to get all to take part, but what shall we do then with such a large prayer circle which is bound to take up so much of our program time?"

Some councils have solved this problem by having all-day WMC meetings. Thus ample time is given for all to pray in the forenoon session. Then a sack lunch or cooperative dinner and a time of fellowship is enjoyed at noon, followed by the regular meeting in the afternoon. This certainly is ideal wherever local conditions permit it being carried out.

But for those councils who have only 2 hours at best for the entire meeting, some other plans are necessary. Here are a few suggestions we have gathered. Please send us others as you discover them, so that they too may be printed and used by all who will try them.

Very likely a number of you have tried cutting up the list of prayer requests into separate slips and handing one to each person who will accept it. The emphasis is on sentence prayers by as many as will take part. Suggestions were given at the national "workshop" sessions that these slips might be attached to a miniature Christmas tree for the December meeting, made in the form of a heart for the February meeting, and so on. Posters and displays representing our projects will aid. Some also exchange missionary prayer cards monthly, so that each one has a new missionary for whom to pray specifically that month.

But still the problem of the large prayer circle persists. I find several good ideas in the Herald, issue of November 22, 1952, in an article by Mrs. Evelyn Bell entitled, "More Interesting and Helpful Meetings." Look up that Herald and read.

Let the council be divided in 3 or more groups according to circumstances.

There is an effective way for intercession for the many petitions arising from our rapidly expanding work, which will not encroach upon your WMC programs but will meet your needs. "Let us study to show ourselves approved."

## FURTHER SUGGESTED DISTRICT PROJECTS

### CENTRAL DISTRICT—

1. Chairs for beginners and primary department.
2. Public-address system for the pulpit to nursery.  
—Russell Ogden, pastor, South Bend, Ind.

1. 80-gallon approved electric water heater (\$140—this is less 20-percent discount).
2. Flannelgraph lesson material. (Any choosing this should contact Brother Landrum first.)
3. 16-mm. movie projector (a good used one will do), \$200.

Sewell S. Landrum, pastor, Clayhole, Ky.

### EAST FELLOWSHIP—

1. Lawn mower (gasoline-powered), \$125.
2. Material to build a boys club meeting room in basement and provide benches and equipment (first preference), \$200.
3. Mimeograph (rebuilt A. B. Dick), \$150.  
Ralph C. Hall, pastor, Riverside, Johnstown, Pa.

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT—

1. 50 steel chairs, \$200.
2. 75 songbooks, \$100.
3. Sunday school classroom curtains, \$50.
4. Outside bulletin board, \$75.  
W. Carl Miller, pastor, Wash. Heights, Roanoke, Va.

## FLASH REPORT:

Newsnatches are coming in from all over the country. We thank you and ask you to be patient until your item appears. It *will* be printed just as soon as space permits.

Give to WMC General Expense Fund—June, July, August.





Dear Mrs. Miller,

The Junior WMC of the Kittanning, Pa., church would like to share with you some of our blessings. We enjoy reading of the activities of other councils so perhaps they'd like to read something of us. We have taken the Clarence Gutierrez family as our yearly project and have helped them in various ways. We purchased 100 water glasses to be used at communion services in our church. We join with the Senior WMC each month in planning our day of prayer. A different lady serves as chairman of the day of prayer for each month. We have a fine attendance at our meetings and have enrolled 2 members since November.

In His service,

Mrs. Jacob Tarr, *secretary*.

Dear Editor,

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord from the Seven Fountains, Va., WMC. This has been a profitable year in Bible study and in prayer for our faithful missionaries. We have 18 faithful members who meet to carry on the work of WMC. We have helped with contributions to the Jewish work, foreign and home missions, Grace Seminary, and WMC general fund. The grand total of our offerings was \$63.97.

Yours in Christ,

Isabel C. Ritenour, *president*.

Greetings from Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. We had a lovely installation and candle-lighting service in September. Covenant cards were signed and tracts were distributed to the membership for their use at any opportunity. In November we had charge of an evening church service with Mrs. Rose Foster as our guest speaker. The Senior SMM sends a member to each of our meetings to care for the little babies who are brought by their mothers. Four of the ladies are sponsors of the 2 SMM groups and are doing a good job of training the future missionary council.

We have aided in the district by contributing to the support of Marian Thurston, from the Garwin church, who is studying in France to be a missionary nurse. We are helping in the purchase of small mattresses to be used in the Navaho mission. We contribute regularly to the 4 major WMC offerings and to the Jewish mission work. It is a privilege to serve the Lord through WMC. We want to be a blessing.

Jesse King, *secretary*.

Dear President of WMC,

The Lord has done great things for us here at Uniontown and we'd like to share some of these with you. We are using the programs sent out by the national program committee and like them very much. We observe the 15th of each month as a day of prayer and this has been a great blessing to us. We have added 3 new members

to our council in the past few months. In February we had a birthday banquet with 65 women and girls present. Each guest was seated according to the time of her birthday. We received a fine birthday offering which we gave to the SMM.

In His name,

Mrs. Harry Burnworth, *president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from the Junior WMC of Martinsburg, Pa., First Brethren Church. We have much for which to be thankful. We are praising the Lord for an increase in attendance and membership. We have been enabled to complete many projects. We had a new bulletin board made for the church; we made baby dresses from feed sacks for Miss Florence Bickel to give to new babies when they leave the dispensary; we sent a large box of clothing to Clayhole; we had a surprise Christmas play and party for the Senior WMC; we are buying recording tapes for recording the church services which are played to the shut-ins of our church; we sewed buttons, tape, and numerous articles on Christmas cards which we sent to our missionaries; we alternate with the Senior WMC in sending birthday greetings to our missionaries. It is a joy to serve the Lord through WMC and we pray God will be pleased to use us for His honor.

In His service,

Mrs. Lois I. Metzker, *secretary*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings to you in the name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour from the WMC at Hagerstown, Md.

It was a great pleasure to us here to entertain the Atlantic District rally last September. We are still rejoicing over the fine Christian fellowship and the challenging program of the rally.

The first project we had for this year was to send our own missionaries, the Rottlers, \$10 worth of baby clothing for the new baby that arrived last September.

At the present time we are filling our missionary hope chest. It is a real pleasure to know we can use our time and our hands for the Lord in sewing clothing and linens for our missionaries to use on the field. Just recently we sent 2 large boxes of clothing to Clayhole, Ky.

On December 11 we held our Christmas party with the junior council as our guests. We had 38 present and we all had a wonderful and spiritual time in the Lord.

Another project we have is the sending out of gospel tracts. Our tract chairman sends a tract, "In Time of Sorrow," to the families of all the deaths listed in the daily paper; another tract, "Successful Mothering," is sent to the mother of each birth listed in the paper; to the sick our chairman sends the tract, "The Glory of Sickness"; people entering the hospital receive the tract, "So You Are Entering the Hospital." In each letter a card is placed which bears the name of the council and the church.

We have another project which we think is a very worthy one because of the souls that have been led to the Lord through it. This project is visiting the 2 convalescent homes in our vicinity. We have been going to these homes each week for the past few years. From 3 to 6 ladies constitute the group that attends these 2 homes each week. They read from the Word of God and have prayer with each patient. Also they sing for the patients their favorite hymns. At Christmas and at

Easter we give a treat of candy, cookies, and fruit to the patients, with a program especially prepared for the occasion. Each one of us receives great joy from visiting these homes and witnessing, because there are many unsaved who can be led to a saving knowledge of our precious Lord and Saviour.

The back reading circle books which we had we gave to the BYF of our church for their library, which they started a month or so ago.

Each month on our birthdays and anniversaries we bring an offering for the new missionary fund.

Members from both our councils serve together in taking charge of the nursery of our church each Sunday morning and evening.

Our prayer is that each lady of our Brethren churches shall see the great need of becoming servants of the Lord, possibly through their own WMC groups, for there are many rewards for those who love and serve Him faithfully.

In His service,

Mrs. Roy H. Lowery, *president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from the Summit Mills, Pa., WMC. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. The number on our roll is small but our attendance is good. In the last year and a half we have lost 2 charter members through death.

We sent clothes to our missions in Kentucky, New Mexico, and the Navaho Indians. We helped the Junior WMC to pack a Christmas box for the Spanish children. We are working to meet all the national WMC goals. We enjoy our studies in the Jewish work very much. We'd like to see those studies put up in permanent form.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Miller.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Just a note of greeting from the Senior WMC of Rittman, Ohio. We enjoy reading the letters from other councils. There are 24 members in our council. We faithfully observe the 15th of the month for a missionary prayer meeting. Together with the junior council we are supporting a Navaho school child.

We had our last October's meeting in the Cleveland Hebrew Mission with Floy Hoover and Florence Hagen. Miss Hagen gave a Bible study and Miss Hoover showed us pictures of some Jewish customs.

In His service,

Mrs. Mabel Brickel, *secretary*.

The Junior WMC of Washington, D. C., organized last fall, has been growing nicely and much interest is being shown. We gave a spring luncheon March 21 for the Sisterhood girls. We are collecting used books, suitable for Christian reading, to set up a church library. We have supplied our church kitchen with canister sets, dish towels, and other little needs. At present we are making layettes for the Indian babies.

In His service,

Mrs. Galen W. Richardson.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings to you in the name of our blessed Lord from the Senior WMC of Kittanning, Pa. We have a prayer meeting in the church the 15th of each month. We mend

clothing; made baptismal robes; roll bandages; contribute a gift of money on our birthdays for the support of a missionary; do some cleaning in the church. We sponsored a tea for the SMM and send birthday greetings to the missionaries. We thank God for the privilege of serving Him through WMC.

In His service,

Mrs. Harry Bowser.

Dear WMC Sisters,

Greetings in the name of Christ from the Junior WMC of Mansfield, Ohio. We meet in the various homes the second Thursday of each month. The Sunday preceding, attractive invitations are passed out by the program committee. We had our consecration service in August, a fagot service in October, a social at Christmastime, pictures from Taos in January, a joint meeting with the Senior WMC in February. May is the month for the regular mother-daughter fellowship.

We have received a special blessing this year from our devotional studies. We appreciate the work of the national program committee in this respect. We have many projects and help to spread cheer and blessing in a wide range of ways. We help local folk, especially the young people away at school who are studying for the Lord's service; we participate in the national Jewish work; we enjoy helping at the various mission points. Our work night, the last Thursday of each month, is a real blessing in getting things done for the various mission centers, both at home and abroad.

There are 37 members in our WMC and we praise the Lord for the privilege of having a part in His work in this way.

In His service,

Mrs. Michael Mecurio.

## OPEN LETTER

Dear ladies:

My recent stay in the hospital was made much more pleasant than I anticipated through the thoughtfulness of the ladies of the church who sent me a sunshine box.

The first day after surgery a huge gift-wrapped box appeared in my room. The next day my good husband opened it for me, revealing many smaller packages, all beautifully wrapped, each bearing a date and hour for opening. There were several for each day of my hospitalization.

A cooperating hospital staff helped to see that they were opened on schedule, for they were as eager as I to see the contents. It included everything from luxury bedwear and cosmetics to stationery and kitchen linens, and even a check to cover the cost of a phone call to my parents in Ohio, which was the best medicine available!

Best of all, each gift contained a personal note from the sender and a message from the Word of God which was a real blessing to my heart.

The hospital staff agreed that it was much better and more lasting "hospital cheer" than a room full of flowers.

My doctor and nurses were all Christians and many of them remarked that we must have a wonderful group of folks in our church, and this pastor's wife hastened to heartily agree!—Mrs. Harold Painter, Modesto, Calif.

Give to WMC General Expense Fund—June, July, August.



# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20



## MARY REED, A LEPER FOR THE LORD

By MARY EMMERT

When Mary Reed was at home in Ohio on her first furlough in 1890, after 6 years of service in India, she noticed a peculiar sore one day on the tip of her right forefinger. One doctor after another examined her, finally agreeing with her own conviction that she had leprosy.

From her experience in India she knew that this dread disease generally begins with queer whitish spots, without any feeling in them. Then there are unhealing sores, accompanied by deep-seated pains and sleeplessness. It often causes a fierce leonine look and a hoarse voice. In final stages the bones are eaten away, causing fingers and toes to drop off at the joints, leaving only stubs.

She felt that God had permitted this disease to come upon her for a purpose; it was the Lord's will for her to give her life to teach and care for the lepers of India. So she left home before her furlough time was up, without kissing her folks good-bye or giving them any explanation. By the time she had reached London another spot had appeared on her cheek. When she arrived in India, and the doctor there was sure she had leprosy, she wrote to her family about it. She felt she would never see them again in this life.

She went to live in the leper colony at Chandag Heights, and was able to build up an attractive sanitary village instead of the small group of poor huts which she had found there. The number of patients increased rapidly when they found there was room enough for them, and someone to love and care for them.

Mary was very busy indeed, supervising the building work, working at the hospital, teaching the lepers to read, and leading them to know the Lord. She economized as much as she could in order to enlarge the colony and be able to accommodate more lepers.

Although she suffered much pain, yet she took none of the medicine she gave to others, for she believed that God had afflicted her and that He would keep her. She worked all the harder to keep her mind off her suffering.

In a few years her pain gradually grew less, and at the end of 6 years she was completely cured, although there

was no known remedy for the disease at that time. It was a real miracle. She waited 7 more years to make sure, however, before taking another furlough.

Although completely healed, she devoted the rest of her life to the leper work, living 53 years among them. She died at the age of 89.

The Chandag colony at the time of her death in 1943 occupied 100 acres of land, with separate homes for men and women, a hospital, different treatment centers, and a church.

The lepers in India were outcasts with no one to care for them. People would drive them away from their cities, and refuse to have anything to do with them, unless it was to try to persuade them to let themselves be burned to death. Although this leper camp had been organized previously, yet there was no one to care for their souls. God had His own way of sending them a messenger with the words of salvation.

How happy we are that several remedies have been found of late years that seem to be a cure for leprosy, and that we have a definite work among lepers on our own African field.

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JULY

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Have circle prayer using "Prayer Suggestions."

SCRIPTURE—Psalms 119:161-176.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Psychiana."

Middlers, Juniors—"Jean's Jealousy."

SPECIAL MUSIC.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors, Middlers, Juniors—"Mary Reed, a Leper for the Lord."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

### PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for your SMM officers as they complete all the work of this SMM year.
2. Pray for the planning of the new year's program for SMM.
3. Pray for the needs of the missionaries, that the Lord will provide all, and that He will bless them with souls for their labor.

### OFFICIARY FOR 1952-53

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As Tom and Mary were going home from school, Jean came along and made some remarks that made them look with wonder. She was surely jealous of the friendship of these 2. She was also jealous of Mary's good marks in school. She didn't see why Mary got asked to sing in the choir of their church and she, Jean, was turned down when she asked to sing a solo. Jean's whole life was most unhappy.

"I guess we got told off," said Tom. "I've been noticing her lately. The whole world seems to be against her, so she thinks. She wanted me to get Barry to take her to the school game last week, but I wouldn't wish her on my best friend."

"Now, Tom," said Mary. "I used to let her personality worry me, too. But recently I've come to realize that she must need the Lord. Surely one of His children wouldn't be so jealous of everybody and everything. She shows characteristics of being one of the Devil's children. She shows traits that we all inherited from Adam and Eve. Too bad she hasn't listened carefully enough to the good sermons we've had in church recently. They would certainly make her sit up and analyze her behavior."

"You're right, Mary. I surely learned a lot about myself from those sermons. I was quite interested in how some people just try to excuse their bad actions by saying that what happened to Adam and Eve was just myth. Dr. Jones made it clear that Adam and Eve were free moral agents with a will to say NO and to say YES as they saw fit. And didn't he make it clear that man is now 'dead' because of Adam's sin?"

"Yes, Tom. I suppose we who have the light should constantly keep before our friends the fact that all men are sinners before God. None is righteous, no, not one. A person who lives on this earth, whether today, tomorrow, or yesterday, is in one of two classes, either a sinner still lost, or a sinner saved by the grace of God through accepting the shed blood of Jesus as an offering for his own personal sin. If folk would only read Romans 3:9-10 and Isaiah 53:6! Romans 5:12 tells us: 'Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned,' and verse 16 says, 'for the judgment was by one to condemnation,' and verse 19 brings out the truth that 'by one man's disobedience many were made sinners.' Oh, if people would only search the Scriptures they would know the meaning of their own natures that give them so much trouble."

Tom had a little book in his pocket which his Sunday school teacher had given him. In looking into it he found the chapter which told of the entire nature of man, mentally, morally, spiritually, physically, and how it was sadly affected by sin—because of Adam's willful choice when the Devil met him in the Garden of Eden. He and Mary took turns reading some of the Scriptures. They found out that the *understanding* is darkened (Eph. 4:18; I Cor. 2:14); the *heart* is deceitful and wicked (Jer. 17:9-10); the *mind* and *conscience* are defiled (Gen. 6:5; Tit. 1:15); the *flesh* and *spirit* are defiled (II Cor. 7:1); the *will* is enfeebled (Rom. 7:18); and we are utterly destitute of any godlike qualities which meet the requirements of God's holiness (Rom. 7:18).

"Oh, Tom," said Mary. "Just to think what human

beings are like away from the Lord. Now, don't you feel sorry for Jean? She just can't be any different until she accepts Jesus as her Saviour and He makes her a new creation. We really should have a talk with her and show her these things we know, before we get so cross with her. Perhaps if she knew that she was a child of Satan and doing his bidding, she would welcome a chance to find out more about Jesus and become one of His followers. I'm sure if we did not have the Holy Spirit within us we would be just as mean and jealous as she—maybe even worse."

"That's right, Mary. We should not criticize her, but should pray for her. Let's try to take her with us some night when we go skating. Maybe we'll get a chance to talk to her about her condition. I believe the Lord would be pleased with us, and I'm sure He'd be so happy if she saw the light and did something about it."

So together they set out to make plans to help Jean overcome her undesirable traits and to find the Lord.

## SOMETHING TO DO

1. List all undesirable traits in your own character before you found the Lord and since you came to know Him.
2. List Scripture verses which will help you to overcome the undesirable ones which you still have.
3. List for prayer, your friends you would like to see change into better people, and see what you can do to help them know the Saviour.

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**JULY 31:** This is the deadline for your general fund offering and also your project offering. Let's get these in on time. This is important so that the treasurer can get her report ready for national conference.

**BANDAGES:** All bandages must be sent to the bandage secretary by July 31.

**PERSONAL GOAL:** The deadline for learning the names and fields of our missionaries has been set at August 5. Please send in to general secretary all the names of the girls that have completed this project, and be sure to specify which award they want. For learning all the names, you can get either a white SMM bandanna or an SMM pin. For learning all the home missionaries and 50 foreign missionaries you can get either an SMM emblem or an SMM bookmark. Send these names to the general secretary.

**AUGUST 10:** Your statistical blanks are due by this date. Be sure to get these in on time also so that we can have your material ready for you at conference time. Each SMM must send one to each the general secretary, the national president, and the district president. Do not fail to do this.

**NATIONAL SMM BOARD MEETING:** Our national SMM board will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 22. Other meetings of this board will continue through Monday morning. Those who are included on this board are all the national officers, the new district presidents, and the new district patronesses. There will be more notice about this meeting later, but try to make your plans to be there.



# STATISTICAL BLANK FOR SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Date .....

Name of congregation .....

Address .....

SMM group: Junior.... Middler.... Senior.... Combined....

How many girls are in your SMM? .... Number gained .... Lost ....

What is the age range of your SMM? .... to ....

Is your Sisterhood an "Honor SMM"? ....

What organization goals did you fail to meet? .....

Did your Sisterhood roll bandages? .....

Has your Sisterhood been an "Honor SMM" for the last 5 years? ....

What projects did your SMM have part in? .....

What other benevolent work did your SMM do this year? .....

Did your SMM give an offering to the National General Fund? .....

Did your SMM give to the National Project? .....

Did your SMM give to the Birthday Project? .....

New officers for 1953-1954:

Patroness ..... Address .....

President ..... Address .....

Secretary ..... Address .....

Treasurer ..... Address .....

Names of girls in your SMM eligible for the diamond award:

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Names of girls in your SMM eligible for the emerald award:

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What are your suggestions for the coming year? (Use other paper.)

Please answer all questions as completely as possible and send before July 31 to Helen Small, Winona Lake, Ind. Also send a copy of your completed statistical blank to the national president, Miss Patty Griffith, R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa., and to your district secretary.

The following are the district secretaries:

Atlantic—Phyllis Mason, 105 Anderson Ave., Winchester, Va.

East—Janet Weber, 807 Wilhelm Dr., Harrisburg, Pa.

Iowa—Normajean Cochran, 1211 W. 3d St., Waterloo, Iowa.

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California—Patty Benner, 1557 E. 33d, Long Beach, Calif.

Southeast—Suzanne Barnard, R. R. 4, Box 119, Roanoke, Va.

Northern Ohio—Ruth Moine, R. R. 1, Sterling, Ohio.

Midwest—Ocariz Duran, Box 283, R. R. 4, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Northwest—Delores MacMahon, 1001 South 23d Ave., Yakima, Wash.

## PSYCHIANA By DR. HOMER A. KENT

The "Psychiana" religion, with its headquarters in Moscow, Idaho, is another of that brood of cults which emphasizes the power of man's mind, if properly directed, to apprehend all that is necessary for successful, victorious, vibrant living. It sees no need for the great fundamental doctrines of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. It claims that man himself without the substitutionary ministry of the cross can appropriate the "power of God." It has kinship in many respects with such cults as Christian Science, Unity, New Thought, and Pantheistic Mysticism.

I. Who was its *FOUNDER*? Frank Bruce Robinson is his name. He is called the Archbishop of Psychiana. He was reared in the Baptist Church, but in due time renounced his baptistic views. He became a licensed pharmacist in Canada and beat the drum in the Salvation Army. He studied in McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ontario, and later received a doctorate in psychology from the College of Divine Metaphysics, in Indianapolis. The latter study doubtless greatly influenced his future teaching. But all this background proved unsatisfactory to him and he said: "For 40 years I was perhaps the world's No. 1 failure. Then one day I talked with God. There came into my life a spiritual power so dynamic that all other powers and forces faded into insignificance beside it. You may have this power if you want it. It can do for you perhaps more than it did for me" (Free Booklet No. 2).

II. How did it *ORIGINATE*? The movement began with the "new" ideas that Frank Robinson foisted upon a gullible public. He claims to have received a new revelation which he is seeking to give to men and women all over the world in a series of lessons which cost a definite amount per lesson. He says concerning his new religion: "'PSYCHIANA' is a new revelation of God to the world. It is utterly different from any other revelation brought to the earth to date. The power which we teach students to find and use is not human power, but the power of the Spirit of God itself. It is the most dynamic spiritual power this world has ever had brought to it" (appearing in bold type in the aforementioned booklet). The writer of this article was sent an application blank which no doubt is sent to all whom Robinson seeks to enroll in the cult. It calls upon the applicant to sign the following statement: "I agree to faithfully follow your instructions for *INVOKING* the *POWER* of the *LIVING GOD* to aid me in the attainment of whatsoever worthy purpose I may desire." A promise is included in the application to refund any money given for lessons if the applicant is not satisfied. Captions of the following character appear again and again in all its literature: "*POWER — surging, throbbing POWER — that is the message of PSYCHIANA*" to you. And note how free they are in the use of capital letters!

III. What is its *METHOD OF PROPAGATION*? This consists mainly in the correspondence course of 20

lessons for beginners, with some advanced lessons also offered to those who wish to pursue the matter further. The following claim attends each one of the lessons: "The *POWER* of the *SPIRIT* of *GOD* will reveal itself to everyone who studies these lessons carefully." It endeavors by mail to get its devotees to tap the *GOD-POWER* which is available to all. It claims to be sending its propaganda into millions of homes in many nations each year. In order to get the movement well on its way it put ads in such magazines as the *Pathfinder*, *Physical Culture*, and *Psychology Magazine*, which proved very successful. The ads contained the blazing headlines: "I TALKED WITH GOD—YES, I DID—ACTUALLY AND LITERALLY." Inquiries and applications began to pour in to the Moscow headquarters.

IV. What is its *DOCTRINAL POSITION*? Psychiana has little place for doctrine in the orthodox Christian sense. The only fact with which the system seems to be concerned is expressed in the words taken from one of the lessons: "I believe in the *POWER* of the *LIVING GOD*." One is to become so mentally infatuated with this idea that God becomes a part of him and he can go forth to conquer all opposition.

Robinson thinks orthodox Christianity with its emphasis on man's unregenerate nature, the deity of Christ, His substitutionary atonement, etc., is a sham. He says, "No churches are necessary for a concept of God. No theology is necessary, no rite, no creed, no article of faith. God knows nothing about these things. What God knows all about is life—human life. For where there is human life there is God right in the middle of that life. Jesus was no more than that—a human life acting out the *GOD-POWER*" (quoted from Bach's, "They Have Found a Faith," p. 276).

V. What is its *CONCEPTION OF CHRIST*? The last sentence in the previous paragraph shows Robinson's denial of the deity of Christ. In Him was the divine spark as it is in all human beings, only to a greater degree. Robinson says some very nice things about Jesus, but denies those things which are vital. He says of Him: "I think he is the greatest of all spiritual pioneers. I cannot and do not accept the Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Birth or the Vicarious Atonement. I doubt whether Jesus would have accepted them himself." He said further: "His message was so potent that had not the churches cast it aside and worshiped the Messenger instead, the world would now know God. People are sick of the tradition of Jesus. They are sick of church theology. They want God. They want a spiritual power they can use now" (ibid., pp. 276-277). Thus Psychiana denies the Person and work of Christ.

VI. How may this system be *REFUTED*? Psychiana is one of the "damnable heresies" that God has plainly taught us would characterize the end of the age (II Pet. 2:1-3). It may be refuted by showing how it is at variance with the Word of God at all essential points and how God has spoken against such movements with the use of such terms as "damnable heresies." In short, folks who have been ensnared by this "ism" are sinners who need the saving Gospel. Give it to them.

### NOTICE

The address of our national president is changed to R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.



# The Brethren Missionary Herald

## GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The ground-breaking service for the First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., was held on April 26, 1953, at 3 p. m. The top picture on the left shows Trustee Nicholas Zoah with the shovel and on the right is the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade tent where services were being held each night. The center picture shows Rev. J. C. McKillen, the pastor, and Mrs. McKillen taking her turn with the shovel. Bottom left: Pastor McKillen turns the first shovel of earth as the Phoenix Brethren watch. Bottom right: Rev. R. Paul Miller, extreme left, the evangelist for the tent meetings, with his party assisted in the service.



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# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Alarming Increase in Crime

It has become the customary thing for the over-all American crime rate to increase each year. This past year of 1952 was no exception. Crime increased 8.2 percent, with increases registered in every category. This is a much higher percentage of increase than that of the past few years. It certainly indicates an alarming trend.

The American public and especially the true church of Jesus Christ are currently underestimating the danger of this situation. The "red signal" goes largely unheeded by those who are in a position to do most about it.

For years public servants such as J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, and many others have sounded the note of warning to America. Something must be done about the consistent annual increase in the crime rate. These men have challenged the church to increase the scope of its ministry and touch the millions of youth growing up without any spiritual help whatever.

Certainly some have accepted this challenge, but most in a very limited manner. Others have branded these appeals as alarmist cries and have brushed them off with a shrug. The feeling seems to be that because this is America we enjoy some special immunity from disaster. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The fact remains that *two million major crimes*, with an increase of 10.2 percent in crimes of violence, should stir the hearts of God's children to personal and collective evangelism as never before. More arrests in the age groups under 15 years of age than in any other age bracket should once for all show us the need of claiming youth for Christ. They become criminals at a very early age these days. The future of America is bound up with the destiny of its youth.

An increase in the scope of the Brethren home mission program would help to meet this great need. It is important that Brethren people realize that giving to Brethren home missions is giving to the security and well-being of future America.

## Plans for Temple of Good Will

As the Roman Catholic Church has its headquarters in Rome we now face the possibility of having the headquarters of Protestantism in the city of Columbus, Ohio, should future plans be completed.

The Ohio Council of Churches, affiliate of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, has purchased a 2-square-block site in connection with the Columbus Civic Center which is to become the location of the new Temple of Good Will.

The temple will provide space for all Protestant denominational and interdenominational headquarters in the nation. Of course you must agree in advance of construction to occupy these offices. The proposed temple will include an auditorium for church confer-

ences and conventions to seat 3,000 to 5,000 people, and will also have a large banquet room. There will be a religious library containing all sorts of religious and social welfare literature. The estimated cost of such a structure would be about 15 million dollars.

Dr. B. F. Lamb, president of the Ohio Council of Churches, observed that this is "the most needed thing in Christendom." He has been gratified at the response to the new project. Several church groups have already signified their intention to house church offices in the new building. These include the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, the 1948 General Conference of the Methodist Church, the Ohio Synod of the Presbyterian Church, the Ohio Church of the Brethren, etc.

It is clear that this is a project of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. It therefore follows that only those who propagate the council program will be welcome in such a setup. This means that it will be not a Temple of Good Will but a Temple of Modernism. Thus it certainly may be called a Temple of Bad Will instead, for there is nothing good about Modernism. It has been the concoction of Satan ever since the Pharisees uttered its precepts in the time of Christ. Modernism is not good news. It is bad news! The new temple will simply add to the efficiency of the modernistic program in this nation. Therefore we cannot see how the cause of Christ will be aided one iota by this new project. On the other hand we can see signs of grave danger.

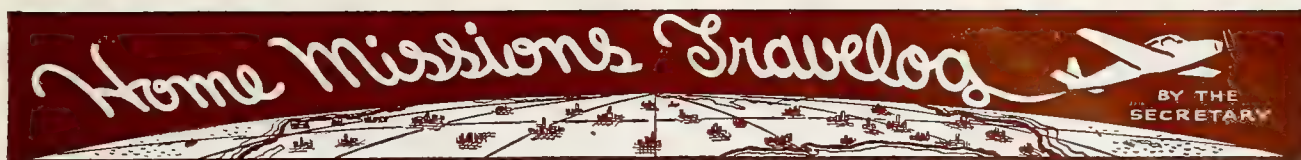
Those of us who are orthodox cannot imagine having church offices with others under the same roof who do not believe in the deity or bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who refuse the doctrine of His premillennial return for His church. Imagine working across the hall from a man who refuses to accept the efficacy of the shed blood of Christ for the remission of sins! Our plans, programs, thinking, Christian activities would all be diametrically opposed to the modernistic program.

In our estimation, this is another step in the consolidating of the forces of apostasy in these last days according to the Word of God. Such a step will make the rise and work of the Antichrist much easier when he appears on the scene and finally heads up the ecclesiastical as well as the political and social life of the world.

Thus the attitude of various denominations toward this new project will pretty well brand them as to their stand on the Word of God. We may expect that the line of demarcation will become even sharper and clearer in these latter days. Fundamentalists must "come out" and stay out if they are to be a testimony for the Lord. Having any part in the schemes of the apostates is to cut off the blessing of God and to deteriorate to the level of humanism and socialism.

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### **Meeting in Buena Vista, Va.**

During a 2-week evangelistic effort in Buena Vista we certainly saw the blessing of our Lord manifested in many different ways.

Splendid preparation had been made for this meeting through the work of the pastor, Bro. Galen Lingenfelter, and the combined prayers of the saints. As a result we saw many victories won for Christ. The blessings to the soul of the evangelist were not the least of God's blessings and the challenge of the meeting still remains.

Here in Buena Vista is a fine growing church. Just 1 week previous to the meetings a new Sunday school addition had been dedicated and put into use. The addition is worth at least \$60,000 and provides space for a much larger Sunday school, but is already being rapidly filled. Indeed, the Buena Vista church stands out as a lighthouse for Christ in this area where there are so few fundamental testimonies.

### **Ready to Build in Washington Heights**

After a consultation with our building committee in the Washington Heights section of Roanoke, Va., we are ready to tell the Brethren that it will not be long until we have a spade in the ground preparing for the first unit of a new church building.

Under the leadership of Bro. Carl Miller, this group has been meeting in a rented home with very limited facilities and many inconveniences. However, the Lord has been blessing the work and as soon as adequate church housing is provided there will be others who will join the group.

We need *investment funds* for this project from Brethren who want to earn both earthly and eternal dividends on their money.

### **Visit to Limestone, Tenn.**

During a visit into the Tennessee area in connection with home mission work we were privileged to renew our

fellowship with the Brethren in Limestone in a Lord's Day morning service.

Real strides forward are being made there under the leadership of the pastor, Bro. Randall Rossman. Brother Rossman is now recuperating from a serious illness and needs the prayers of the Lord's people. A fine new section has been completed on the east side of the old building which provides additional classroom space.

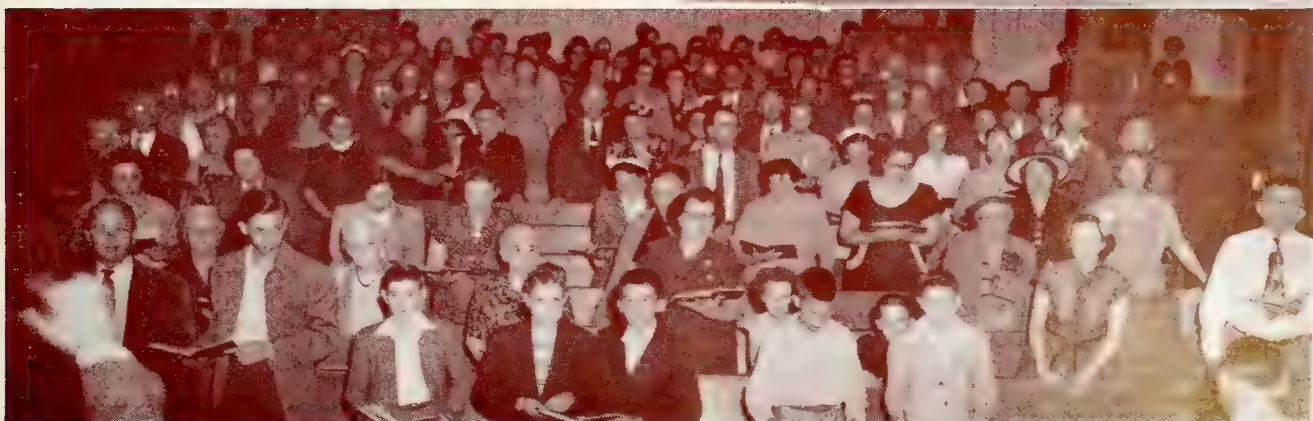
### **Anniversary at Johnson City, Tenn.**

Recently we celebrated the 4th anniversary of the home mission church at Johnson City. A special Sunday afternoon service was held, with a fellowship dinner for the Brethren of the area just preceding the meeting.

Bro. John Burns, the pastor, reports progress in the work. The attendance has been steadily growing.

### **Great Conference in Winchester, Va.**

District conferences increasingly become times of spiritual blessing for the delegates and friends. They are



*Pictures taken at the Atlantic District Conference show at top the pastors of the district; next, the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., scene of the conference; and at bottom, the delegates in attendance at the conference.*



not only times to transact business, but times of spiritual refreshing at the throne of grace.

This was abundantly true of the Atlantic Fellowship Conference. We were privileged to spend only 1 day here but it was a day of real blessing. From the standpoint of home mission activity this district is outstanding. Five strong home mission churches contribute their share of spiritual activity and others are on the horizon for development in the near future.

The theme of this conference was "Christ as Lord." This theme was followed out in the Bible messages which were delivered by the pastors of the district.

Our home mission rally was well attended and testimonies from the home mission workers were a thrill and challenge to all present.

#### ***Lots Purchased in Wheaton, Ill.***

Recently negotiations were completed in the purchase of lots in the strategic city of Wheaton, Ill. We believe the Lord has given us one of the finest church locations in this community.

In spite of the fact that we have had no adequate place to meet, the Lord has been blessing this church through the prayers and faithful service of the people.

We are hoping to complete plans for a new building at

an early date and get the construction under way soon. Pray for the Wheaton church.

#### ***Fellowship at Mansfield, Ohio***

During the absence of the pastor, Bro. Bernard Schneider, we had the opportunity of fellowship in the Word with the Brethren in Mansfield. Here is a former home mission church which is giving an extremely effective testimony in its community.

New property has been purchased next to the present church which will serve as a parsonage and later become expansion space for the work as it grows.

#### ***Report on the Colored Work***

God is richly blessing in the new colored work at Fremont, Ohio. Under the sponsorship of the former home mission church and the leadership of Bro. Lester Pifer, the pastor, the new colored work has enjoyed some fine expansion. Bro. Granville Tucker is pastoring this new church and sees bright prospects for the future.

Recently it was possible to purchase a movable building from the Fremont school board which will be placed on a good location and will then serve as our colored Brethren church. Pray earnestly for this work.



#### ***LA CRESCENTA, CALIF. (Robert Dell, pastor)—***

We have a youth night on Friday of each week and it is well-attended, with as many as 25 junior and senior high students. The program for our youth night includes games, singspiration, Bible study, and refreshments. There is an open door for a young people's work in this area, as there is very little provided for them in the way of wholesome fellowship. Through these meetings additions have already been made to our Sunday school. Our peak in Sunday school attendance was 57, and this was the Sunday following Easter. We have enjoyed some real blessings in having Dr. Russell Barnard with us and showing us the films on Brazil, Europe, Africa, and Baja California. Brother and Sister Albert Balzer were also with us and showed a film on their work in Africa.

#### ***JOHNSON CITY, TENN. (John J. Burns, pastor)—***

The Johnson City Brethren Church celebrated its 4th anniversary on April 26, 1953. During the 4 short years



*Johnson City, Tenn., folks observe 4th anniversary.*

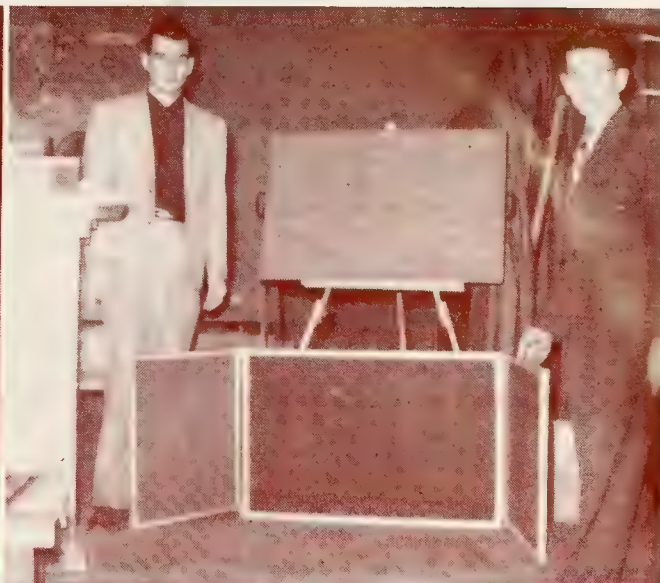
of our existence as a church God has looked with favor upon our efforts. He blessed us spiritually, allowing us to witness 141 decisions for Christ, of which 53 were first-time. He blessed numerically; from a charter membership of 24 in 1949 we have grown to our present membership of 47. He has blessed us financially; every financial obligation of the church has been met promptly. On the anniversary day L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, brought the afternoon message and in the evening, "The Forgotten Navaho" film was shown to a capacity crowd.

#### ***ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam Rager, pastor)—***

The Lord is continuing His goodness toward us. Last Sunday we baptized 3 adults and 1 girl and received them into our membership. There were 176 in Sunday school last week and 91 in the church service. Twelve



## CLAYHOLE RECEIVES CHRISTIAN LIFE CONTEST AWARDS



*These are pictures of the awards won in the Christian Life Sunday School Attendance Contest by the Clayhole Brethren Church. The awards consisted of a flannelgraph outfit, combination blackboard and bulletin board, and 100 new church hymnals. The 2 pictures above show the pastor, Sewell Landrum, presenting the awards to the Sunday school superintendent, Charles Combs. The other 2 pictures show the new songbooks being put to use.*

boys and girls accepted Christ as their Saviour in the child evangelism class last Monday. We praise the Lord for honoring His blessed Word.

WHEATON, ILL. (Clark C. Myers, reporter)—

The Lord is blessing in the work at Wheaton, Ill. We have been meeting in homes since the model home was no longer available for a meeting place. Just recently we were able to obtain the use of the YMCA, but even this is not a very satisfactory meeting place. Now that we have the lots, a church is needed to continue the work where it first was started. Our new lots are located in the midst of a housing project containing several hundred new homes without a church in the area. Already people of that area are saying, "We are going to have a church in our part of the city," and we covet your prayers that we may establish a testimony for our Lord as quickly as possible to reach this community. The Brethren students at Wheaton College have been helping us in the teaching and preaching, for which we are grateful. Today there is a real interest for establish-

ing a Brethren church in Wheaton and we are constantly being reminded of our 1952 conference theme that "Tomorrow May Be Too Late." Pray!

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell S. Landrum, missionary)—

The past 2 weeks we have been enjoying a union revival campaign in Hazard, Ky. At the first service the Clayhole group made up 150 of the total attendance. A prize of a new bicycle was offered for the boy or girl under 16 bringing the largest number to the Saturday morning service, providing the number was over 50. Lois Kay said: "Daddy, I want to win that bicycle and give it to someone who can't afford to buy one." We started making calls and on Saturday we got the 2 buses, a jeep, a car, and a truck load, for a total of 185. Needless to say, Clayhole won, with 97 to spare. Lois Kay was called to the platform to receive the bicycle and when she announced that she was giving it to the children's home, she was given a Sheaffer pen-and-pencil set in appreciation for her generosity. Five from Clayhole made their decision for Christ.



# ISRAEL CALLS!

## I FOUND JESUS, MY MESSIAH!

By Mordecai Israel

*The following article was written by a Hebrew Christian who has been attending the Bible study group each Wednesday evening at the Brethren Messianic Witness Mission, 469 North Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif. Mr. Israel has been a great blessing to us here at the mission. Being a well-informed Bible student, he has been able to lend the weight of his 50 years of messianic belief in witnessing to the unsaved but interested Jewish folk that attend this group from time to time. Pray that God will continue to use him in telling forth that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world.—Bruce L. Button.*

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

I am so glad for the opportunity given to me through these columns to testify that Jesus, the Crucified, is my personal Saviour and Light of my life. I was born in a strict orthodox rabbinical Hebrew home in the city of Krakow, Poland. As a young person I would spit on the walk when I would pass a church, and when spitting did not seem to express my contempt, I would also curse. When I think of these former actions I am reminded of the Apostle Paul and his persecution of the church. Until the



Mordecai Israel

Lord Jesus revealed Himself as Saviour and the Light of the world, Paul would never have believed that he, Paul, would suffer persecution for preaching Jesus as the Jewish Messiah and that he would no longer persecute Him. I, likewise, did not believe that I would even mention the name of Jesus in any good way.

When I was about 17 years of age I left my home town to go to London, England. Arriving in London I began walking the streets searching for a job, and since I did not know the English language I soon realized I was a stranger in a strange land, without friends, utterly forsaken, alone in the wide world. One Sunday afternoon while I was walking in the Jewish section on a street called Whitechapel Road, I saw a church in the distance. As I drew nearer the church I saw at the rear of the church a large yard which was surrounded by an iron fence. At one end of the yard stood a pulpit. Before the pulpit stood a large group of Jewish people holding Jewish tracts in their hands and, wonder of wonders, the pulpit was occupied by a white-robed preacher who was delivering his sermon in Yiddish! I was amazed to hear a Christian minister speak in Yiddish and my surprise

was all the greater when I noted that the preacher was definitely Jewish. Never before had I listened to anyone speak about the Christ I hated so much, but that a Jew should speak about him, and in Yiddish—well, I was compelled to listen. Praise the Lord, the Holy Spirit had directed my steps to this church and was even then working in my heart and opening my eyes, for I was brought in contact with a preacher who made the way of salvation so plain that I was forced to say to myself, "It is true! Everything this preacher is saying is true."

After the message the people sang 2 hymns. The names of the hymns? One was "Rescue the Perishing," the other, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." It is impossible to tell the tremendous impression these hymns made upon me. The preaching of that Jewish pastor and the wonderful hymns were used by the Holy Spirit to touch my poor, sinful heart and I decided to see the preacher after the service and ask him to tell me more about Yeshua, the Meshiach. When I contacted him, he recommended that I go to the Barbican Mission to the Jews. He told me they would be more than glad to advise me what to do. Pastor Neugewirtz (for such was this preacher's name) was from my home city in Poland.

When I arrived at the Barbican Mission I introduced myself to the director of the mission. His name was Pastor Lipshitz. He invited me to come to his home, which was in a suburb of London. There, he told me, I would have ample opportunity to study the Bible and determine for myself whether or not Jesus was the Jewish Messiah. When I arrived in that Jewish mission I found more Jews who also came to study the Bible. In all there were about 15 of them and daily they searched the Scripture in order that they might know whether or not Jesus was the true Messiah. Some of these students confessed the Lord openly. As for myself, I took 4 Bibles (Yiddish, Hebrew, German, and English) out in the garden, under a tree where everything was quiet. Here I was able to concentrate upon my study. Then with a ruler and a red pencil and a blue pencil I underlined all the prophecies in the Old Testament and also the fulfillment of these prophecies as found in the New Testament. While honestly searching the Word of God, God in His mercy opened my blind eyes that I might see, and softened my heart that I might believe that Jesus is the true Jewish Messiah, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. It was then that I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour.

It was not until December 19, 1903, that I publicly confessed the Lord Jesus, the Crucified, as my personal Saviour. Webb Peplow was the pastor of the church where I made by public confession. Before I received the Lord as my Saviour my path was so dark and I was without hope in the world. I was like a lost sheep without a shepherd. Worldly pleasures did not satisfy my poor heart. I had tried with my own power to overcome my bad habits, but without success. I suffered terribly. If I had had a million dollars I would have



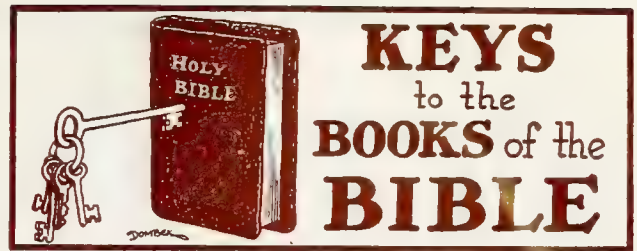
gladly given it to someone who could guarantee me freedom from all my habits. But wealth can never free from the really heavy burdens. However, when God in His mercy and grace led me to a strange land and caused me to hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as my Messiah, I found it was not necessary to be a millionaire in order to be redeemed from sins and from bad habits. Thank God, it is through the Lord Jesus and the shed blood on Calvary's cross we are made free from our heavy burdens. Thus when I heard the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28), and, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1), how could I resist the Lord?

I am so glad I obeyed the sweet voice of my Saviour and came unto Him! No more do I sorrow, because I have found the Lord is one to keep His promise. Thus I can truly say my Lord made me free from my heavy burdens and gave me in place of these the daily comfort of His holy Word. When I was a child I was told Messiah would come when the Jewish people stopped sinning and began to obey God. I did not know that the Tenach, the Old Testament, told the manner in which Messiah was to come and when we could expect Him. Since I have searched the Scriptures I have found the truth about Messiah, the time of His coming, and also the reason He was to come: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). It is not when we Jews are self-righteous that Messiah will come! Rather, the Bible states the main purpose of the coming of Messiah into the world is to be the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. If the world of men, or any particular group of men, were or could and would in the future be righteous and without sin, why, I reason, was it necessary for the Lord Jesus to come to earth and shed His precious blood?

I thank God the way of salvation was made so clear to me and I was able with great ease of mind and heart to enter God's kingdom through the only door, the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I am so happy and praise the Lord for opening my eyes to the truth in His holy Word regarding the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, the Only Way and Truth, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lily of the Valley. I no longer spit and curse when I pass a church. Instead I go into the church and worship my Lord! This same Jesus, whom through ignorance I cursed, I now through the grace of God call MY sweet Jesus. Is this not wonderful? Yes it is, for there was a time when I did not dare to take that name on my lips; now I can say that I love and adore Him. Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!

My earnest prayer is this: When the unbeliever, be he Jew or gentile, reads my testimony, may it be used to open his eyes and soften his heart so that the Holy Spirit might woo him into accepting Jesus as his personal Saviour. Oh, I pray all might taste the love of God which is revealed in the Lord Jesus. I promise they will not be sorry if they will but believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Again with Paul I say, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to

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## II Thessalonians

### I. Presents.

- A. A correction of a false view of the advent.
- B. A correction of the conduct arising out of this false view.
- C. A setting forth of the Christian position concerning "the day of the Lord."

### II. Key Words.

- A. Shaken in mind (2:2).
- B. Falling away (2:3).
- C. Man of sin (2:3).
- D. Son of perdition (2:3).
- E. Mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) (2:7).
- F. He who now letteth (restraineth) (2:7).

### III. Key Verses.

- A. As to their conditions:
  - 1. 1:4-5, referred to in the first epistle.
  - 2. 2:1-2; 3:11, referring to new conditions that had arisen.
- B. As to Paul's teaching.
  - 1. 2:1-3, giving the distinction between "our gathering together unto him" and "the day of the Lord."
  - 2. 2:4-12, giving the conditions that must exist before "the day of the Lord."
  - 3. 3:9-13, giving instructions as to Christian conduct in light of the above teaching.

"The whole burden of the 1st letter is this: He is coming again; wait for Him. The whole burden of the 2d letter is this: He cannot come yet; continue your work."

### IV. Key Outline.

- A. Thanksgiving (1:1-12).
- B. Revelation (2:1-12).
  - 1. The reason for it (1-3).
  - 2. The contents of it (2-12).
- C. Exhortation and example (2:13-3:15).
- D. Conclusion (3:16-18).

### V. Key Thoughts for the Day.

- A. The Abiding appeal.
  - 1. 2:2, a call to courage.
  - 2. 3:13, a call to conduct.
- B. The application of this letter to our times.
  - 1. These are days of lawlessness. A growing spirit of rebellion against all government; lawlessness. It is abroad everywhere.
  - 2. These are days of restraint also. God the Spirit, through the church, is restraining all the forces making for lawlessness.
- C. Application to the individual.
  - 1. "The measure in which I share the life of the Christ is the measure in which I am exercising restraint."
  - 2. "Let each Christian ask then: How far am I by influence of speech and work restraining lawlessness?"
  - 3. "And then let us remember that the measure in which we restrain lawlessness in the world is the measure in which there is no lawlessness in our own hearts."

# BREAKING GROUND AT PHOENIX

By J. C. "Bill" McKillen

With the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade tent as a backdrop, ground was broken for the First Brethren Church of Phoenix, Ariz., on its wonderful lot at 30th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, at 3:45 p. m. Sunday, April 26, 1953. After the necessary preliminaries of pastor, Vice Moderator Stanley L. Beam, Trustees Lester M. Wilhide and Nicholas Zoaht, and visiting dignitaries tossing up a shovelful, work began in earnest when our ladies took hold. It was perhaps significant that they were not content with a shovelful, but each tossed out several.

The manner in which the Lord gathered together, from his busy harvesters, voices to give words of counsel, courage, and challenge to our people was wonderful. Evangelist R. Paul Miller and Rev. Leroy D. Thomas, president of the Phoenix Evangelical Ministers Association had been arranged for. To these the Lord added a schoolmate, Rev. Roy Howard, now a missionary to Baja California, and the pastor's one-time pastor, Dr. Roy L. Laurin, both of whom "happened" to be visiting Phoenix at this time.

There were hardly 50 present. A bare majority of our 31 members were able to come. Yet at least 6 or more Christ-honoring churches were represented, and the informality, cordiality, and well-wishing that went on, breaking up only with reluctance as Sunday-evening duties began to intrude on our thinking, were representative of all that is finest in the fellowship that exists between those whose denominational lines never protrude above the love that is ours in Christ Jesus.

This, in one sense, was the ground-breaking at Phoenix. In another sense, in a greater sense, this was just another shovelful.

Was it not a ground-breaking when Sister Minnie Niswonger wrote us last year at this time that she had been Dayton, Ohio, First church's member at Phoenix for many years and would be until there was a Brethren work begun in Phoenix? Was it not a ground-breaking when Mrs. Richard L. Riggs (now church clerk), and Stanley L. Beam (now vice moderator), and Robert E. Wilkerson (our first Sunday school superintendent), joined hands with the pastor at the close of the morning service, September 28, to double the local membership? Was it not a ground-breaking when, on November 16, the local group, now grown to 12, organized so that it could buy ground, and 3 days later decided to buy 9 acres rather than be cramped into 1½ acres.

We think each of those were ground-breakings! And many more are not here mentioned! Not only that, but here in Phoenix we recognize that each of us, and the church collectively, have many ground-breakings ahead. In Hosea 10:11-12 God twice commands the breaking of ground! First, He says Jacob shall "break his clods," and then He follows with, "Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." We know we have ground-breakings to come from His hands.

Maybe some of you who read this will become ground-breakers with us. We have a 6-acre section which must be sold. It can be cut into about 24 lovely residence lots, Phoenix-style, about 75 feet wide and 100 deep. A

subdivider may suddenly want to buy this as it is the connecting link between a 40-, a 20-, and a 10-acre plot, adjoining on north, east, and west. However, we would like to hold on to it until it is really ripe. It is taking us a "ground-breaking" of about \$150 monthly just to hang on!

How would you like to set YOUR foot to a man-sized spadeful of Phoenix for the Lord? You would? Well, here's how:

The Brethren Home Missions Council will accept gifts, or loans, designated for the Phoenix work. Not only that, but if loaners wish to so stipulate, we will list them in the order of receipt of their loans of \$1,000 or more. Then if it becomes feasible to subdivide the ground into about 24 lots, it would be to the council's and the church's advantage if any loaners wanted to take a residence lot instead of cash. We do not think you can buy a residence lot in this neighborhood for less than \$1,000 to \$1,200.

From the number of letters we have received, there are many more than 24 families thinking of moving to Phoenix. It would be wonderful to have a nucleus of Brethren families living within 2, 3, and 4 blocks of the church! For those who know the Phoenix area, we are about 5 miles northwest of downtown Phoenix, toward Glendale, and about 400 feet higher than downtown Phoenix. That means a little cooler, a little breezier! When you listen to the mercury bubbling in the thermometer at about 120° in August, "cooler" and "breezier" are lovely words! Several thousand new homes around us testify to what Phoenix itself thinks of this little northwestern plateau!

Speaking of lovely words, out west here there's a phrase, "Podner, here's a hand!" Just like the Macedonians in Century 1, we 20th-century Phoenicians are crying, "Come over and help!" If the Spirit is making these words mean "YOU," why don't you "git yo-self" down to the bank and have a ground-breaking—break it out to build a church! Is it a gilt-edged investment? I think so! But it's more than gilt-edged! To use your funds to build a church, and earn interest besides, is glory-edged—with a glory that won't wear off! Thanks, podner, here's the shovel. Break ground!

## FINDLAY, OHIO, CHURCH BREAKS GROUND

Deviating from the usual plan of holding a ground-breaking service on Sunday, the First Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, broke ground on Thursday evening, June 11, at 7 o'clock. This change in the day for this service was planned for the convenience of the pastors in the district that they might have an opportunity to attend. The pastor, Rev. Forest F. Lance writes, "The plans for the new church are coming along very nicely and we are hurriedly making preparations for our building program." We will have pictures and more details for the next Home Mission number of the Herald.



# FATHER ORDAINS SON AT SOUTH BEND



Top (left to right)—The Sunnymede congregation and Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Ogden and children. Center (left to right)—Rev. W. R. Ogden; the laying on of hands, with Dr. W. A. Ogden, Rev. Arthur Collins, Rev. H. W. Koontz, and Dr. L. L. Grubb participating; Dr. W. A. Ogden. Bottom (left to right)—Mrs. W. A. Ogden and son, Donald. Rev. W. R. Ogden and parents. Rev. W. H. Koontz, Rev. Ward Miller, and Donald Ogden. The Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.

The Sunnymede Brethren Church of South Bend, Ind., had a unique service on Sunday, May 17, when their pastor, W. Russell Ogden, was ordained to the Christian ministry by his father, Dr. William A. Ogden, of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Those who participated in the ordination service are pictured above and include the following: Rev. Ward A. Miller, who offered the invocation; Mrs. W. A. Ogden, the mother, and Donald E. Ogden, a brother, who sang a duet; Dr. William A. Ogden, who delivered the ordination message and read the authorization; Rev. Arthur F. Collins, who read the Scriptures, Titus 1:1-9, John 15:1-8, 16-17; Dr. L. L. Grubb, who presented the pastoral charge, II Timothy 3:1-5, 14-4:5, and also the questions and vows; Rev. H. W. Koontz, who offered the prayer of consecration; and W. Russell Ogden, who offered the benediction.

Rev. W. R. Ogden, who has been a student pastor at South Bend during the school year, graduated on Friday, May 15, from Grace Theological Seminary with a B. D.

degree, and in the same service his father, Rev. W. A. Ogden, received his D. D. degree.

Rev. W. R. Ogden will now assume the full-time pastorate at South Bend and care for the Sunnymede flock shown here.

## ISRAEL CALLS

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every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Praise be to His holy name! Hallelujah!

Come to Christ, confession make;  
Come to Christ, and pardon take;  
Trust in Him from day to day.  
He will keep you all the way.

Why not now? Why not now?  
Why not come to Jesus now?



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Gordon W. Bracker, of Kittanning, Pa., preached at the *Harrisburg, Pa.*, church, pastored by Russell H. Weber, June 7.

Remember the months of June and July are allotted to the *Brethren Missionary Herald Company*. Pray and give for this work.

Mrs. Anna M. Peck, of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, died recently and Pastor William Steffler conducted the funeral June 8.

Sibley Edmiston, recent graduate of Grace Seminary, preached at the *Phoenix, Ariz.*, church, pastored by J. C. McKillen, May 31.

George M. Richardson, former pastor of the Bellflower, Calif., church, is now a public relations representative in the field department of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and has moved to 5853 W. 88th St., Los Angeles 45, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

Joseph Hoffmann, chaplain of the Los Angeles Fire Department, was confined to his bed during the last half of May by illness.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, pastored by Clyde G. Balyo, plans to be host to Phil Foxwell on June 28, and to the Bob Jones Brass Ensemble on July 1.

Pastor Edward Bowman reports the average Sunday school attendance at the *Hollins, Va.*, church during May was 152, the Sunday evening service 79, and the midweek service 69.

The *Elkhart, Ind.*, church, organized April 27 with Wesley Miller as moderator but yet without a pastor, held its first prayer meeting June 3 under the leadership of Lowell Demos with 26 people present. On June 7 the first Sunday services were held with 66 in Bible school, 71 in morning service, and 61 in evening service, with Conard Sandy as

the preacher for the day. The offerings totaled \$135.

Mrs. Cleve G. Miller, of the Waterloo, Iowa, church, fell in her home and broke or badly cracked the femur bone in her right leg on May 30.

The junior church at the *Long Beach, Calif.*, First church, directed by James B. Crawford, has averaged 99 in attendance since its beginning December 14, 1952.

The *Leamersville* and *Vicksburg, Pa.*, churches sponsored a program by the Bob Jones College Ensemble at the Leamersville church June 12.

The *Seattle, Wash.*, church began its first Sunday service June 7 in Pastor Thomas E. Hammers' home, 6522 35th Ave. NE., with 29 people present. The pastor urges all Brethren people living in the Seattle area or vacationing there to attend these services and give their help in beginning this new church.



Darlene Matula, of the Johnstown, Pa., Riverside church, won first place in getting the most first-timers to attend the Johnstown Youthtime, which meets each Saturday night. The award is 1 week at Pinebrook Camp, all expenses paid.

The *Johnstown, Pa.*, Riverside church gave its pastor, Ralph C. Hall, a unanimous call to continue as pastor—his third year. There are now 46 members in this church, 6 joining on June 7.

Archie Lynn has been preaching at the *Covington, Va.*, church as interim pastor until Paul Mohler arrives on the field.

Robert Miller, son of the pastor of the Roanoke, Va., Ghent church, has been in the hospital again. At this writing he is home. His father says his condition remains serious, but not critical, and prayer is asked in behalf of Bob, for only God can restore him to health.

Kenneth Richardson preached at the *La Verne, Calif.*, church May 10 and J. Ward Tressler was the preacher May 17. This church is temporarily without a pastor since the resignation of Orville Lorenz.

The *Martinsburg, W. Va.*, church, pastored by M. Leon Myers, has made some additions to the furnishings of the church, especially a new Hammond organ which was dedicated May 10 by a special recital by Charles Bergerson, of Hagerstown, Md. The church is holding a Youth on the March revival which began June 14 with the King's Heralds.

At the call of the church, Clyde K. Landrum began his 5th year as pastor of the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church on June 1.

Phillip J. Simmons has resigned as pastor of the Altoona, Pa., Grace church, to become effective sometime in August.

The *Kittanning, Pa.*, First church, pastored by Gordon W. Bracker, holds a Saturday night prayer meeting sponsored by the young married people's class. Mrs. D. E. Wisner spoke to the church May 24, and Elzie White, moderator of the church, preached there June 7.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, church, pastored by Clair Brickel, voted to proceed at once in the erection of an annex to the present building. Groundbreaking took place June 7, with Dr. Paul R. Bauman and the Grace Trumpeters assisting in the service.

Paul E. Dick, Winchester, Va., was a recent speaker at the *Conemaugh, Pa.*, church, according to Pastor Stanley F. Hauser.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton L. Eckerman, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 3.

Additions to Membership

Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside).....	6
Leamersville, Pa. ....	12
Long Beach, Calif. (First).....	2
Los Angeles, Calif. (First).....	14

Public Confessions

Glendale, Calif. ....	1
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Leamersville, Pa. ....	3

Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Jenners, Pa. ....	12
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	6

Dedication of Babies

Leamersville, Pa. ....	3
Uniontown, Pa. ....	1



# 'THE LIBERTY WHEREWITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE'

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Chairman of Book Club Review Committee

July is the month which speaks of freedom to the liberty-loving people of the United States. Annually now for more than 150 years we have been celebrating the Declaration of Independence. Though there has been much demonstration and fanfare during these years, probably no person outside of those who went through the experience of paying the price for liberty really know what it means. After a fashion each United States citizen enjoys the freedom without realizing the price of it or knowing what political bondage really means.

But for believers in Christ things are different. Everyone once knew the terrors of bondage to the law and sin. While there is none capable of appreciating or even understanding the price that was paid to purchase freedom, it is possible to know the personal value of liberty because there was once a time when he was without it. For no other purpose than that in some small way the horizon of blessing purchased at Calvary may be enlarged and more fully appreciated, the book club committee offers again several volumes for its members during the month of July.

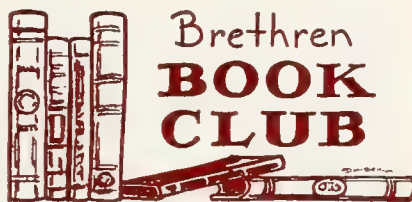
Many have been glancing at these columns for several years but have never acted upon the suggestions of the committee. We are now urging you to do something about it. You will not be sorry. You have needed to do some reading. This committee has spent time reviewing the many volumes now coming from the press, and we are sure that the books being recommended will help you. Act today, and join the club.

You may join the club simply by ordering one of the books recommended for the month of July. As a premium for joining the book club, your choice of the following books is offered: "Stranger Than Fiction," by Florence Gribble; "Prayer: Asking and Receiving," by John R. Rice; or "The Emerald Necklace," by Elise Fraser.

To members of the club who will be purchasing their 4th book during April through July, a dividend book will be sent—"How to Obtain Fullness of Power," by Reuben A. Torrey.

The first-choice book for the month of July is "Hastening the Day of God," compiled and edited by John W. Bradbury. The second-choice book is "Wings of the Dawn," by Guy Howard.

The first-choice book will be sent to the members of the club unless otherwise instructed before July 1. In case you desire the second-choice selection for the month, or some



other book listed in these columns in previous issues of the Herald, be sure to notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company before the first of the month (July).

## HASTENING THE DAY OF GOD

Compiled by John W. Bradbury

The appearance of a book like this is a rare and timely event in the realm of Christian literature. It is a book every Christian ought to read, and must read if he would be up-to-date concerning the prophetic Scriptures and their fulfillment.

The 36 chapters in this volume are 36 messages presented to the International Congress on Prophecy, held November 9-16, 1952, at the Calvary Baptist Church in New York City. Most of the well-known students of the prophetic Scriptures participated and have messages in this book.

Among the Christian educators who have articles here are Dr. Herman B. Centz, Dr. William Culbertson, Dr. V. R. Edman, Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Dr. T. Leonard Lewis, Dr. Thomas Moseley, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Dr. Louis T. Talbot, Dr. John F. Walvoord, Dr. Walter L. Wilson, and, above all to the Brethren, our own Dr. Alva J. McClain, whose message is on "Significant Signs of the Times."

Among the pastors and evange-

lists are Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, Dr. Richard V. Clearwaters, Dr. Theodore H. Elsner, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Dr. James McGinlay, Mr. J. Palmer Muntz, Dr. Oswald J. Smith, and Dr. John Summerfield Wimbish, pastor of the host church.

Editors of Christian magazines are represented by Dr. John W. Bradbury and Dr. Philip E. Howard. From England and Scotland came Dr. T. M. Bamber, Dr. David J. Laurie, and Dr. W. Myrddyn Lewis to speak at the congress.

Before the congress convened the committee which arranged the program assigned the subjects to be treated by each of the invited speakers. This accomplished 2 things, as the reader of the volume will discover to his satisfaction: Most of the main subjects of the prophetic Scriptures were considered in the congress, and little repetition is evident in the messages.

This book of 262 pages sells for only \$3. We believe it is so timely that we recommend it to all readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Get a copy and enjoy it a chapter at a time and you will be richly blessed in spiritual truth.—Conard Sandy.

## WINGS OF THE DAWN

By Guy Howard

It did not matter to John Malcom Smith where the bus loading at gate number 1 was going. All he wanted to do was to purchase his ticket and go as far away on it as possible. That was how he happened to arrive in Little Rock without a friend and with no place in mind to stay. John was determined to sever himself from all his past. He had been in the service of the country, but had been officially declared dead. When he was able to return to his old home town he learned that his wife had married another man. This was too much for Smith. Bitter in spirit and broken in soul he set out—destination unknown.

On the bus going to Little Rock a fellow passenger told John of an ideal fishing place and suggested that he go there for a while to rest himself. After a few days John followed

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# REVIVALS THAT GO ON AND ON AND ON!

By Rev. R. Paul Miller

The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is out for souls, first, last, and all the time. The Lord's return is imminent. Mankind is preparing to destroy millions of men in world contortions now impending. Time is no longer on our side. God's clock is at midnight.

But the Crusade well knows that just bringing a few unsaved folks into a congregation is NOT the way to reach the greatest number for Christ in the shortest possible time.

The great need is to lift the spiritual life of the church to a passion for souls so that they will go on and on winning souls all through the year. Any so-called revival that stops when the evangelistic team leaves is not a true revival at all. That God is enabling the Crusade to fulfill this sort of ministry is apparent from this paragraph from Bro. Alfred Dodds, pastor of the South Gate church.

## A Testimony

"It is with all sincerity that we, pastor and people, of First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif., do thank God for the rich blessing showered upon us through the special meetings recently held in this church by Bro. R. Paul Miller and Song Leader Carlo Pietropaulo. We felt at the close of the 3 weeks of meetings that we should have gone on for at least a further 2 weeks. God's children in the church received a tremendous challenge, and 58 rededications were made, 2 first-time decisions were made in the church, and several in the homes. *Revival continued after the meetings were closed; there were 8 decisions the following Sunday morning.* God is still speaking through these meetings with Brother Miller to the hearts of our people, and we believe there is going to be a glorious future for this church in South Gate 'til Jesus comes. We recommend the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade to all churches, even as it was recommended to us. 'They'll do you good.'—*Alfred Dodds, pastor.*

Praise God for revivals that go on and on!

## The Phoenix Campaign

The Brethren work was just 8 months old when this tent campaign

was begun. There were 31 members, including children, when the campaign started. Hundreds of new homes had been built near the church location during the last year. The folks that moved in to these homes were from all over America. They were strangers to each other and to the Brethren Church. This meeting, therefore, was a tremendous effort to introduce the Brethren Church to the entire section. In

is the lack of a building of any kind. The group must still meet in the pastor's home. Stable people are slow to unite with a work that still shows little evidence of permanency. If they get one unit of their building plans completed this summer, growth will be fast.

## Campaign Costs

The cost of a campaign like this when a group is so small is a real



Above left—Ground-breaking service at Phoenix, Ariz. Above right is Carlo, the song leader, atop the tent, putting up some banners. Below left is shown the revival tent and signs, and at right is Pastor J. C. McKillen and wife.



this the meetings were a real success. The children's meetings were very effective in reaching new homes. Personal visitation of members of the church and the evangelistic team reached many new homes. We expect that many of these new families will come into the church during the next few weeks or months. They were very friendly and favorable to a church that stood for the real Gospel.

One real hurdle for the new work

problem. To give such groups the very best when they need it the most is one aim of the Crusade. However, the Crusade is not yet a year old and has to depend upon individuals alone who realize the real need which we face today for widespread revival. With no chance to accumulate any funds to provide such help without cost to new fields, the strain is great, and we are driven to our knees daily for constant help. Here

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# BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE VARIED HONORS

## LISTIE BYF PUTS ON SPECIAL SERVICE

Young people of the Listie, Pa., Brethren Church recently adapted a regular BYF program for an evening church service, which they conducted in the absence of their pastor, Paul Mohler. The program, "Four Ships Go Sailing," had its origin with the Leamersville, Pa., youth group about a year ago.

The platform was appropriately decorated as a ship's deck, with a large sail mounted with the Christian flag in the background. Each of the four "ships" had a captain and a crew, who presented the Scriptures and the message, which was their ship's "cargo." The program was very well received by the folk of the church.

## LISTIE GIRL "CAPPED"; AT HEAD OF CLASS

Betty Lou Wechtenheiser, of our Listie, Pa., church, who entered nurses' training in the Windber, Pa., hospital, was recently "capped" in the special ceremonies that observe their acceptance into an advanced stage of training. Since then, her work has been of such high caliber that she is at the head of her class.

Although the influence of the hospital is largely Roman Catholic, Betty Lou has borne a strong testimony for Christ, and is looking for-



Betty Lou Wechtenheiser



Listie Boys Present "Four Ships Go Sailing."



ward to some type of missionary work after the completion of her training.

## CHICO YOUTH TURN PUBLISHERS

Judging by the "C. E. Snoop," the young people of the Chico, Calif., church really have some good, live social times. We've received copies of recent editions of their paper and want to commend them for some clever reporting.

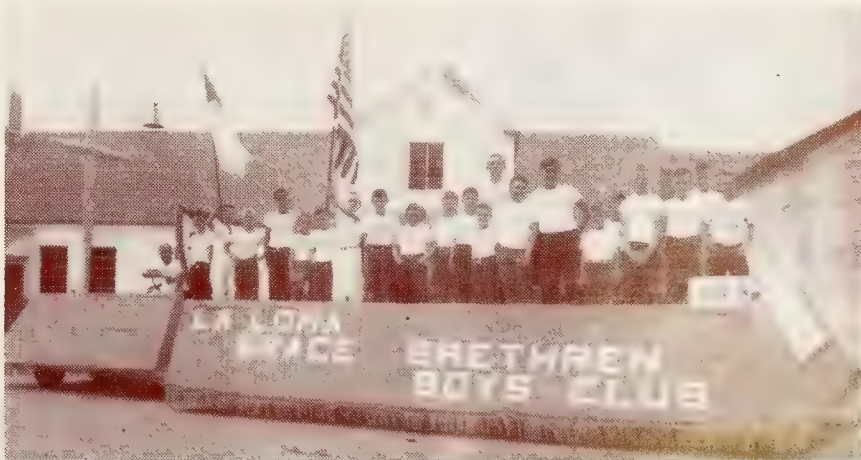
It's a lot of work (as a number of BYF groups have discovered already), but a lot of fun, too, to publish a regular young people's paper. Try it in your church!

## MODESTO BOYS WIN PARADE PRIZE

More than 20 boys from our club at Modesto, Calif., were on the float entered in a local "Parade of Songs" held in connection with the California Relays program on May 16. Theme of this float was "Onward Christian Soldiers," and it won 2d prize in the religious division.

Not the least job in preparing for the parade was stamping 10,000 tracts with the church name and rolling them into "gospel bombs." More than 9,000 of these were thrown among the 50,000 spectators on the parade route, and many of them have been seen in local non-Christian homes since. A number of comments and phone calls expressed very favorable reaction to the float, and the tracts, too.

It is the hope and prayer of the church there that the testimony of the Lord will be greatly strengthened by this event.



Modesto Boys on Prize-Winning Float.



## Arthur McKee Dies

Death came suddenly on Sunday morning, June 7, to Dr. Arthur McKee, executive manager of the Winona Christian Assembly at Winona Lake, Ind. He died of a heart attack, while sitting in his easy chair, just 1 week before the opening of the summer events at Winona Lake, for which he had planned and waited during the winter.

The funeral service was held in Warsaw under the direction of Dr. William Sweeting, pastor of the Warsaw, Ind., First Baptist Church, of which Dr. McKee was a member. Dr. Robert Constable, vice president



Dr. McKee

of Moody Bible Institute, led in the invocation and Mrs. Ruth Rodeheaver Thomas sang "Sunrise Tomorrow," a favorite song of Mr. McKee, before the message. Following Dr. Sweeting's sermon, Rev. Howard A. Hermansen, associate pastor of the Moody Church of Chicago, led in the prayer. The Virgil Brooks then sang "Beyond the Sunset."

Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, director of the Winona Lake Bible Conference and long-time close associate of Dr. McKee, gave a testimony to the life and character of the deceased. "After the Toil and the Heat of the Day" was sung by Mrs. Dorothy Stratearn, and Dr. Peter McFarlane led in the closing prayer. The body was then taken to Haverhill, Mass., for burial.

Arthur McKee was born October 15, 1890, in Worcester, Mass. On June 2, 1914, he was married at the Moody Bible Institute to Ethel Nelson, who survives, along with one sister, Miss Hazel Church McKee, of New York.

He had been executive manager of the Winona Christian Assembly since 1938, except for a period of 2 years.

## Curtis Morrill Killed in Accident

Rev. Curtis Glenn Morrill was killed Thursday, June 4, near Ashland, Oreg., when a tree fell on him. For some time he had been working in a lumber camp where he met with his accident. The funeral and burial were held in Oregon.

Brother Morrill, one-time missionary in the Brethren Church, was born April 18, 1909, at Stockton, Calif. His parents were members of the Turlock church nearby. Some time before he was 7 years old the Gribbles (James and Florence) visited for 3 weeks in the Morrill home. This visit and their work made a great impression on the boy.

At the age of 12 Curtis received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour under the ministry of Rev. Alva Long in a Church of the Brethren in Seattle, Wash., where the family was then living, after a few years' sojourn in Canada in the meantime. Later he was baptized by Brother Long. Later, under the ministry of Rev. Herbert Tay, at La Verne, Calif., he received the assurance of his salvation. At the age of 13 he offered himself publicly for foreign missionary work.

Brother Morrill graduated from high school at La Verne and then attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for a year. He received his B. A. degree from Ashland College and spent 2 years in the Ashland Theological Seminary and a summer term at Penn State University. He received his B. D. degree from Grace Theological Seminary while on furlough from Africa. He was ordained to the ministry at the La Verne church in 1934, with Pastor Archie Lynn and Dr. Louis S. Bauman officiating.

Prior to that he held a similar position at the Cedar Lake Christian Assembly.

Before entering upon this type of work Dr. McKee had been a song leader and evangelist. For some time he was associated with Dr. Henry Ostrom and Dr. Paul Rader, and later traveled in evangelistic work in charge of music for Gypsy Smith, Jr., and Dr. William Ward Ayer.

The editor of the local Warsaw Times-Union wrote: "Under the management of Arthur McKee, the



Curtis Morrill

In the late 1930s he, with his family, spent 1 term in missionary service in Africa, pioneering the Bekoro field. They began a return trip to Africa in 1941 aboard the ill-fated *Zam Zam*. Following this experience he pastored the Harrah, Wash., church for 3 years. He resigned this pastorate to return to Africa, but there was much delay in getting to the field. Finally he resigned from the Foreign Missionary Society as a missionary and went to California, where both he and his wife taught in a missionary training school. For some time he served as pastor of a community Presbyterian church at Cannon Beach, Oreg.

In addition to his work in the lumber camp at the time of his death, Morrill was teaching several Bible classes in Oregon and making plans to go to Panama as a translator of the Scriptures.

Besides his wife, the former Bertha Gwinner, whom he met at Ashland College, he leaves 4 children: Elaine, 16 years of age; Stephen, 13; Edith, 7; and Dwight, 5. The present address of Mrs. Morrill and the children is Box 245, Cannon Beach, Oreg.

Winona Christian Assembly had made rapid strides toward regaining the eminence of the days when great names of history stood in the footlights at Winona. He was the rare mixture of keen businessman and charitable Christian so seldom found today. He was devoted to his work. . . .

"Knowing as he did that death was always at his elbow and inevitable [he suffered from heart attacks], Art changed his pace not one whit. The Winona Christian Assembly will be hard put to replace such a man."



# REVERENCE IN OUR CHURCHES

BRETHREN BOOK CLUB

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By Rev. Stanley F. Hauser, Conemaugh, Pa.

"The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him" (Hab. 2:20).

Recently the subject of reverence in our churches was mentioned to me. I have been watching it for the past 10 years with keen interest, particularly as I have been privileged to visit among our various churches. This reference to it brought it to my attention again.

## *A Timely Illustration*

The other day my wife and I were visiting among our parishioners when this subject was discussed. The lady where we were visiting began something like this: "One evening I took my husband to church—he is not a member of our church. He noticed various groups of people gathered at the back of the church auditorium under the balcony; they were talking and laughing out loud as though the church was just another ordinary meeting place, rather than the house of the Lord."

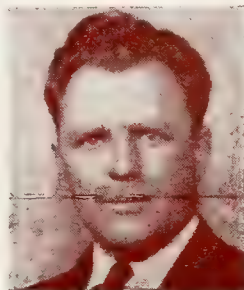
How careful we should be not to offend visitors and strangers who come to worship with us. Webster's Dictionary gives us one definition out of several that I believe is exceptionally good. Reverence is "profound respect mingled with love and awe."

## *An Omnipresent God*

Our churches should be held in high regard by all who enter. The people should hold within their hearts a love mingled with awe and respect because of the omnipresence of God. The presence of the Lord is manifest. It is God's house. Not that we should make a shrine of it as some do, but we need to remember that where God is, is holy ground. Even on the backside of the desert, the Angel of the Lord said to Moses: "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Then Moses hid his face (Ex. 3:5-6).

Our churches should be considered sacred places. We should enter them with solemnity and for the purpose of spiritual blessing and comfort. We should take our place in the pew with bowed head and heart and a

prayer for the one who breaks the "Bread of Life," as well as for those who worship with us. We go to church not to laugh aloud or joke, neither do we go to see what kind of a hat or dress Mrs. So-and-So is wearing, or what kind of shoes and



Rev. Stanley Hauser

suit Mr. So.-and-So has on, but for help in spiritual things and comfort as the Word of God is expounded.

## *A Reverent Preacher*

We do believe that reverence ought to control and rule the life and habits of the minister, especially as he enters his pulpit. No matter from which direction he enters, it should always be with dignity and reverence! Too often we personally have seen, and perhaps you have too, ministers coming to the church late. They hurry down the aisle, give one leap upon the platform, and with a loud announcement of a hymn, they open the evening service. This is not dignity! This is not reverence! This is not Christlike. Our churches will respond, we believe, to the exemplary life of the minister if he commands reverence in the pulpit.

Therefore let us always remember that our church is an edifice dedicated to win souls to Christ as well as for the edifying of the children of God. The self-existing One, the ever-present One is in our midst—Jehovah our Redeemer.

"In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works, in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you" (Tit. 2:7-8).

his advice and drifted into Clear Springs where his entire life was to be refashioned. His attitude toward life made it difficult to enter into the spirit of the hill folk of the Ozarks. He made few friends, but that was how he wanted it to be.

It was a long struggle before Mal overcame his bitterness, but he finally won the victory. Renewed fellowship with the Lord whom he had forsaken brought him peace and joy at last. With this came new friends, especially Mary whom he decided was different from any other woman he had ever known.

The descriptions of the Ozark region and its quaint hill people contribute much to the story. Its rapidly moving action, including an unexpected lawsuit, will hold your attention to the end. The author may already be known to many as the writer of "Give Me Thy Vineyard" and "Walkin' Preacher of the Ozarks." Price, \$3.—*Blaine Snyder.*

## REVIVALS THAT GO ON AND ON

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at Phoenix the Brethren Home Missions Council helped out splendidly. But many churches are not under the council. This summer we face a series of campaigns that will mean a deficit of at least \$1,500 above all that may come in the offerings. God knows how to help us. He is our refuge.

If some Bible class, brotherhood, or laymen's fellowship would take the cost of the Crusade revival songbooks, \$450, which we use in tent campaigns where there are no other songbooks, it would help a lot. We have just received them, and the bill for them!

Address the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, Box 28, Berne, Ind.

"Brother, have you won your soul for Christ yet this year?"

## HERALD CONTAINS BIBLE HELPS

"We wish to thank you for reminding us of the expiration of the Brethren Missionary Herald. . . . The paper has been a great blessing to us, with such fine Bible helps. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Abel, Columbus, Ind."

## HEAVEN'S MUSIC

"Oh, David, if only I had a harp or access to one. I do so want to play one now. It's hard to be comforted with the hope of playing one in heaven when I want that delight now."

Mother was pouring her heart's desire into the sympathetic ears of her son as they enjoyed a symphony concert together. A hauntingly beautiful harp solo caused that ever-burning flame to burst into a fire of intense longing. Her heartbeat quickened with the inspiration of the hour.

"I liked that solo too, Mother. I wish you could have a harp. We'd both learn to play. But where would we ever get the thousand dollars to buy one?"

With one swift stroke of amazing practicality Mother was jerked back to reality. Eight children do make a harp quite a remote possibility. Nor would money be the only factor involved here. For the sheer delight of plucking music from this loveliest of instruments Mother would take time from things less important, less satisfying. "If only I had a harp..." We usually do what we really want to do.

We do what we want to do! Mother stopped in her reverie as she realized how true this is in the realm of Christian experience. So many professing Christians seem to have no time or desire for certain church work yet are never too weary or busy for a dinner and visiting with mutual friends hours on end. Could this be because the heart's affection is divided? "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). Someday God will judge His children on the basis of their hearts' interests.

Then why fret after the unobtainable in this life, Mother? It is so much more important to pluck the harp strings of life which will render music sweet to the ears of your Father. Such music is treasure laid up for eternity. Let's do what we really want to do by wanting to do

the things which will redound to our Saviour's praise.

As she changed the linens on 8 beds, Mother tried to sing. But somehow the singing didn't come readily. The stretching and reaching around and across beds seemed to take so very much out of her today. As fast as the beds were stripped, the soiled linens were



dumped in the washing machine. While soap and water did their part in keeping this family clean, Mother struggled with the clean sheets. At least in this warm weather there are no blankets to lug around and throw across the beds. Two phone calls, crackers at "recess" time for the 3 little ones, a chase after the baby, who had manipulated the gate to free herself from the confines of the porch, a caller, had punctuated the

all-too-short morning hours. By noon the babies were hungry and fretful and Mother was hard-pressed to keep her equilibrium.

Why do I have to be so bound to the mundane things of life? Why is it that most everything I do has to be done *in spite* of circumstances rather than *because* of helpful influences? Why so many extreme disciplines in life?

Now the babies were in bed. Mother took some 30 minutes to possess her soul in the quietness of God's presence. "I know that my redeemer liveth" (John 19:25). "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isa. 30:15). "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright" (Psa. 33:1). Mother, when you complain you are not contributing one note of praise to heaven's music. Who are you to question God's judgments and leadings in your life? Keeping all those beds clean isn't exactly a Sunday school picnic, but haven't you often said you are so thankful each of your children has a bed of his own? Sure it is work to keep clean, but what sweeter perfume has ever graced your home than that of freshly washed clothes? So sing a song of praise, Mother, for all those mundane things of which God has made you custodian. There is praise in a freshly scrubbed and shining little girl and boy. And as you scrub them and their apparel never forget to cleanse their hearts and minds with the water of life so that they will ever sing songs of heaven's music.

"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee" (Psa. 145:10).

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### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Temple City, Calif.	June 17-July 5..	Leo Polman.....	R. Paul Miller.
Ashland, Ohio....	June 19-21.....	Miles Taber.....	Joseph Dombek.
Osceola, Ind.....	June 28-July 5..	.....	Dudley Long.
Alto, Mich.....	July 3-5.....	Earl Funderburg..	Conard Sandy.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	R. Paul Miller.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First) .....	July 12-19.....	Gordon Bracker..	Harold Kattman.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 12-14.....	Charles Mayes....	Herman Hoyt.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.

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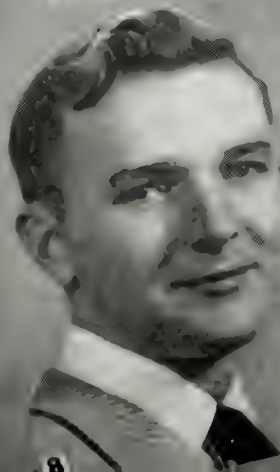


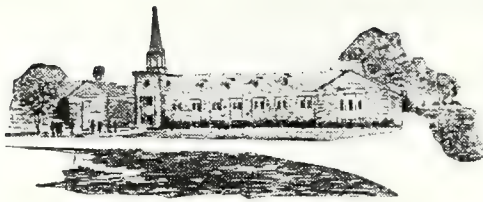


Why  
We're  
Coming  
to  
Grace  
College



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# EDITORIALS

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

## Vacations Cost Money

Elsewhere in the magazine this week there appears a very frank statement by our financial secretary, Dr. James L. Boyer. If Grace Theological Seminary and its ministry mean anything to you, it is probably the first article you should read. This is the vacation period for many people all over the country, and this summer many will find that vacations cost money—that a vacation represents the most expensive time of the whole year. Perhaps most of us have not realized that this is true of Grace Seminary. It would appear that, with school out, there should be very little expense at such an institution. But this is not the case. During the summer the school must spend more money on publicity than at any other season of the year. Such publicity includes not only magazine advertisements, but also the school catalog, leaflets, etc. This year, because of the advance steps taken in the college division, the expense has been unusually heavy. It has been justified, however, for young people are being attracted to Grace. Then, much of the work in the way of campus improvements must be done in the summertime, and these, too, are expensive. Salaries must also be cared for. So, you see, vacations cost money. Will you join us in praying about this need? It may be wise for you to take a vacation this summer, but don't let that little yellow envelope for the monthly finance plan take one. Remember, vacations cost money!

## New Monthly-Plan Envelopes

New envelopes for the dollar-a-month plan are now being printed and should be available at your church soon. It has been deemed wise by the executive committee of the board and the administration to send out only sufficient envelopes to last until the end of the year. At that time new sets will be sent out in time to make it possible for most churches to distribute them along with their own boxes of weekly offering envelopes. In the meantime be sure to get your supply of seminary envelopes for the next six months. When they arrive, use yours immediately. Your help just now will be greatly appreciated.

## New Dormitory Facilities

An important announcement of genuine interest appears on the back cover of the magazine this week. The securing of such excellent dormitory facilities for our students represents a real answer to prayer and is cause

for heartfelt praise to the Lord. Read about it, and rejoice with us.

## The Ministry of the Grace Trumpeters

Your editor has been enjoying some thrilling experiences during the past month as he has traveled with the Grace Trumpeters on their nine-weeks summer tour of churches, young people's camps, and conferences. It is evident that our churches desire such teams, for an avalanche of invitations came from every direction. We



Dr. Paul Bauman  
(above) and the  
Grace Trumpeters

are sorry that it was not possible for the trumpeters to include the churches of the Pacific coast in their itinerary this year, but plans for such a trip next summer are already being considered. From the State of Iowa east, no church is intentionally being missed during these nine weeks. In a few cases geographic location or lack of an open evening forbade the possibility of a service. Often it has been necessary to have as many as five churches join together in a rally so that all could share in the ministry of the group. The talent of these men is being greatly appreciated, and they are being graciously used of the Lord wherever they go. Everywhere we have been most graciously received, and people could not be more hospitable. Best of all, lives have been touched for the Lord, and a number of young people will be coming to Grace because of the summer's tour.

Pray for the Grace Trumpeters as they continue their

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work through the entire month of July. Pray also for the young people who are facing decisions affecting their whole future.

### **Five Professors on Pacific Coast**

The West is experiencing a veritable invasion of seminary professors during June and July. Five members of the faculty have gone or will go to the coast for one purpose or another. Dr. McClain is engaged in several Bible conferences in southern California, returning to Winona Lake about August 1. Dr. Hoyt is to appear at the California district conference in Long Beach, and in other churches of the area. Prof. John Whitcomb took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Edisene Hanson. They were united in marriage at the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach on June 7. Dr. McClain officiated, assisted by Rev. George Peek, pastor. On August 1 at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Prof. Homer Kent, Jr., will be united in marriage to Miss Beverly Page. Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., will perform the ceremony, assisted by Dr. Charles Mayes.

### **MAYNARD TITTLES LOSE CHILD**

Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Tittle recently suffered the loss of their infant child, David Michael, after the brief sojourn on earth of three days. The little one's body was laid to rest in a rural cemetery near Columbia City, Ind., following a brief funeral service held in the funeral parlor of the latter place. Dr. Homer Kent, of Winona Lake, was in charge.

Many will recall that Brother Tittle was a member of the seminary graduating class of 1952 and since that time has been pastoring a church in Culver, Ind. Mrs. Tittle at various times has done secretarial work in the seminary office. The child which the Lord has seen fit to take unto Himself was their only child. Deepest sympathies are extended to our brother and sister in this time of their deep sorrow by their many friends.—H. A. K.

### **LONG HALL AT SEMINARY BUILDING**



Most people who have not actually visited the seminary building underestimate its size. This hall, 117 feet long, separates the chapel (the doors of which may be seen at the far end) from the library.

### **CLOUGH-HAWKINS WEDDING**

Ruth Elizabeth Clough and LeRoy Hawkins were united in marriage the evening of Saturday, May 16, at 7:30 o'clock in a beautiful double-ring ceremony held at the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. The



*Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy F. Hawkins*

ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. William H. Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif. The latter was assisted by Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the Fort Wayne church. The bridal pair both attended Grace Seminary the past year, the bride in the graduate division and the groom in the collegiate division. They plan to live in Winona Lake in order that study may be continued.

### **THE BIBLE AND THE BRETHREN CHURCH**

The propagation and study of the Word of God are vitally related to the history of the Brethren Church. One of the major marks of the infant movement was its attention to the reading and study of the Scriptures. Did you know the following facts which illustrate this truth? That Alexander Mack, the founder of the Brethren, was one of the collaborators and editors of the famed Berleberg Bible which became the Bible of all the German pietists? That the text read by Mack on the occasion of the first baptism in Schwarzenau was Luke 14:16-33, the cost of discipleship? That a Brethren press, the Sower Press of Germantown, produced the first American Bible in a foreign tongue (1743)? That the first Bible on American-made paper (1763) and the first printed from American type (1776) rolled from this same press? That perhaps the first Sunday school literature of the new colonies was a series of small cards containing Scripture references in the German language for memorization by students in Brethren Sunday schools? There was ample reason, then, why the leaders of the early church chose as their motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."—*Ralph W. Gilbert.*

# 1953 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

## Graduation Speaker

### Baccalaureate Speaker

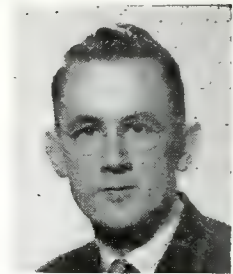


Rev. Miles H. Taber  
Ashland, Ohio



Dr. Allan A. MacRae  
Faith Theological Seminary

### Class Speaker



Ivan H. French  
Magna cum laude

## By Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

The 16th annual session of Grace Theological Seminary came to a close with the graduation service on Friday evening, May 15, at 7:30 o'clock. The service was held in the spacious lower auditorium of the seminary building, recently equipped with an acoustical tile ceiling to facilitate such gatherings. A capacity crowd of families and friends filled the main auditorium and the two adjoining rooms.

### Graduation Service

The academic processions, which included all the students of the school and the faculty, formed on the main and second floors of the building, and then marched to the platform as the congregation stood to honor them. The piano processional was played by Mrs. Beatrice Horne, wife of a member of the graduating class.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Lester E. Pifer (class of '47), pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio. After the singing of the hymn, "Amazing Grace," under the direction of Donald Ogden, instructor of music in the seminary, the Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Earl Umbaugh (class of '43), Baptist pastor from Gary, Ind. The annual seminary announcements were made by Rev. William A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and president of the seminary board of trustees. He recounted the blessings of God upon the school in a financial way,

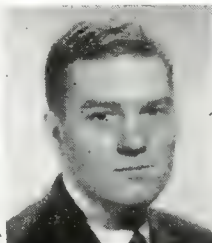
and announced that 16 months have been completed on the building amortization plan. The inauguration of a third year of collegiate work in September, with the fourth year to be added in 1954, was revealed. Announcement also was made of the retention of all the current faculty for the coming year, and of the promotion of several faculty members. Following the congregational singing of "Immanuel's Land," Rev. William J. Sweeting, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Ind., offered the evening prayer. Before the graduation address, the Grace Trumpeters, composed of Edwin Cashman, Harold Westing, and Edward Smith, played "Saved by Grace." This trio and their accompanist, David Halvorsen, will be traveling with Dr. Bauman during June and July in the interests of Grace Seminary.

The graduation address was delivered by Dr. Allan A. MacRae, president of Faith Theological Seminary. He traced God's dealings with men as outlined in Isaiah 24, and encouraged the graduates to fortify themselves by recognizing the Adversary. Immediately following this address, William Short, president of the senior class, presented an IBM electric typewriter to the seminary on behalf of the graduating class. Prof. Herbert Bess accepted this gift on behalf of the faculty and administration.

Dr. Homer A. Kent then announced the honor grad-



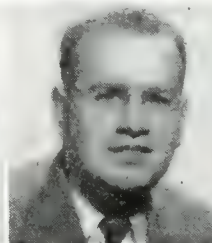
Thomas Inman  
Summa cum laude



Robert Belt  
Magna cum laude



Glen Schwenk  
Magna cum laude



Wayne Snider  
Cum laude



Sibley Edmiston  
Cum laude



Richard Tevebaugh  
Cum laude





(Left) Dr. McClain presiding at Graduation Service. (Right) Dr. MacRae delivering address.

uates of this year's class. Thomas Inman received the award *Summa cum laude*. Ivan H. French, Robert W. Belt, and Glen F. Schwenk received the award *Magna cum laude*. Wayne Snider, Sibley M. Edmiston, and Richard D. Tevebaugh received the award *Cum laude*. Prof. John C. Whitcomb spoke in recognition of these honors.

Dean Herman A. Hoyt next presented the candidates for graduation to President Alva J. McClain, who conferred the degrees and diplomas on behalf of the board of trustees. Dr. McClain was assisted by Vice President Paul Bauman and Registrar Homer A. Kent.

In the collegiate division, Charles M. Horne received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Horne has the distinction of being the first to receive the A. B. degree from Grace Seminary collegiate division.

In the graduate or seminary division, 36 students received diplomas and degrees. Eileen Mueller Sellers received the Christian Education diploma. Mary Elizabeth Dukeshire and Dorothy Muriel Robinson received the Master of Religious Education degree.

The Theological Diploma was awarded to Alvin Freedly Showalter and William Franklin Wiles.

Six students were given the Bachelor of Theology degree: Burton Louis Bartling, Harold G. Bunch, Richard P. DeArmey, Sibley Marvin Edmiston, Phillip Jackson Simmons, and Scott L. Weaver.

Twenty-two students received the Bachelor of Divinity degree: Frank Archer Baum, Robert William Belt, Donald E. Bishop, George E. Cone, Jr., Garth Dalmain Congdon, Donald Wilson Farner, William Richard Foster, Ivan Harry French, Roy Edgar Glass, Jr., Donald Robert Griffith, Frank Thomas Inman, George Lawrence Lawlor, Victor Hilbert Meyers, R. Paul Miller, Jr., Harold Francis Morr, William Russell Ogden, Glen Frederick Schwenk, William Frederick Short, Glenn Ellsworth Smouse, Robert Wayne Snider, Richard Delmar Tevebaugh, and Raymond Walter Thompson.

Three students were awarded the Master of Theology

degree: Stephen Herbert Bess, Robert George Delnay, and John Clement Whitcomb, Jr. The above groups constitute the largest number ever to take diplomas and degrees in the seminary division.

In addition, the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, was bestowed upon two men by the faculty upon the authority of the board of trustees. Those receiving these degrees were Rev. William A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and Rev. Luther L. Grubb, general secretary of the Home Missions Council of the Brethren Church.



Rev. W. A. Ogden



Rev. L. L. Grubb

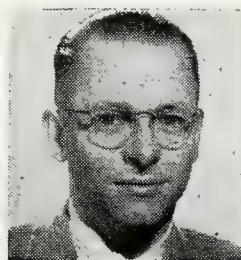
**AWARDED  
DOCTOR OF  
DIVINITY  
DEGREES**

Following the singing of a hymn, the service was concluded with prayer and benediction by Rev. Ward Miller (class of '46), pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind., and a brother of one of the graduates. After the service, the graduates were greeted by their friends at the front of the auditorium.

*Collegiate Banquet*

Commencement activities were initiated by the collegiate division banquet, held Tuesday evening, May 5, at the Eskimo Inn. Toastmaster Ed Smith introduced the various elements of the program and told a few stories

**MEN AWARDED  
MASTER OF THEOLOGY  
DEGREE**



*Left to right—*  
S. Herbert Bess  
Robert G. Delnay  
John C. Whitcomb, Jr.





*The camera records two views of the Graduation Service.*

of his own. Special music was furnished by Miss Beverly Page and by the Grace Trumpeters. The climax of the evening was the inspirational message by Dr. William J. Sweeting, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Ind.

#### *Middler-Senior Banquet*

The middler-senior banquet was held on Friday evening, May 8, at the Eskimo Inn. This banquet, planned by the middler class to honor the seniors, was attended by the entire student body and faculty with their families. Joel Kettenring as master of ceremonies guided the activities of the evening. The banquet was climaxed by a most helpful and appropriate address by Dr. Torrey Johnson, pastor of the Midwest Bible Church of Chicago, Ill., upon the subject, "He Was a Burning and a Shining Light" (John 5:35).

#### *Class Day Service*

The annual Class Day service was held in the chapel of Grace Seminary, in conjunction with the Sunday-morning service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church on May 10. The graduating class had full charge of the service and wore their academic regalia. William Short, president of the senior class, presided over the service, and various members of the class participated. The class sermon was delivered by Ivan French, president of the student body, who spoke from I Thessalonians 2:4 on the subject, "Put in Trust with the Gospel." This impressive service was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience of families and friends.

#### *Baccalaureate Service*

The baccalaureate service was conducted on the evening of Class Day in the lower auditorium of the seminary. The student body and graduates marched in academic procession to the front of the auditorium, and the graduates then took their places on the platform. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the West 10th Street Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. Three men from his congregation are members of the 1953 graduating class. He spoke most helpfully from John 10.

#### *Communion Service*

A communion service for all the graduates and their families, and the faculty, was held on Wednesday evening, May 13, in the seminary lounge. Fifty-four persons attended this impressive gathering, which was directed and explained most clearly by Dr. McClain. Many

testified of the blessing of God during their seminary careers.

With these meaningful activities, the 1952-53 seminary year came to an impressive close. Every student and faculty member is grateful to the Lord for all His blessings, and to the many friends in the Brethren Church and elsewhere whose prayers and gifts have made this year possible. We ask your continued prayers that the accomplishments of this school year will bear fruit for the glory of our Saviour in the years to come.

### FIRST GRADUATE OF COLLEGE DIVISION

By Charles M. Horne

*Note: Mr. Horne is the first student to be graduated with the A. B. degree from the college division of Grace Theological Seminary. Having received part of his training in a New York school, Mr. Horne entered the college division in 1949. He has therefore had an opportunity to experience something of the development of the college division to the well-organized school it is today. His testimony is appreciated.*

I indeed consider it one of the greatest privileges of my life to be the first student to graduate from the college division of Grace Theological Seminary. In this day and age in which mankind has become more than ever before educationally minded, there is a tremendous need for genuine Christian scholarship, for that scholarship which does not have its roots firmly embedded in a Biblical philosophy of education will inevitably produce diabolical results in the realm of the social, political, economical, moral, religious, and scientific endeavors of the human race. Christ must be at the center of all education if that education is to be truly worth while.



Charles Horne

Having said this, I can honestly and sincerely affirm that the college division of Grace Theological Seminary has met that need in a very efficient manner. Every class period is opened with a word of prayer. All the professors reflect a deep spiritual and Biblical appreciation for the subject under discussion no matter whether that subject be secular or sacred, if indeed such a distinction be ultimately valid. I shall never cease to praise the Lord for the excellent training which I have received in what I believe to be one of the country's finest educational institutions.



# WHY WE'RE COMING TO GRACE COLLEGE

(THE COLLEGIATE DIVISION OF GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY)

*Note: The following testimonies were written by the first students to enroll in the September class of the college division. Pictures of these students appear on the front cover. Each may be identified by the number appearing with the picture on the cover and on this page beside the name.—Ed.*

## FROM WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

It has been my privilege to live in Winona Lake and see Grace College grow from the very beginning. I have associated with the young people who attend it and have listened to their discussion of its virtues and its faults, of the classes they attend and the professors who teach them. I have watched the lives of its students and have been deeply impressed by their love for the Lord and their growth in grace and the knowledge of His Word. Such daily observations as these have been used of the Lord to lead me in making my own choice of a school. I am enrolling at Grace.—*Mary Bauman* (No. 1 on front cover).

## FROM LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN

There are many reasons why I chose to attend Grace College next fall. The most important, however, are the Spirit-filled and competent leaders it has, its spiritual environment because of its association with Grace Seminary, the practical experience I may receive, the fine academic training it offers, and the complete Bible training I can obtain along with the secular subjects which make up my college course.—*Marlene Shoemaker* (2).

## FROM GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

We read in God's Word that He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. How true is the depth of this statement, when I ponder the events in my life since I became a Christian. Little did I realize three years ago, since Christ saved me and led me to the Greensburg Bible Institute, that after graduating He would direct me to Grace College.

God through His divine providence had led Bro. G. L. Lawlor, a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, to the Greensburg Bible Institute, where he presently teaches English Bible and Greek. Being taught by the Holy Spirit through Brother Lawlor, God had revealed to me that the training he had received was of a high spiritual standard which produced a deep love, unwavering faith, and devotion to God's Word. These qualities constantly exalted Christ, the "Living Word."

In a short period of time these qualities were being incorporated in my Christian life through the Holy Spirit and, unaware at the time, God was showing me that the Grace College was the school of His choice for me. To Him I give all the praise and glory for His wonderful love, faithfulness, and His inexhaustible grace and mercy.—*Nickolas Kurtaneck* (3).

## FROM WATERLOO, IOWA

I believe it was a calling from God that I have further Christian training after graduation. I know definitely now that it is God's will that I go to Grace College this fall. I know that the training received there will not only be of high academic value, but will strengthen my spiritual life.—*Rozella Jean Lawrence* (4).

## FROM SALEM, OREGON

"Be prepared" is the modern password. Education is recognized as essential in all secular professions. I believe that a sound education is as necessary and beneficial to a Christian as it is to a businessman of the world. The tragedy is that all too few schools of higher education are spiritually fit even for attendance, and fewer still are capable of strengthening one's Christian life. But after considering a number of Christian colleges, I decided Grace College was one of the most fundamentally sound and still scholastically capable schools in our land. Therefore, I made application to Grace and urge others to meet me there in the fall.—*Bill Hoff* (5).

## FROM WATERLOO, IOWA

This fall I will enter the college division of Grace Theological Seminary to study God's Word along with the subjects needed for my secular education in preparation for the full-time Christian ministry. I am going to Grace College because I know it to be a school devoted to the teaching of its subjects from the point of view which holds the Bible to be God's inspired Word to man. Here is a school fully sold on Jesus Christ, and I am looking forward to learning from its great faculty.—*Bill Powell* (6).

## FROM MEYERSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

I chose Grace College because I wanted to attend a school which is directed and taught by men of God. Grace College will give me the spiritual food I need and at the same time prepare me for my future life in His service.—*Glenda Minnear* (7).

## FROM HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Although I am not yet sure just what God has planned for me, I feel as though I should be in some type of service for my Lord. Since Grace College has the reputation of being one of the finest fundamental Christian schools in the country, I want to take advantage of this opportunity for training to serve Him.—*Howard P. Stickler, Jr.* (8).

## FROM MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

As the lack of good fundamental training among Christian workers today was the main reason why I felt called to serve, it was very necessary that I find a true fundamental college. After careful consideration and prayer, I decided that Grace College—part of one of the finest fundamental seminaries—was the school.—*Jacques Crapuchettes* (9).

## FROM WILLIAMSPORT, MARYLAND

II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." I thank the Lord that He has led me to prepare for His service at Grace College, where the WHOLE BIBLE is taught.—*Marvin E. Lowery* (10).

# GRACE SEMINARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary

It is characteristic of the Lord's dealings with His people that He always gives abundant cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving but never gives so much that we need not ask or depend on Him for more. This has been our experience at Grace Seminary through this past year.

## One Year Ago

As you may recall, about a year ago our financial need had become so severe that we came to you with an urgent request for prayer and launched the dollar-a-month plan for regularly providing the needs of the school. The Lord has answered your prayers and richly blessed us with a very generous response to the dollar-a-month appeal, so that from then until now our every need has been taken care of. We ask you to join us in praise and thanksgiving for His unfailing goodness.

## Our Present Situation

But past blessings will not suffice for the present. Again we must come to you with our need, and again solicit your prayers and your help. While your gifts throughout these past months have been very good, yet our expenses too have been high. This past month our expenses were the highest they have ever been. At the same time the income for the month of May dropped away down. Gifts were less than half what they were the month before, only one-third as much as two months ago, the lowest they have been since last fall when the dollar-a-month plan was getting started. The high expenses and low income combined to cut our operating balance dangerously low, so low in fact that we began the month of June with only about half enough to see us through the month. Of course, the offerings which come in this month will help out, but June is usually a

rather poor month for seminary gifts. As you can see, we are facing a very serious need at the present time.

## What Can We Do?

We can, first of all, pray about it. Perhaps we have all been guilty of neglecting prayer for the seminary because the Lord has been providing so well over the past months. In the time of need we call upon Him, then when He answers and provides we are prone to forget. Perhaps He lets the need arise again in order to prompt us to pray. The seminary needs more than money, it needs also spiritual guidance, grace, gifts. When we pray for the one we pray for the other also. When we stop praying for the one there is a danger that we stop praying for the other also. So please join us in prayer.

Then, we can all get behind the dollar-a-month plan with renewed purpose. It is impossible to tell what a help this plan has been to us this year, and we are expecting it to continue to maintain the support of the school. Right now, however, it seems to have been neglected a bit. Perhaps some of the churches have failed to send the money in promptly. May we urge you to send in *immediately* all money on hand for the seminary, to help us out in our need and to get it in so it will be included in this year's report. Our books will close July 31.

## WHAT GRACE COLLEGE HAS MEANT TO ME

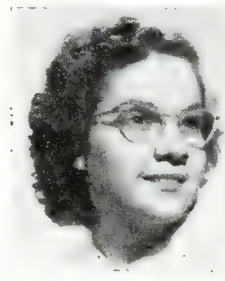
By Mary Ringler, Johnstown, Pa.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8: 28). During the past two years at Grace College I have found this to be so. Whenever problems and trials have come into my life the Lord has been near to comfort and cheer.

There are many things for which I am thankful. First, for the teachers who have dedicated their lives fully and completely to the Lord and His service. Then for the instruction we receive in secular subjects and from God's Word and for the wonderful chapel services through which we are brought closer to our precious Saviour. Christian fellowship is another blessing which we will never be able to forget.

I am thankful for the Christians who have supported Grace College with their prayers and gifts. God bless you for your faithfulness.

I want to express my personal appreciation to the faculty and student body for their kindness shown to me at the time of my illness and bereavement. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psa. 46:1).



Mary Ringler

## GRACE SEMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT—MAY 1953

Alexandria, Va. ....	\$26.00	North English, Iowa ...	\$9.00
Altoona, Pa. (First) ...	20.00	Paramount, Calif. ....	47.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	6.00	Peru, Ind. ....	16.05
Ankenytown, Ohio ....	20.00	Portland, Oreg. ....	6.00
Beaumont, Calif. ....	8.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	19.00
Bell, Calif. ....	16.00	Roanoke, Va. (W. Hgts.)	16.90
Bellflower, Calif. ....	55.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	10.00
Canton, Ohio ....	72.00	South Bend, Ind. ....	8.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...	17.00	S. Pasadena, Calif. ...	4.00
Clay City, Ind. ....	25.00	Sterling, Ohio ....	53.00
Cleveland, Ohio ....	20.00	Summit Mills, Pa. ....	25.00
Covington, Va. ....	1.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	2.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ..	2.00	Troy, Ohio ....	12.00
Danville, Ohio ....	15.00	Uniontown, Pa. ....	12.00
Everett, Pa. ....	14.00	Waterloo, Iowa ....	315.25
Fremont, Ohio ....	253.10	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	44.00
Garwin, Iowa ....	16.00	Whittier, Calif. ....	83.00
Glendale, Calif. ....	41.00	Whittier, Calif. (Spec.)	15.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....	104.90	Winchester, Va. ....	44.00
Harrah, Wash. ....	7.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	118.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	10.00	Winona Lake (Special)	4.00
Huntington, Ind. ....	10.00	Yakima, Wash. ....	11.00
Jackson, Mich. ....	3.00	Yellow Creek, Pa. ....	25.50
Johnstown, Pa. ....	32.00	York, Pa. ....	20.00
Lake Odessa, Mich. ...	18.00	Miscellaneous .....	
La Verne, Calif. ....	82.00	Non-Brethren .....	99.00
Limestone, Tenn. ....	7.00	Special .....	50.00
Long Beach, Calif. ....	509.40		
Long Beach, Calif. 2d.	457.00		3,056.25
Los Angeles, Calif. 1st.	53.00		
Los Angeles, Calif. 3d.	8.15	General Fund .....	2,987.25
Middlebranch, Ohio ...	14.00	Designated .....	69.00
Mundy's Corner, Pa. ...	18.00		
New Troy, Mich. ....	27.00		3,056.25





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Pastor James G. Dixon, of the Washington, D. C., church, plans to conduct rallies in the midwest area in behalf of the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church July 13-August 23.

Mrs. Mary Smith, of the Cleveland, Ohio, church, observed her 80th birthday June 7.

Because of the illness of Pastor John M. Aeby, the pulpit of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church was filled June 7 by Missionary Hill Macconaghy and June 14 by Mrs. Rose A. Foster.

Bro. W. A. Parmenter, stepfather of Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, died early in May. The funeral and burial were in charge of Rev. William Fritz, pastor of the Canaan, Ohio, Lutheran Church. Burial was at Canaan.

Mrs. Delia B. Kelly, member of the Ashland, Ohio, church, died recently. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Miles Taber on June 6.

The Ashland, Ohio, church licensed Harold Morr and Don Farner in connection with the evening service May 31. Brother Morr then preached at his home church June 7.

Mrs. Gladys Carriens, of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, died June 7.

The Dayton, Ohio, First church, pastored by William A. Steffler, will be host to the Wheaton College Gospel Heralds on July 1.

The Johnstown, Pa., First church, pastored by Dr. William A. Ogden, recognized publicly the 32d anniversary of Prof. John Lloyd Jones as music director in the church.

Homer Cober, of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died June 10.

Emlyn Jones, Jr., of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, graduated with highest honors from Immanuel College of the Bible, Wheeling, W.

Va. He completed the 4-year course in 3 years. He plans to enter Grace Seminary for further training.

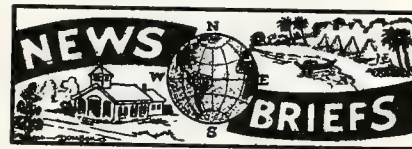
Donnie Knight, of the San Bernardino, Calif., church, died June 4.

Lowell Hoyt has resigned as pastor of the Denver, Colo., church and Thomas Inman, recent Grace Seminary graduate, has accepted the pastorate effective July 1.

Miss Adda Saylor, for many years a member of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church and more recently a member of the church at South Pasadena, died early in June at her home in Alhambra, Calif.

Bro. Curtis Mitchell preached for the pastorless Bellflower, Calif., church June 7. This church was host to the local WCTU for a covered-dish luncheon and meeting June 12.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, pastored by Clyde G. Balyo, plans to be host to the Bob Jones Brass Ensemble on July 1.



Nancy Weber, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Russell H. Weber, of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, was the pianist for the city-wide evangelistic campaign conducted in Harrisburg by Dr. Robert Wells.

The Clayton, Ohio, church, pastored by Clair Brickel, held a 2-week daily vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 69 and an average attendance of 56. An offering of \$59 was given to foreign missions.

The pastorless La Verne, Calif., church heard Rev. Bruce Button on May 24, Rev. Jack Green on May 31, and Rev. Herbert Tay on June 7. Howard Schrock, of the local church, leads the prayer meetings.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church gave its pastor, Dennis I. Holliday, a call to continue with the church for another year. Rev. Norman Camp preached there June 14. This church conducted a daily summer Bible school with an average attendance of 154, with 19 of the juniors and intermediates receiving Christ as Saviour.

Bro. Sibley Edmiston, recent Grace Seminary graduate, preached at the Long Beach, Calif., Second church—

#### Additions to Membership

Ashland, Ohio ..... 2  
Osceola, Ind. .... 3  
Wooster, Ohio ..... 2

#### Public Confessions

San Bernardino, Calif. .... 3  
Waynesboro, Pa. .... 19

#### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights) .. 2

#### Dedication of Babies

Chambersburg, Pa. (Pond Bank) 2  
Hagerstown, Md. .... 2  
Spokane, Wash. .... 1  
Wooster, Ohio ..... 2

his home church—June 14, according to a report from Pastor George M. Peek.

Nora E. Foss, of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, died June 1.

Charles Course, of the Long Beach, Calif., Second church, was selected as the most valuable tennis player at Long Beach City College for the current school year.

Peter Michael was born to Rev. and Mrs. C. Wayne Croker, Cheyenne, Wyo., June 2.

The Chambersburg, Pa., Pond Bank church, pastored by Edward Clark, conducted special meetings May 25-31 under the leadership of Pastor Phillip J. Simmons, of Altoona. This church recently elected John W. Ritchey and Robert Cordell to the office of deacon.

Pastor Gerald Polman, York, Pa., trained the 197-voice choir for the York County Key to Life Crusade under the direction of Dr. Jesse Hendley and Rev. Stratton Shufelt.

The following address changes are effective as of July 1—

Pastor Lester Smitley to 855 Chestnut St., Parkersburg, W. Va. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

Pastor J. Ward Tressler, the new pastor of the Altoona, Pa., Grace church, to 225 Seventh Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa., tel. 9720. (Change Annual, p. 72.)

Pastor W. Russell Ogden to 1234 E. Bronson St., South Bend, Ind. (Change Annual, p. 70.)

Pastor Ward A. Miller, the new pastor of the Whittier, Calif., Community Brethren Church, to 8100 S. Vicki Dr., Whittier, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 70.)



If you are a normal Christian, you have undoubtedly thought much about your own church as to its growth and progress. In many churches progress seems slow and difficult. Many churches need a revival, but no real reviving ever seems to come no matter who the pastor is or who is called as the evangelist. And so the question goes up in churches all across the land: "Why is there so little progress in our church?"

It would be folly to suggest that there is one complete, all-sufficient answer to the difficulty. But in many instances there is positive indication that the trouble lies in the fact that there are many stunted Christians in our congregations.

While in college I met a splendid young man who was a vocal student. He had already been approached by many of America's finest musical organizations with splendid offers. Everyone liked him, but all felt sorry for him. This man had many superiorities, but he had a left arm that never grew after he had sustained an injury while in junior high school. We felt sorry for him, for he was physically stunted.

There is much mental sickness and disease today. We all know of men and women old in years, and perhaps mature in body, who have minds equivalent to a 5- or 6-year-old. We look upon these mentally stunted and turn aside with tears in our eyes and say, "What a pity!"

Most of us are not stunted physically or mentally, and for this we can praise the good Lord. But, brethren, there are thousands in our churches who are spiritually stunted. And the tragedy is, there are only a few who realize this to be true and shed tears because of the situation. Many do not even care about this problem, for they are busy spending their time gossiping, backbiting, and slandering.

It is an undeniable fact that there is much spiritual stuntedness in every congregation. But we are interested in knowing why this is true. In order to really get at the root of the problem, we must trace the three major stages in the life of many Christians.

## I. *The Birth and Early Life of the Christian.*

Every child that comes into this

world is born by means of processes in nature which have been ordained by God. The written account in the Bible concerning the birth of Cain gives us a splendid example of this. "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain" (Gen. 4:1). We can stop here just long enough to note with what ease and simplicity the truth concerning a great question is given. Parents will find it much easier to tell their inquisitive children the truth about human conception than a falsehood.

Another detail must be given about this physical birth which we could desire to leave out. Adam and Eve were sinners. And Genesis 5:3 states that Adam "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." The image



Prof. Tamkin

of the father had been marred with sin. And every child who comes into this world has a sinful nature.

Moving on with the story of the birth and early life of the Christian we see that all those who have been born physically need to be born a second time that they might have spiritual life. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Here is the great line that divides the human race. Some live physically, but never live spiritually. The Christian has this new life and has come into a proper relationship with God. The young Christian is happy with the knowledge that although the first birth ends in death after threescore and ten years, the second birth gives assurance of spiritual life forever.

There is another important Biblical fact concerning the one who has just come to know Christ as Saviour. This new spiritual life is begun with a period of spiritual childhood. He is just an infant, and this should never be forgotten.

We know that he is to have the diet of a child. I Peter 2:2 says: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." How difficult it is for the pastor to give a balanced diet to the congregation! There must be both milk and meat in each meal from the Word that all might grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour.

Information is also given to us about the *intelligence* of the babe in Christ. In child psychology we learn that a trained doctor can ascertain the intelligence of a baby only a few days after it has been born. This is also true of God's child. Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (Matt. 11:25). How it thrills our hearts to see young Christians understanding great truths concerning God, sin, hell, and heaven that the wisest of this world cannot fathom.

We know certain details about the *character* of the young Christian. An infant is only interested in himself. He does not care if his mother or his aunt is holding him, and it makes little difference to him if he is at home or in Uncle John's mansion. But he is really interested in having enough food, and in being warm, and in having comfortable clothes. As the infant grows older he becomes more interested in others and in their desires. The same is true of the Christian. After he is born again there is usually much of self remaining. Paul said to the Corinthian Christians: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ" (I Cor. 3:1). These Christians had been saved for some time, but they were carnal, or fleshly. They were not very spiritual as yet. Soon the child of God, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the teaching of the Word, begins to build a strong spiritual life. Then his attention begins to turn from self to Him.

Brethren, perhaps we who are older in the faith expect too much of young Christians. We did not see the truth about the separated life, tithing, the need for personal devotions, the moment we were saved. These things are accomplished in the life of the believer over a period of



time and under the continued ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Last of all, let me remind you that the Bible has something to say as to the *position* of the new-born child of God in the congregation. He is now a member of the family of God and should be treated as such by all believers, no matter what his past life has been. But he should not be given an office in the church immediately although he is a member of the church. Those who would hold any elective or appointive office in the church should "first be proved" (I Tim. 3:8-10). Many times we adopt this unspiritual philosophy: "Give him a job so that he will be faithful and interested in the work." That is not God's method. God says, "Prove him first, then give him a job." This period of observing the infant believer often reveals those who are merely professors, and not possessors.

Our discussion to this point has been of the birth and early life of the Christian. A man is born the first time through natural processes, and then finds Christ as Saviour and is born again spiritually. He enters upon this new spiritual life as a child, having the diet, intelligence, character, and position of a child. Let us move on to the second stage.

## II. *The Development of a Christian.*

All of us like to watch babies as they go through the various interesting and amusing stages of life. You have heard many mothers say, "Oh, if he would only stay a baby a little longer!" But there is not a mother alive who would want to carry around an infant who has remained such year after year. The mother loves to see the growth and development, and if it is not apparent, the baby will be taken to a doctor. How much more true is this of the spiritual realm. God wants His children to grow and develop in every way.

There are three *instruments bringing about Christian growth*. The first of these is the Word of God. The human baby drinks milk for a time, but then goes on to a diet of solid food. The Word of God is spiritual food for believers in all stages. It would have to be so. Peter was told by Christ to feed both the lambs and the sheep. He had no food to give them but the Word. The lambs need milk, speaking of the fundamental truths of the faith which need to be understood. The

## ON PRAYER-MEETING NIGHT

'Twas a prayer-meeting night,  
And God's house was alight;  
The preacher and God met in prayer.  
'Twas a sweet time indeed  
For the preacher to feed  
On the blessings which God gave him there.

But the serious fact  
Was the terrible lack  
Of the children of God who weren't there;  
Satisfied with one's self  
With a home and some wealth,  
They forgot when the time came for prayer.

When to heaven they came  
Through the Lord Jesus' name,  
All received due reward for their acts;  
Some were greatly surprised  
At their former disguise  
When the Lord revealed all of the facts.

To the prayerless He said:  
"Faith without works is dead;  
You are saved, yet so as through the fire!"  
To the preacher said He:  
"Faithful were you to Me;  
Enter thou to thy restful desire!"

Now, on prayer-meeting night,  
When God's house is alight,  
May all children of God meet in prayer;  
'Tis a sweet time indeed  
For the children to feed  
On the blessings which God gives them there!

—Charles Bergerson.

sheep need stronger food. In Hebrews 5:11-14 we read that meat should be the diet of the growing Christian. Meat speaks of deeper truths to be learned in the Word. Certainly one who has known Christ for a moderate period of time should be feasting upon every great truth of the Bible.

The Holy Spirit is the *second* instrument bringing development to the young Christian. John tells us that the Spirit "will guide you into all truth." It is wonderful to observe men and women who have been taught by God's Spirit. At times men and women who have had very little formal education are able to confound more intelligent and learned fellow believers simply because they have been taught by the great

Teacher. If we are to attain "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," it will be because of the growth in spiritual things which the Holy Spirit brings.

None of us should overlook the fact that a *third* important instrument in bringing Christian growth is the church. The local church is the place in which the young Christian finds encouragement. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us that we should not forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as we see the day approaching." The word "exhorting" means literally to encourage. That is one great function of the church on behalf of the believer.

The young believer also finds in

the church a place to exercise his faith and works in Christ. There is not a Christian who has not been given some gift by God. It is our divinely appointed obligation to find our gift and then to exercise it in the work of the Lord.

Not only are there instruments bringing growth and development to the Christian, but there are outward *manifestations of this growth*. There is tangible evidence of this in the realm of words and deeds.

Those who are growing in His grace and knowledge have a word of praise for the Saviour. Psalms 33:1 says: "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye upright: for praise is comely for the upright." If you love your relatives or neighbors you praise them to others. But did you ever see a man who hated his neighbor praise him to another? Men who are out of fellowship do not praise each other. Do you praise God? If not, perhaps it is because you are not in fellowship with Him.

The Christian who is progressing in the faith shows this in his deeds. The glory of God should be the chief end of every work of God's child. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). One who is saved is also continually engaged in doing those things which Christ has commanded. Our Lord says to us, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

To review for a moment, we have seen that the man who has come to know Christ as Saviour should show genuine progress and development in the spiritual life. This spiritual growth should never cease until the death of God's child, or the second coming of Christ for him.

### III. *The Stunting of a Christian.*

All too many times we see believers progress to a certain point in their Christian life, but they never seem to go a step farther with the Lord. Some of these even seem to experience a retrogression to a lower spiritual state than one formerly achieved. Our churches have many of these folk on their rolls. We can honestly say that these are *stunted Christians*. They are simply infants spiritually. We bemoan the fact that they seem to stay that way year after year.

Logically we should ask ourselves the question, "Why does this stunting take place?" Two outstanding reasons for this failure to develop

spiritually seem reasonable. First of all, many Christians fail to reckon with sin in their lives. Some come to the place where they are convicted by God's Holy Spirit about smoking, their failure to tithe, or perhaps their indifference to the things of the Lord. It could be any sin in the life. But these people rebel and say no to God. Spiritual growth cannot take place until this is dealt with by the believer.

Another reason for stunting in some believers is because they have not been having enough to eat. They have not been taking in the proper amount of spiritual food and so they have spiritual malnutrition. The Lord sets at least four fine meals before us each week. There is Sunday school, the morning worship service, the evening service, and the prayer meeting. It is only when we partake of all these that we get all of the spiritual vitamins and minerals needed. There is another meal that each Christian needs every day, but



this is eaten in his own home. This is the time of personal devotion, which should consist of reading the Word and praying to the Father. Alas, some just are not getting enough to eat and so they are stunted. There are members in your church who have had their names on the roll for 5, 10, or 20 years, and they have yet to come to their first prayer meeting. How many there are who only attend one service in God's house on Sunday! And we wonder why they do not grow! They are just plain starving to death spiritually.

Brethren, let's stop right now for a moment and examine our own hearts and lives. Ask yourself, "How long have I been a Christian?" Some will answer a year, while others will have to say 10 or 20 years. Now ask yourself another question. "How far have I progressed spiritually?" You remember well the day you claimed Christ as your Lord. You took Him then as your companion and have been walking with Him ever since. But how far have you let Him lead you? Perhaps you have come to the place of reckoning with sin in your life, and you have re-

### NAVAHO MISSION NEEDS MEN

A new mission home is being built at the Brethren Navaho Mission and there is an urgent need for an electrician, a plumber, and experienced carpenters. Do you have any of these talents? Could you donate some time? Write Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission, Cuba, N. Mex.

belled and have allowed Him to lead you no farther. Some have been so careless about their spiritual diet that they have just had to sit down, not having the spiritual energy to walk another step. Resolve now to be more faithful to the house of the Lord, that you might be strengthened.

We admire men who are mature physically and mentally. God desires that we become mature and strong spiritually. Right now why not decide in your heart that you are not going to be a *stunted Christian* another day.

### RADIO BIBLE CLASS EXPANDS

The Radio Bible Class, sponsored by Dr. M. R. DeHaan, is to be expanded on July 5, so that people not now hearing the program may be brought within the broadcasting range of the class.

Dr. DeHaan began his class 13 years ago over a local Grand Rapids, Mich., station. This small beginning has grown to where it now includes the entire Mutual network. Beginning July 5 the broadcasts may also be heard over many of the ABC network stations at 8 a. m. in each time zone.

### WATKINS REPLACES CRYDERMAN

Rev. Stanley Watkins is to become pastor of the Winona Lake, Ind., Free Methodist Church on July 12, replacing Rev. Dale Cryderman, who resigned so he and his family could go to Japan as an evangelist under the direction of Youth for Christ.

For the past 2 years Mr. Watkins has served as promotional secretary for the general missionary board of his denomination, during which time he has resided at Winona Lake.



# ALBERT L. LANTZ DIES AT FILLMORE

Rev. Albert L. Lantz died at Fillmore, Calif., June 6, 1953, after a long illness. He was 65 years of age.

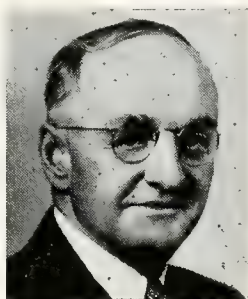
The funeral service was held at the First Brethren Church of Fillmore June 10 by Dr. Charles H. Ashman, of South Pasadena, Calif. Pastor and Mrs. Leo Polman, of Temple City, Calif., and Mr. Maxwell Brenneman, of Huntington Beach, Calif., presented the music. Brethren Herbert Robinson, Bernard Scott, Ted Woods, Howard McDonauld, Harley Surret, and R. W. Kreiter, all of the Fillmore church, served as bearers. Interment was in a local cemetery.

Brother Lantz was born December 26, 1887, at Archbold, Ohio, the third oldest child of Rev. and Mrs. Eli Lantz. The father served as pastor of the large Defenseless Mennonite Church, near Berne, Ind., for 22 years. During this time a dozen missionaries and pastors went forth from that congregation, but his son, Albert, was not one of them. In fact, during those early days this son was considered the "black sheep of the family" by those who knew the family.

However, the prayers of the parents were answered and Albert finally yielded to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. He was baptized by his father and received into the Mennonite Church, where he became an active worker and teacher in the Sunday school. During these early days he managed his own hay baler with no success or joy. Next he bought a blacksmith and repair shop and learned that trade, but still he had no genuine peace of soul. While working in the shop his heart kept calling him to preach the Gospel.

Finally Albert Lantz yielded to the Spirit of God. Of this experience Mrs. Lantz wrote: "For several years, with a sore back and a heavy heart, he kept ringing the old anvil. God kept speaking to him. Then one night at the bedside of his 7½-year-old daughter, in agony the cry went out: 'Yes, Lord, I'll go where you want me to go, I'll be what you want me to be.' The next day the little one was transplanted into heaven and his life was transformed for service here on the earth. Indeed, 'old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new' (II Cor. 5:17)."

He entered Goshen College, a Mennonite school at Goshen, Ind., and took the Bible and music courses. For several years following, he taught music classes and did evangelistic singing. He was then licensed to preach in the Mennonite denomination and was for 4 years the pastor of a community church near Fort Wayne, Ind. He was also active in the rescue mission work in Fort Wayne. Then for 3½ years,



Rev. A. L. Lantz

with Mrs. Lantz, he worked in Fort Wayne at an orphanage sponsored by the Reformed Church.

Albert Lantz made his first contact with the Brethren Church at the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Ind. This church had engaged Dr. Louis S. Bauman for a 3-week evangelistic campaign and engaged Albert Lantz to be in charge of the music. During this meeting he learned of the denomination and could not put the things he learned from his mind. In August of 1927 he made public confession of his desire to unite with the Brethren Church and was baptized by Elder J. L.

## CHARITY

Charity is God's own love,  
An attitude of heart;  
A nature deep within the soul  
To hide the darker part.  
It is to cover if we can  
The weaknesses of all;  
To lovingly reach out and help  
Others when they fall.  
The first impulse is not to judge  
The erring one; but press  
Our hand in his and lead him back  
To the path of righteousness.

—Leona D. Cole.

Kimmell at the Fort Wayne church. On September 27 of the same year he was ordained to the ministry in his new church home by Elders J. L. Kimmell, of Fort Wayne, and John Parr, of Berne.

His ministry in the Brethren denomination began in October 1927, when he accepted the call to become pastor of the Berlin, Pa., church, where he served for 3½ years. This pastorate he resigned to accept the pastorate at the Spokane, Wash., church, where he preached for more than 10 years. Then he went to the Conemaugh, Pa., church for 2½ years. On June 10, 1944, he began his pastoral duties at the Fillmore, Calif., church.

It was while serving this congregation that Brother Lantz was stricken with a severe illness that caused him much pain and discomfort during the last 5 years of his earthly pilgrimage. On March 27, 1949, after almost 5 years as pastor at Fillmore, he was compelled because of his health to resign from the church. Since that time he has been able to engage in no labor whatsoever.

In March of 1949 Mrs. Lantz passed the California State examination for nursing and secured a position at the California State Hospital at Camarillo. She continued in this position in order to support herself and her husband during those years of his enforced idleness.

Besides his widow, the former Neva Ann Agler, of Berne, Ind., Brother Lantz leaves among the survivors a daughter, Mrs. Mary Joe Cox, and a grandson, Glenn Cox, both of Glendale, Ariz. Four sisters are still living: Mrs. Harry Neuhauser, West Unity, Ohio; Mrs. Ed. Ougsburger, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Raymond Moser, Berne, Ind.; and Mrs. Ezra Mosesberger, Fort Wayne, Ind. Also a brother survives: Dennis Lantz, of Bluffton, Ind. Mrs. Lantz lives at 342 Sespe Ave., Fillmore, Calif.

The favorite Scripture passage of Brother Lantz were these words: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7-8).



### Everett, Pennsylvania

Greetings in His precious name from people and pastor of the Everett Grace Brethren Church.

We are still praising the Lord for our meeting here with Artist-Evangelist Ding Teuling during the first two weeks of May. Brother Teuling brought plain gospel messages, with good illustrations, and then painted a beautiful picture to drive the message home. We feel it was the first time hundreds had ever heard the Gospel.

We are grateful to the Lord for the way the people turned out for our services. The average attendance for our two-week meeting was about 170. The last night there were 341 present.

Many of these people are still coming to our services. There were outward decisions. We are not going to give the number, but we are waiting on the Lord to see what real decisions were made for Christ.

The town of Everett, which is very modernistic as far as religion goes, has made up its mind, we believe, that our little church is here to stay, and more are beginning to investigate us by attending our services, for which we praise the Lord.—*Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.*

### More Victories for YRCA

We had another wonderful evening here at the Young Russian Christian Association Center June 7. When we announced that a returned missionary would show pictures of the Samaritans in Africa, we had no idea as to what the reaction would be, for, as we have stated before, the missionary idea is not popular among the Russian Molokan people.

Brother and Sister Albert Balzer, with Mrs. Balzer's parents, visited us and showed moving pictures and colored slides of Bill and his family. The auditorium was practically filled. How good it was to see Bill and Ruth looking so well, to see little Manya so happy, the good fruit, the nice home, etc. All these things were very important to the Russian elders who were there. They were content.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Temple City, Calif.	June 17-July 5..	Leo Polman.....	R. Paul Miller.
Osceola, Ind. ....	June 28-July 5..	.....	Dudley Long.
Alto, Mich. ....	July 3-5.....	Earl Funderburg.	Conard Sandy.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal....	R. Paul Miller.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First) .....	July 12-19.....	Gordon Bracker..	Harold Kattman.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 12-14.....	Charles Mayes....	Herman Hoyt.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.

Then to show that they were pleased, they gave more than \$75 to our plea to buy Bill and Ruth a large-print typewriter to use in translating a storybook.

Then we had *chi* (tea) and more than 100 stayed and enjoyed the fellowship that followed the evening service.

On June 9 we again bade farewell to another of our members. After the regular senior and college Bible classes, we had refreshments and an informal get-together and presented \$50 to Vera Bukan to help with expenses as she leaves for Wycliffe.

Also it was a real thrill for me to attend the graduation exercises of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and see two of our boys and one of our young girls graduate. We are sure the Lord will bless them as they serve Him in the field of service that He shall open to them.—*Jack Green, director.*

### Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (First)

We held special meetings at the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia May 17-24. Much prayer and advertising had preceded the campaign and the power of the Lord was evident in the very first service. Decisions were made in almost every service, there being 30 public decisions, of which 7 were first-time confessions.

Pastor John Aeby is a true yoke-fellow and greatly beloved by his church. Rev. John Neely was in charge of the music. It was a pleasure to work with these two men and with the people.

While in Philadelphia, Mrs. Lynn and I lived with Brother and Sister Maurice Hearn.

We solicit a continued interest in the prayers of the Brotherhood.—*Archie L. Lynn, evangelist.*

### THESE ARE HERALD MONTHS

We are sure all members of the Brethren denomination are aware that the months of June and July are set aside in the calendar of the denomination for the interests of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

1. Pray for this company, a part of the work God has committed to the Brethren Church.

2. Help to secure new subscriptions to the Brethren Missionary Herald. Give a gift subscription to a relative or a friend, and help us reach the 8,000 goal.

3. Be sure your own church is on the 100-percent list. This means that the Brethren Missionary Herald is regularly going into every home represented in the membership of the local church. The single subscription price is \$2, but when the church is 100 percent the price is only \$1.50 a subscription. Where can you do better in quality and quantity for so little money?

4. Give a generous offering for this work. A gift of \$5 or more in a single gift entitles the giver to membership in the corporation for 1 year, provided he is also a member of the denomination. A gift of \$100 or more entitles one to life membership.

Give through your local church treasury. Envelopes are not being provided by the company since most of the churches are now using envelopes with provisions already made for special offerings, such as for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Since this is the only publishing company in the Brethren Church every member of the denomination should join in its support.



## REV. ELMER SACHS TO TOUR HAWAII WITH CAPT. FUCHIDA

Rev. Elmer B. Sachs, founder and director of the Sky Pilots of America, plans to go to Hawaii to preach the Gospel. He expects to leave June 30 and spend 30 days in the Hawaiian Islands.



Rev. Elmer Sachs

Brother Sachs will be accompanied by Captain Fuchida, a Japanese Christian who has traveled more than 30,000 miles throughout the United States with him. He is the man who led the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Since that time he has come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his own personal Saviour. Now for the first time since that December day he is going to Hawaii, but this time he is going with the Gospel and not with guns, with the blessings of God and not with the bombs of the enemy.

In addition to preaching the Gospel, the men expect to organize units of the Sky Pilots of America in the islands.

Brother Sachs lives in San Jose, Calif., and is a member of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles.

Concerning his trip throughout the United States, Brother Sachs gave this testimony: "I am impressed with the increased activity in Christian circles of all denominations, and especially do I appreciate the wonderful growth I see in our own church [denomination]."

### COST EXCEEDS TAXES

France has its troubles with alcoholics. Wine and liquor taxes bring France more than 150 million dollars a year. But according to the Institute of Demography it costs more than twice that much to look after alcoholics and their families. How long can we continue to aid France?

# CAN I KNOW THAT I'M SAVED?

By Evangelist William Smith, Washington, D. C.

In the hearts of men today there is a definite longing for security. The question, "Can I know I'm saved?" is baffling thousands now, just as it has down through the years. The Bible declares that we can know how we stand before the presence of God.

First, there is a change that takes place in the Christian at conversion. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). For an individual to experience such a distinct spiritual transition as passing from death unto life, there is sure to be an evidence of a change.

Second, the Holy Spirit dwells within the one who is saved. "Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit" (I John 4:13). Before we are saved, the spirit of the Devil dwells in our hearts; after we are born again a new spirit, the Spirit of God, dwells in our hearts. The old sinful spirit of antagonism against God and godly things is taken away and the Spirit of God is manifested in many ways: the desire to please God is stronger than the desire to serve sin; the Word of God is loved and appreciated; the fellowship of God's people is preferred.

Third, the Word of God declares that we can know that we are saved. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may

believe on the name of the Son of God" (I John 5:13). The Christian who bases his faith upon the truthfulness of the Word and trusts God unqualifiedly is the true disciple. The Bible, as God gave it, is the errorless, inspired, divine truth. Jesus Himself said, "Thy Word is truth," and His apostle echoes, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." The Bible, which changes men's lives and has remade nations,



William Smith

carries the testimony in itself that we can know that we are saved.

Thank God that in the Bible, in Christ's Gospel of grace, you have God's eternal truth. You can always rely on the Saviour's promises, for "all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen." "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." When you entrust yourself to Christ for eternity, you have found the Rock on which you can build an immovable and undying faith.

### JUBILEE SINGERS IN ACCIDENT

Word has just been received at the office of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company telling of the serious automobile accident in which the Eureka Jubilee Singers were involved in Michigan on April 30.

Five of the party of six were injured, four seriously and one critically. The one hurt critically was Mr. Cross, the bass member of the group. The only member of the party to escape injury was the soprano. The future of the party depends upon the recovery of the injured members.

Mrs. Esther Gaskin Williams, man-

ager of the party, wrote to Dr. Alva J. McClain requesting an interest for their welfare in the prayers of the members of the Brethren Church.

### MISS ALFORS SUCCEEDS MCKEE

At an emergency meeting of the board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly on June 9, following the death of Dr. Arthur W. McKee, Miss Louise H. Alfors was elected executive secretary pro tem for the 1953 season of the Assembly. Miss Alfors has been associated with the Assembly and Dr. McKee for the past 15 years and is acquainted with the plans laid out for this year.

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## NEW DORMITORY FACILITIES FOR GRACE SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

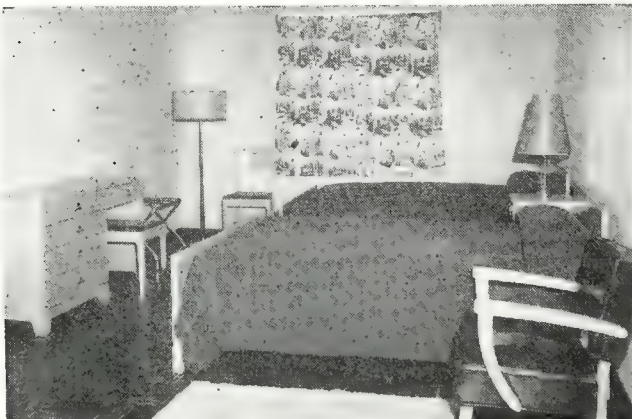


*The Motel*

It is with genuine pleasure that we are able to make announcement concerning the new dormitory facilities which will be available in September for students of both the seminary and college divisions of Grace Theological Seminary. Through the kindness of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly the fine new motel units recently built on the island will serve as dormitories. Each room is equipped with high-quality modern furniture, including beds, chairs, desks, lamps, drapes, etc. Each unit has a large closet, and each has its own bathroom with private shower. The floors are of asphalt tile, and each unit will have its own independent heating system. One unit, beautifully furnished, will serve as a reception and recreation room. The dormitory arrangement consists of two separate series of units on either side of a large court. One of these will be used by men, and the other by the women. Each dormitory will be properly supervised.

Dining room facilities will also be provided by the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. A special room is being provided in the Eskimo Inn, and meals will be served family style. The best food possible has been assured us. All who have been in Winona Lake are familiar with the spaciousness and cozy atmosphere of the Eskimo Inn, with its soda fountain and other departments where students can obtain many of the items necessary for their comfort and pleasure.

Students planning to enroll (particularly single students) should contact the school immediately in order to have assurance of a room. For further information write to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar, Winona Lake, Indiana.



*At left is the inside of one of the rooms of the motel unit. Below is the Eskimo Inn, where meals will be served.*





## A HEATHEN DANCER—OUBANGUI-CHARI, AFRICA

*"... vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."*





# EDITORIALY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

*Editor, Foreign Mission Number*

## *Thank You, Brethren*

You have given the largest foreign mission offering in the history of the Brethren Church. We are not yet able to give a full report—between 20 and 25 churches have not yet reported as we write these editorials. The total of the Easter offering in 1952 was \$159,600.58, while the Easter offering reported to date is \$157,269.35. The total fiscal year offering for 1952 was \$180,167.88, while the total offering for this fiscal year, as reported to date, is \$184,446.65. The 20 or 25 churches yet to report will increase both the Easter offering and the fiscal year offering very considerably. We can only continue to ask that the increase will bring the total offering to \$223,000, which we believe is the actual operational cost for this present year. This operational cost includes the 18 new missionaries sent to the field during this fiscal year in addition to all other expenses of our entire missionary program.

We so greatly appreciate this fine offering, and know it can be a reality only because of the fine and full co-operation of pastors and people alike. Pray now that your board of trustees will have the wisdom to use this greatest of all offerings to accomplish the very most for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## *Your Many Courtesies*

Your general secretary and Mrs. Barnard have just completed a 12,000-mile trip in the interest of foreign missions. This trip in visitation among the west coast churches has duplicated former experiences throughout the United States, both in our own visitation and in the visitation by missionary families—that is, the great courtesy of our Brethren people and their tremendous interest in the work of foreign missions. In not one single church has there been anything but the very finest of cooperation. We can only say, "Thank you," personally and on behalf of foreign missions.

## *Help the Herald Company*

During the months of June and July as Brethren people our minds turn toward the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Those of that institution serve the Brethren Church with a uniquely valuable ministry.

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Theirs is a missionary work in that they do the actual work of "getting the Gospel out" for all of us through the printed page. We urge that you remember the Herald Company in your prayers and with your gifts. We also suggest that you make the greatest possible use of this fine company by subscribing for the Brethren Missionary Herald for your friends and relatives who would be interested. That's missionary work!

## *Conference—Annual Meetings*

The national conference and the annual meetings of all our Brethren corporations will come at the end of August. The Lord has signally blessed our fellowship of churches but the blessing has been only as we have rejoiced in being in the center of His will. Many blessings have been withheld, without doubt, because we have been willful rather than submissive. Pray much for those planning the conference and annual meetings, that the will of the Lord, revealed, will be the controlling motive in every action.

## *Our Sympathy Extended*

We extend the sympathy of our society to Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, missionaries in French Equatorial Africa, in the passing at about 5:30 p. m. on June 2 of little Philip Ned. This dear little one, who was born on November 24, 1952, was ill only three days with a fever that was not alarming. He was known to be critically ill for only about one and one-half hours before his homegoing. Several of the native families at the Bible Institute, where Brother Beaver is the dean, lost little babies in recent weeks and were greatly discouraged. The fortitude and courage with which Brother and Sister Beaver have faced this sorrow in their own home have been a source of great encouragement to these native families.

We also extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Curtis Morrill and family in the homegoing of Brother Morrill. As recorded in a recent issue of the Herald, he was accidentally killed by a falling tree on June 4, near Ashland, Ore. Brother and Sister Morrill served as missionaries with our Foreign Missionary Society in French Equatorial Africa for a period of years beginning in 1935. Brother Morrill pioneered the Bekoro Station and no small part of the success of that part of our field has been due to Brother Morrill's efforts.

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# Lazarus Was Full of Sores

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Beandje, Africa

"Daddy, won't you hear Jesus in your heart?" This is the way little Dea and Bealoum kept asking their unsaved father to believe. Their mother, Toutou, had given her heart to Christ and she had led each of her children to Him too. They continued to pray for their father, Lazarus, who was trying to forget his physical and spiritual wretchedness at the beer pot.

One day an older sister of Lazarus died, leaving a week-old baby. Since there was no one to care for such a tiny baby, and since they believed he had some kind of evil spirit which killed his mother, they decided to bury him with his mother. They had put the body of



*Mary Cripe, Lazarus, and his family.*

the mother in the grave and were just starting to lower the baby into the hole when Toutou ran out and snatched him. "Don't bury that child with his mother; I'll take care of him." Everyone was full of wonderment as they saw Toutou protecting the little one in her arms. They were full of warnings about the evil spirit in the child which would only bring bad luck to the family. Then too they scoffed at her as she had no tiny baby of her own—how would she feed him?

In spite of all these taunts, Toutou stood firm. She said, "The baby has no evil spirit. God will protect him and will supply milk for him!" And Toutou's God, our God, did do just that. He enabled Toutou to nurse the baby and He gave the whole family much joy, the greatest joy being the salvation of Lazarus.

Now they are with us at Beandje. Lazarus is our worst leper. Also Dea, the girl, and Bealoum, the 7-year-old, contracted leprosy from him before they came here. Lazarus is improving physically and growing spiritually. This past year he has learned to read the Bible and was recently baptized. The children are learning to read, too.

Pray for this Christian family. They are very poor in this world's goods, but they are happy because they realize the great riches they are enjoying through their Saviour, Christ Jesus.

# Snatched From the Burning

By Miss Mary Cripe, Beandje, Africa

One night last March I was awakened from a sound sleep by someone knocking at the door. As I was getting up I could hear the screaming and crying which characterizes death in Africa. At the door stood one of my nurses and another man whom I recognized as one of the patients. They told me to come quickly to the hospital.

Our hospital ward was not yet finished, so all the patients had made themselves little grass houses. On this particular night everyone was sleeping soundly when the fire in one of the houses caught onto the grass mat used as a wall. The woman who was sleeping in the house awoke, grabbed her baby and took her outside where she thought she would be safe. But there were still all their earthly possessions in the house, so she dashed back in again. The rest of the village was awake by this time and two men came just in time to see the roof start to fall in. They snatched the woman from the burning house.

Some of the women came and started to take care of the woman's burns when suddenly someone noticed a charred body lying on the ground. Her baby! She thought she had the baby safe, but the big grass mat which is used as a door had fallen over on her and must have suffocated her at once, as she made no cry. By the time I reached the scene the mother was sitting on the ground, mourning as she held the charred body of the child in her arms.

One is reminded of the many people here who think they are safe. They are all right; they have never done anything bad. Or they are like a little boy in my class who, when asked, "Who is there that is righteous and has never sinned?" answered, "Only me." They do not realize that the day of judgment is coming. We must awaken in them the sense of their sin and point them to the Lord Jesus, who alone can save.

When we think of the narrow way in which the woman escaped death we are reminded of a verse of Scripture in Jude 23, "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire." There are many who are even now in the fire of Satan and his influences. Some may even seem so steeped in sin that they appear too far gone for anything to be done for them, but as we pray and give forth His Word which is the sword of the spirit, many of these will be snatched from the burning. Brethren, pray for us.

## PAGANISM IN EUROPE

"Europe, once the center of world evangelization, has yielded its task to America," Dr. Bredahl Petersen, of Copenhagen, president of the European Baptist Federation, reported recently to the federation's congress in the Denmark capital.

"Atheism and materialism have swept over the majority of the people, leaving fully 75 percent of Europe's population pagan," he said. "And if Europe turns pagan, the whole world will feel the effect." Asserting that "the task is beyond the powers of state churchism," he urged Christians everywhere "to relight the fires of religion where the Gospel light has gone out."—*Christian Victory*.

# DOUMBA'S FIRST PRAYER

By Mrs. William Samarin, M'Baiki, Africa

The rain dripped off the straw roof into muddy red puddles at Doumba's feet. He splashed his big toe in the water and watched it leave a red stain on his black skin. His mother glanced at him over her shoulder as she rhythmically pounded the white powdery manioc. It was not like Doumba to sit while his friends ran through the mud of the year's first rain. Ever since he had visited her brother's village he had acted strange. Three weeks he had been home and for three weeks he had been quiet and distant. This was a time for happiness. Tomorrow night was the Nganza dance and then her son would be a man. She, his mother, and his father would have to look about for a good wife. The price was high and it took time to pay.

Doumba read his mother's thoughts and he settled deeper in his gloom. Two moons ago he had gone to visit his uncle. The village was far and he had gone in the high spirit of adventure. His mother's people were different from those of his father's village. They were a tall people who lived in the north. He liked his uncle and his cousins who looked like himself.

Toward evening of the first day of his visit he heard a strange noise in the village. His cousin saw him look and explained, "That's a gong. The Christians are gathering for prayer." Doumba wondered if he heard right. He didn't know his cousin's language very well. "Christians"—"Prayer." But just then his aunt told them that there was food to eat. His uncle and his cousins seated themselves around a delicious mound of manioc. He joined them and soon forgot the strange words. Lying that night on his mat, the words, "Christians"—"Prayer," came again. Tomorrow he would ask what they meant.

The next morning he rose before the rooster crowed. It was still dark and he hit himself on his arms to get warm. His uncle called him to come and help with the

nets and the spears. Dark figures appeared from other huts and murmured greetings. The men started in a group over the burnt plain. The day was full of familiar activity. The nets were placed, fires were started in the unburned grass, and men called and shouted as they chased the unseen prey toward the nets. A small wild pig rushed out of the grass and into the strong net. A small catch, indeed, but the men laughed and Doumba was glad he was to be a man.

As they came into the village refreshed from a bath in the river he heard the gong again. Everyone seemed busy about his work, so he wandered toward the sound. He found a grass-roofed building where people were gathering. He watched with interest as a young man began a song—such a strange song—all about a man named Jesus. They sang again and then they all shut their eyes and people talked to the man called Jesus. Doumba could not hear well from his position at the door, so he slipped to a seat on the nearest log. He'd never seen anything so strange since he saw his first truck lunging down the road past his village. The young man stood and told them some very strange things—so strange and new that Doumba could not quite understand. The young man sat down. Doumba stood and walked quickly to the house of his uncle.

His uncle smiled and said, "What do you think of them?" "Are they all Christians?" Doumba asked.

*"The Christians don't dance to the drum."*

Doumba





"Most of them," his uncle answered. "They do very strange things. They sing and pray and they don't dance to the drums. Mosamba was a very wicked woman but she became one of them, and now she walks very straight. A white man told them about this one called Jesus, and some of them learned to read His book. I have thought I would like to hear more, but they don't dance or drink beer, so I am afraid to listen too well. I like my beer."

Doumba listened to his uncle's words and shrugged his shoulders. He was tired from the hunt and all this was too new for him. That night he dreamed of a man called Jesus, of his uncle drinking beer, and of a tiny wild pig.

Doumba returned again to the little hut. The young man talked straight and his words seemed true. This God of the Christians sounded much kinder and stronger than the spirit his mother left grain for in a large iron pot at the edge of the grass. He wondered what it would be like to talk to this Jesus and to read His book.

The moon died and it would soon be time to return home. One evening Doumba asked his uncle where was the hut of the young man that taught the Christians. His uncle smiled, "Doumba," he said, "I am a weak old man. I have gone the way of the village for many years. My liver is soft and I don't find strength to follow the new way. But you are young—it is good if you talk to Noel, the young man who leads the Christians."

Noel was glad to have him sit by the fire. He patiently explained the affair of God. Had he, too, not found it hard to understand a God who loved him? Outside a dog howled and the village murmured with the quiet sound of night. But Doumba's heart was a tumult of new emotions as he strained to understand Noel's words.

The next day Doumba's uncle and his cousins gathered around him to say good-by. They gave him a chicken all neatly held in a strong grass basket. His aunt rolled manioc in green leaves for him to eat on the road. He searched the faces of the well-wishers until he found Noel. Noel came forward and quietly said, "We will

pray for you, Doumba. God has spoken words to your heart. Listen to Him." Doumba turned toward home hardly aware of his uncle's farewell. Leaving here was like leaving the God he had heard about so recently.

His family was eager to hear of his visit. They clicked their tongues as Doumba told about Noel and the Christians. His heart wanted to tell them that he, too, wanted to love Jesus, but he suddenly became shy.

That night his mother told him that the Nganza dance was coming soon and he would be included this time. He smiled, for had he not waited many years to become a man? That night on his mat he dreamed again—"Nganza"—"I am too weak to leave the way of the village"—"The Christians don't dance to the drum"—"We'll be praying for you." These voices from the distant village raced and tumbled through his dreams.

Now three weeks had passed and tomorrow was the day. Already the old men of the village were making ready for the dance. Doumba poked at the muddy water listlessly. He wondered if the Christians remembered to pray for him. He wished he could read that book God had given to them. His heart ached and his throat hurt as he tried to control the tears he should not shed. "I want to leave the way of the village. I want this new Jesus way. I want the God who loves me. Oh, what shall I do? Oh, who will help me?"

Doumba roused from his gloom as a truck pulled off the road into the village. A tall thin white man stepped out of the truck and in his hand was a book just like Noel's. God had heard Doumba's first prayer.

(Editor's note—True incidents formed the basis for this fiction story by Mrs. Samarin. She also made the original drawings of Doumba and the drummer which are used to illustrate the story.)

## "GO YE THEREFORE, AND DISCIPLE ALL NATIONS"

This great commission has never yet been realized. It contemplates a world-wide evangelization so complete that no nation nor tribe nor tongue shall be overlooked. It calls us to see that the unevangelized peoples are the first objects of our care, and never to rest until the glorious Gospel shall have been proclaimed in every tongue spoken by man, so that from every nation there shall be some representatives to herald the coming of the Son of Man.

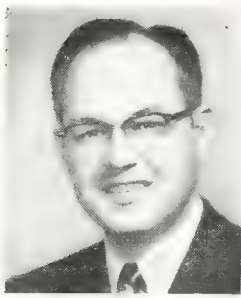
The world will never be evangelized until every Christian recognizes his personal call. . . . We must give some answer. . . . This is the most solemn and searching word in the Bible on the subject of missions. It will meet each one of us on the judgment day.—A. B. Simpson.

*India curtails evangelizing:* India is making it even more difficult for its people to find salvation in Christ. Foreign missionaries working in India have been told officially they should not indulge in any conversion activities. This type of work would be limited to natives; foreigners in the 65 Roman Catholic and 50 Protestant missionary societies would be expected to do only educational, medical, philanthropic, rural, and "social uplift" work. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru looks at it this way: Christian missionaries of Indian blood would be better equipped than foreigners to import a sense of Indian nationhood to these highly individualistic tribes as they propagate their faith.—*The Alliance Weekly*.



Rev. and Mrs.  
William Samarin

## GREETINGS FROM THE ISLAND OF HAWAII



Foster Tresise

After having bid our loved ones and many friends on the mainland good-by, we boarded the plane for Honolulu on May 8 at 8:30 a. m., at the International Airport in Los Angeles.

With the beauties of the earth

and our last vision of the mainland, we soon forgot ourselves and became enrapt with Him, with His handiwork, and with our privilege and responsibility.

This was a new experience for us and one that will long be remembered. God's earth, as seen from 10,000 feet in the air, is viewed with a different perspective from that on ground level. When so far removed, in some respects, it is easier, I believe, to behold His design and how "the firmament sheweth his handywork." As we drew near the Island, we saw anew and in a marvelous way how "the heavens declare the glory of God." It was a sight that not only thrilled our souls, but encouraged us as we remembered the mission we were on and realized again the faithfulness of God. We will never forget the sights that greeted our eyes as we drew near the Island and then flew by the cliffs along the ocean as we came into the airport.

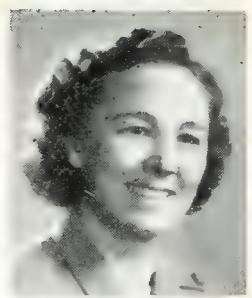
Upon landing, we were greeted by a group of children and service personnel of Grace Chapel with the customary Hawaiian aloha. It was a warm welcome and, after having submitted to the customary bedocking of leis, we proceeded to take different pictures of the group

and were made to feel right at home with them. In fact, we received and shared the welcome of the Joneses in their home on Ford Island for the first week we spent in Hawaii.

How the issues of life and the values of spiritual things were forcibly brought to our attention as we read the last two letters written by a marine who was reported killed in action. The Joneses had been privileged of God to point him the way of salvation, and he wrote thanking and praising God for the salvation and eternal life that had been made real to him, but he said, "As I lie here in the cold, I am constantly reminded of the things I should have done that I didn't do. But, I'm ready to go." Evidently God saw fit to seal his testimony with his blood.

There are at present, we believe, several families and a nucleus of several marines that really love the Lord, and who desire to go on to a deeper walk and talk with the Lord. It is with expectation that we look to the Lord and to the future and yield ourselves to Him in His service to be used to His glory.

We earnestly covet the prayers of God's children in behalf of the work on Red Hill (Honolulu), and for those whom God has called to carry on and extend the Gospel testimony here. We would pray for a native or resident personnel and workers that a lasting and permanent work may be established.—Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise.



Mrs. Tresise

## Victor Meyers Family to Serve in Homeland

Brother and Sister Victor Meyers and family had planned to sail for Argentina on June 11. This was impossible and a later sailing date was set for July 9. During the winter, Dennis, the son, was ill with measles and following that time a low fever continued. It was not considered as other than very temporary, and so all preparations for sailing were completed. But with the passing of weeks the fever persisted and further medical care was secured. Medication, treatment, and bed rest did not care for the situation. Both our regular medical authority and a specialist were called into the case. The recommendation of the medical authority is that "it would be inadvisable to consider missionary appointment, certainly at the present time."

The uncertainty of the situation and the possible lengthy delay have been considered by the board of trustees of our society and by Brother and Sister Meyers, and there is mutual agreement that it will be better for Brother and Sister Meyers to "no longer think in terms of foreign missionary service in Argentina, but plan for service in the United States. All are keenly disappointed that this decision seems to be best but, since the Lord has not removed the cause of the illness to the present time, the decision seems advisable.

Our board of trustees most gladly recommends Brother and Sister Meyers for pastoral services in the homeland.



Pamela Lucinda Victor Dennis

They have exceptional talent and are well prepared. We bespeak for them a successful pastoral experience. For the immediate future they will be living in Pennsylvania and can be addressed—Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers, c/o Mrs. Elma Rogers, Route 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

If you could stand on your doorstep while the unevangelized millions of Europe—there are 400,000,000 of them—marched past you 1 at a time, 1 yard apart, at 4 miles an hour, you would have to stand there day and night, not eating or not sleeping for SIX YEARS AND A HALF.—*Europe's Millions.*



# WITNESSING IN FRANCE

By Mrs. Martin Garber

(Editor's Note—Brother and Sister Martin Garber sailed for France in August 1952 for a time of language study before going on to their field of missionary service in French Equatorial Africa. During their stay in France they have lived at the European Bible Institute. This school has recently celebrated its first anniversary. According to present plans, the Garbers, along with the Lester Kennedy and Charles Taber families, should have arrived in Africa by the time you read this; they were due to leave France on June 30.)

The Lord has really blessed us since we have been here and we praise His name. Living out here at the Bible school has been wonderful; we so enjoy living around these young people. They make us feel like we were young again. Living here has given us many opportunities to go with the students on different meetings and to witness for our Lord and Saviour. Martin has sung duets with a French boy in different places here—first in a French church, then in a tent meeting, and now they have been asked to sing in another tent meeting coming up the last week in May and the first week in June. A couple of French pastors were out here yesterday seeing what the French students could do in helping in these meetings. They plan on renting a trombone for Martin to play in these meetings. Oh, pray that our lives may always tell for Jesus, that we may be witnesses for Him no matter where we are. Oh, how these people over here in France need the Gospel! Pray that God may thrust forth servants for this needy field.

Last week God really blessed our hearts through these tent meetings. One of the teachers here at the Bible school held them. How these people's hearts were touched with the Gospel! Many of them were crying, "I have never heard this before."

Martin had the privilege of witnessing to a French soldier who was from North Africa; he was a Roman Catholic boy. *He was open to the Gospel and the Lord saved him.* Oh, how it blessed our hearts to see him come to the Lord! Last night he came with his buddy to see Martin and hear more of God's Word. You should have seen his face—it looked like a Christmas tree all lit up. He eats up everything Martin shows him in God's Word and says, "More, more." He keeps telling Martin, "You are so kind to me to tell me all of this. All the answers to everything are right in this Bible." Ben, as he is called, has a sweet personality the Lord can really use. Pray for Ben, that he may always stay faithful to God and be a lighthouse to his buddies around him.

There are many more "Bens" ready to hear God's Word over here in France, but the laborers are few. France is an open field right now, but how long it will stay that way is a question. To see these people's faces when they come to Christ, and to hear them say, "You mean that is for me? He did that for me?" is worth any home or car or money anyone could give me. As the song goes, "A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there!" Yes, Christ is building a palace over there for us and all of these friends we have won to the Lord here on earth.



*Students of the European Bible Institute celebrating first anniversary of the school.*

Our Bro. Fred Fogle needs our prayers as he labors here in France to win many souls to Christ.

Soon we will be leaving for Africa to our chosen field where God has called us. We go not in our strength, but in God's strength that we may be used of Him to win many souls to Christ for His name's sake.

Martin has been taking the Navigator's course in French since we have been here. He started with it the last of March and has learned 36 verses. We pray that the Lord may even be able to use us among the French people in Africa as well as among the natives.

Pray for this Bible school here in Chatou, where they are training men and women from eight different countries.

The still form of a little boy lay in a coffin surrounded by mourning friends. A mason came into the room and asked to look at the lovely face. "You wonder that I care so much," he said, as the tears rolled down his cheeks, "but your boy was a messenger of God to me. One time I was coming down by a long ladder from a very high roof and found your little boy close behind me when I reached the ground. He looked up in my face with a childish wonder and asked frankly, 'Weren't you afraid of falling when you were up so high?' And before I had time to answer, he said: 'Ah, I know why you were not afraid—you had said your prayers this morning before you went to work.' I had not prayed, but I never forgot to pray from that day to this, and by God's blessing I never will."—*The Alliance Weekly.*

One of the greatest mistakes that a Christian can make is to imagine that increased social or spiritual activity can be any compensation for the lack of secret communion with God. A prayerful life is a powerful life, and a prayerless life is always a powerless life. If we cannot pray aright, we really can do nothing aright, but how slow we are to believe that.—*Selected.*



## Rio Tercero, Argentina—

Bro. Jack Churchill, who has not been well and for whom prayer has been requested, is much improved, for which we praise the Lord. In a letter dated June 4 Brother Churchill gives encouraging word: "I am feeling much better than I have for some time. I am taking a series of shots designed to build me up and help me put on some weight. It is a little too soon to see if the result is going to be permanent, but for the present I feel much improved."

"Here in Rio Tercero we are still unable to go ahead with building our church building because we have not been able to secure a lot here in this part of town where the house is located. Once we have a lot on which we can go ahead and build, I believe we will be able to put up the building according to the new plan—that is, with funds and cooperation in the actual construction from the believers themselves. The tiles for the flooring have been promised us by believers who make them in Tancacha. Others in Almafuerte have promised to help in the actual construction. The Rio Cuarto congregation is giving a monthly offering to our building fund, and the folks right here are contributing to that also."

## Elat, Africa—

Many inquiries have come to us concerning Brother and Sister C. B. Sheldon, who underwent surgery on May 27 at the American Presbyterian Hospital at Elat, Africa. We are happy to have news from the Sheldons themselves, written on June 9: "Well, this is the 13th day after our operations and we are getting along nicely, although still sore and kind of stiff. But we praise the Lord for undertaking for us and that there were no complications."

"Dr. Boulla, the head native doctor here, did the operations, assisted by a mission doctor and several white nurses. So we had lots of care. This Dr. Boulla has been with the mission for 40 years and he really knows how to operate and he takes so much of the responsibility of the surgery. Everybody has been so kind to us here. Marybeth Munn is with us and is caring for us; she has been so capable and nice, even though her duties have been very heavy with the nursing and cooking."

"We have appreciated all the prayers of the Christian people, black and white, that have been ascending for us during this time. We have received several letters from those in the homeland and from missionaries on the field since we have had surgery, and they were such a blessing. It will be 10 or 12 days yet before we will be able to travel."

## Icoraci, Brazil—

On June 10 Bro. Jack Zielasko wrote from Brazil: "A week ago Sunday night a man of about 40 accepted

Christ as Saviour. He was in prayer meeting this week and also at the Sunday night service. He seems to be interested and an earnest Christian and we hope he remains so. Last Sunday night two women accepted Christ, and Thursday night at Agulha a young man accepted the Lord. However, he had drink in him and he may have wanted to attract attention."

"We had the generator at the Thursday night service and used the loudspeaker to broadcast the songs and message. It was a Catholic holiday—'Corpo de Cristo.' During our service a candle procession passed our chapel just at the time some of our folks were saying Bible verses over the loudspeaker. We didn't know they were coming nor had we planned the service, but just as they were passing the door chanting 'Ave Maria,' one of the young boys was quoting Romans 10:9."

## Bossembele, Africa—

A recent letter from Bro. Bob Hill gives cause for rejoicing. "The rains are now coming down and everything is a beautiful green. The gardens are in and the natives are back in their villages. Our attendance has been over 600, but the believers said that they would try to have over 1,000 next Sunday. I will bring down my tape recorder as an attraction and play back a sermon by Voloungou (pastor at Bossembele). They certainly enjoy it. I have been using it on the road with great success. I have several Gbanu sermons by Voloungou with some singing and Scripture verses. The people are amazed."

"At a recent baptismal service 23 were baptized, and there were 129 out for the last communion service."

"I had a very interesting talk with one of our Gbanu boys who just came back from Indochina. He was captured by the Communists for a while. He thinks the Communists are very good because they are trying to give the land back to the people. When I tried to explain to him that he was supposed to fight them, he said that all the African soldiers felt the same way about it. He claimed they didn't fight very hard. It makes you wonder."

## France—

A very recent letter from Bro. Fred Fogle, dated June 1, reports as follows: "You will want to know about the meetings. The attendance in Caluire averaged about 19 each evening, and among those attending were Christians from the Baptist and Plymouth Brethren groups who came to help out; some gave testimonies. During the period of the four nights about 20 different people from the town came to the meetings, but few of them came back a second time. The best night was the last one, as far as attendance was concerned—there were 14 present but, as far as we know, Maurita and I were the only Christians. I was especially pleased that several



attended that I had invited by personal visit. The last night there was a young man present who was interested and who said he would be interested in a Bible study.

"In Villeurbanne the attendance was better, but was comparatively worse in comparison to the number of souls living there. The average attendance was about 30 each night, but there were fewer helping Christians. The majority who came were from Villeurbanne and, in contrast to Caluire, the crowd was much the same—the same people coming each evening. I was happy about those who came and I had several good opportunities for witness."

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*La Carlota, Argentina—*

The Lord is blessing the work at La Carlota as evidenced in the last letter from *Bro. J. Paul Dowdy*. "On the 18th of April we had a baptismal service here in Carlota in our new church (*templo*, we call it here). For some months a number of persons were waiting for baptism, but they wanted to be baptized in the baptistry of our church. Finally we were able to get it finished and ready for use. I installed our old water-heater for heating the water in the baptistry. This heater is the one we brought down in 1937, and it is not large but is just the thing for the purpose. There were four women, six girls, one boy, and one man baptized.

"A week after the baptismal service we had our communion service—the first to be held in our new church. The work of preparation was most all taken care of by the members. We had very little to do. Besides the seven out-of-town students who were present, there were 21 Carlota people there—a total of 28. Only one Carlota member was absent. We felt that it was a really spiritual communion. Since that time our attendance at all meetings has been much better, and there seems to be a real desire to win souls.

"Here at the institute we are busy and have all of the students busy. Two of the boys have been working with one of our church members in construction work. Also, the boys are studying a watch-repair course and getting some practice with the same member, who repairs watches and clocks. We have just bought a used sewing machine or, rather, parts of one. I have been making the table and the drawers and fixing it up in general. This is for the girl students. One of the girls has had a course in sewing and she plans to teach and help the other girls. Our students seem to be taking to the idea of learning to help support themselves." (The primary emphasis of the institute is teaching the Word of God. The vocational part, mentioned in this paragraph, has to do only with equipping the students for self-support as they go out to establish and work in the national churches.)

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*Bouca, Africa—*

At the time you read this, *Brother and Sister Roy Snyder* will be on their way home from Africa for furlough. They expect to arrive in the States around July 8. "The time is going more quickly than we realize. In a very short time we'll be leaving Bouca for Bangui. We have been kept quite busy these past weeks with native conferences. Our last conference was the one here at Bouca. The interest was good and we believe that much was accomplished. The Hills came from Bossembele to be with us, and Mark Voloungou was also

## LITTLE PHILIP NED BEAVER GOES HOME

We were all greatly shocked by the cablegram received from Africa on June 3 telling of the death of little Philip Ned Beaver, the first baby of missionary parents to die on the mission field in the history of the work of our society. Death came very unexpectedly at about 5:30 p. m. on June 2. Telling of this sad experience we quote sections of a letter sent by the Beavers to the grandparents, Mrs. Hope Wolfe, of Huntington Park, Calif., and Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Beaver, of Somerset, Ohio.

"His passing was so sudden that we never realized that he was seriously ill until the last hour and a half. He was sick only three days. He had a slight fever Sunday morning, but didn't seem to feel very bad. His fever continued through the next day, Monday, almost 104, but our babies have often run fever that high before. He slept quietly all Monday night, and seemed hungry in the morning. His fever was 102 Tuesday morning but went down to 101 in the course of the morning. Around 2:30 Wayne went into Bozoum on business. I was writing letters outside Philip's door. About 4 o'clock I heard him; sounded like sort of coughing. I ran in to him and found him in a convulsion. I ran quickly and got a tub of warm water and immersed him in it, and called for the boy to go for Wayne and the doctor. Well, the convulsion never stopped; it lasted one and one-half hours. Toward the end he gave a few cries with each respiration and then a shudder went through him and he was gone. The doctor tried coramine directly into the heart and artificial respiration, but he was gone.

"Naturally we had been praying every minute from the onset. We cried to the Lord to heal if that would be His will, but we always said, 'Thy will be done,' and it was His will to take him. So we gave him back to Him who gave him to us. I am so glad He gave Philip to us for a little; we will always thank Him for the few happy months we had together, and will be looking forward to our reunion in heaven; that will be forever.

"Little Philip's body was buried beside the chapel. The students dug the grave and have been so helpful in every way. We have planted moss roses over the little grave and want to fix a marker. Harold Dunning took care of all the details in a wonderful way. We pray that souls will be saved because of his passing. He was such a precious baby. May Christ be glorified, is our heart's cry."

For any who would want to encourage Brother and Sister Beaver, the address is: Rev. and Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver, Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

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here at that time. Last Sunday we had an attendance of 605, which is especially good for this time of the year. The villages seem deserted now as so many people have gone out in the bush to look for animals or search for honey.

"We are very much encouraged by our work in the native chapels. The work has shown much progress during the past year. The real need is here at Bouca itself, as there is much indifference. We praise the Lord for those that have remained faithful in all things. Last Sunday we made a tape recording of part of the service here and trust that it will be of some use while we are at home."

# THERE CAN BE NO VACATION FROM PRAYING

## THE HERALD—

Pray that the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will always be true to the Lord in serving in its place in the church.

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Praise God for the prayer revival in Modesto, Calif., and pray that it might continue bearing fruit, and that the Lord will enable this church to go self-supporting soon.

2. Pray for the Juniata, Altoona, church and pastor as Bro. Ward Tressler begins his ministry there, and pray for the former pastor, Bro. Phillip Simmons, as he goes to another field of service.

3. Pray for the physical need of Mrs. Sam Horney at Taos, N. Mex. There is an added burden upon these missionaries during the vacation period with DVBS and vacation travelers.

4. Pray for the completion of satisfactory building plans at Findlay, Ohio, and Roanoke, Va., and for the immediate need of financing these two new building programs.

5. Pray for Seattle, Wash., Parkersburg, W. Va., and Wheaton, Ill., where lots have been purchased recently for new church buildings, that finances may be obtained for building.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the increased effectiveness of the school through the new four-year collegiate department, and pray that many young people may enter this collegiate division this fall.

2. Pray for Dr. Paul Bauman and the Grace Trumpeters as they travel over the Brotherhood during the summer months in behalf of the school.

3. Praise God for the faithful friends who have given to the seminary during the past year, and pray that many more may use the monthly offering plan, and that all may remain faithful in this service.

4. Pray very definitely for the funds needed for the expenses and upkeep of the school during the summer months. Let us pray in these funds.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the new missionaries: The John Zielasko and John Teeter families are in Brazil, studying Por-

tuguese and taking part in the work. The Lester Kennedys, Martin Garbers, Charles Tabers, and Misses Edith Geske, Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston have now arrived in Africa where they will have more language study and a period of adjustment before going to their respective stations. Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise are now in Honolulu on a self-supporting basis and are assuming full responsibility of the work there.

2. Pray for traveling missionaries: The Roy Snyders are due to arrive in the States on July 8 on furlough from Africa. The Hill Maconaghys expect to sail for Argentina on July 9 for another term of service. The Albert Balzers are expecting to return to Africa at the very end of August. The Walter Haags are com-



pleting a period of witnessing about 700 miles south of the international border in the Santa Rosalia area. The Roy Howards are planning for a month of witnessing and teaching south of the border. Missionaries on furlough are busy in camps, conferences, and church visitation.

3. Pray for the physical well-being of our entire missionary family: The C. B. Sheldons should now be back at Bellevue, Africa, following surgery. Mrs. Robert Williams expects to make a trip to the Camerouns, Africa, for dental surgery. Little Anne Goodman is recovering from surgery—pray especially that she may recover so that the Goodman family may soon return to Africa. Continue to pray for Bro. Jack Churchill in Argentina.

4. Pray for all of our fields of missionary endeavor: New trucks and automobiles are badly needed in Brazil and Argentina; pray that import licenses may be granted for such to these countries. Brother Zielasko reports serious disturbances in relation to the public services at Furo, Brazil. The national Argen-

tine church is arranging to assume full responsibility for its own support and propagation. The missionaries in Africa will have added responsibilities in training the large group of new folks and in caring for work as others return on furlough. Funds are needed to send a second family to France. Pray for the Fogles as they seek to conserve all the blessings which have come from the two recent short revival meetings.

## WMC (NORTHWEST DISTRICT)—

1. Pray that our ladies may show more interest in WMC and that new members may be added.

2. Pray that there might be more interest shown in the work among the Navaho Indians, both in prayer and material aid.

3. Pray that the Lord will bless the Bruce Buttons as they present the Gospel to the Jews in Los Angeles, and that many may be saved through their ministry.

4. Pray for the new work in Seattle that the Lord may lead in the purchase of lots in both north and south Seattle, and that we may have the joy of seeing two churches start within the year.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the mission points in New Mexico and Kentucky, and for the young people helping in the summer work.

2. Pray that the memorization of Bible verses and other SMM material this year will be used in witnessing for Christ.

3. Pray that many girls will be able to attend the Sisterhood sessions at national conference. Continue to pray for those planning these sessions.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for our summer camps, and pray that those who make decisions will be able to keep them.

2. Pray that the young people who should be going to school this fall will be able to make the arrangements, and have the faith to launch out in His will for them.

3. Pray for the urgent financial needs of the Youth Council.

4. Pray for our BBC's which are operating through the summer, that they may be effective in reaching boys for Christ.





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The *New Troy, Mich.*, church was host to the Berrien Camp of Gideons June 8 with Pastor Richard Jackson giving the message.

*Loana Painter*, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Harold D. Painter, of Modesto, Calif., received a \$100 scholarship given to a freshman girl at Modesto Junior College for outstanding grades. Her brother, *Joel Painter*, was chosen to represent Modesto's Downey High School at Boys' State in Sacramento June 21-27.

Do you know any Brethren or persons interested in the Brethren Church in the *McKeesport-Pittsburgh* area of Pennsylvania? If so, convey your information to Bro. Walter M. Fergus, 1401 Patterson Ave., McKeesport, Pa., or call 49263. The desire is to start a Bible class there looking forward to a Brethren church.

Have you prayed and given liberally for the work of the *Brethren Missionary Herald Company*? This work is a part of God's missionary program committed to the Brethren denomination. Therefore pray and give for the advancement of the work. Remember also to send in that gift subscription during July, for our goal is 8,000 subscribers by July 31.

*Pastor Paul L. Mohler*, new pastor of the Covington, Va., church, now lives at Parrish Court, R. R. 6, Covington, Va. (Change Annual, p. 70.)

*Pastor John M. Aeby*, of the Philadelphia, Pa., First church, has returned home from the hospital. Prayer is requested for his complete recovery.

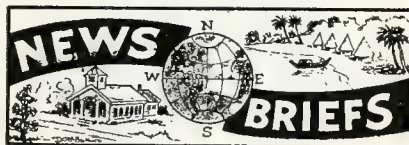
*Mrs. Lydia A. Horner*, 84-year-old member of the Winona Lake, Ind., church, died June 22. She was the stepmother of Mrs. Loana Aeby, of Indianapolis, Ind., and the stepgrand-

mother of Pastor John M. Aeby, of Philadelphia, Pa. She was born in Lagrange County, Ind., December 25, 1868, and married Milton E. Horner April 26, 1903. Funeral services were held in Warsaw under the direction of Pastor Herman W. Koontz, assisted by Dr. Russell D. Barnard. Burial was near Brighton, Ind.

*Rev. Arthur F. Collins*, South Bend, Ind., officiated at the wedding of his son, Arthur, Jr., to Evelyn M. Jarvis June 6 at the Clementon, N. J., Community Church, of which he was formerly pastor. On June 7 Brother Collins preached at East Berlin and Albion, both in New Jersey.

The *Dallas Center, Iowa*, church gave a unanimous call to its pastor, True L. Hunt, to serve it for his fifth year.

*Verner Thomas*, of the Uniontown, Pa., church, died recently.



*Raymond E. Gingrich, Jr.*, son of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Gingrich, of Akron, Ohio, was married to Miss Carol Joy Smith June 13 at Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich preached at the *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*, church May 24 and Bro. Kent Carnahan spoke there June 14, according to Pastor Richard L. Burch.

The *La Crescenta, Calif.*, church, pastored by Robert L. Dell, honored the members of its group who graduated from any school with a banquet and special program.

The *Jackson, Mich.*, church "voted June 21 to discontinue services and to dissolve the organization effective June 30, 1953. The pastor, Robert L. Bates, is available for pastoral service and may be contacted at 931 Whitney St., Jackson, Mich."

*Mrs. Eula Chapel*, of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church, died on June 2.

The *Modesto, Calif.*, La Loma church, pastored by Harold D. Painter, had an enrollment of 152 and an average attendance of 127 in the daily vacation Bible school, with several children receiving Christ Jesus as Saviour. An offering of \$29

was given for the Brethren Navaho Mission in New Mexico. This church more than doubled its foreign mission offering over last year.

The *Hopewell, Pa.*, Yellow Creek church called its pastor, Sheldon W. Snyder, to continue for his sixth year. On June 20 the congregation gave a surprise celebration in honor of the Snyders' 35th wedding anniversary. The program was held in the Sherred Deshong home with 42 people present and useful gifts were presented to the Snyders. The young people, with Miss Betty Aurandt as the speaker, were in charge of the evening service June 28.

The *Seattle, Wash.*, church, pastored by Thomas E. Hammers, was given a piano and songbooks by Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Lindblad. This new church gave \$427 to foreign missions.

The new building of the *Dayton, Ohio*, Patterson Park church was used for the first time for services June 28, according to Pastor Caleb S. Zimmerman.

The *Dayton, Ohio*, North Riverdale church, according to Pastor Clyde G. Balyo, has begun work on building the Sunday school annex.

Brethren Carl E. Sisson and Paul Miller spoke at the *Whittier, Calif.*, First church June 21 and 24 respectively, while Pastor Lewis C. Hohenstein was helping in the young people's camp.

Funeral services for *Bro. John Hubbling*, of the Whittier, Calif., First church, were held June 18.

Bro. Gene Klingler preached at the *Ashland, Ohio*, church June 14, according to Pastor Miles Taber.

The *Seven Fountains, Va.*, church is being pastored during the summer months by Marion (Frank) Brill, member of the Winchester church and a student in Grace Seminary.

*Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus*, of the Kittanning, Pa., First church, spent their vacation helping in the Brethren Spanish-American Mission in New Mexico. They gave a report of their experiences at the home church June 21. *Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Smith*, of the same church, according to Pastor Gordon W. Bracker, left June 20 for the same purpose.

*Rev. Archer Baum*, recent graduate of Grace Seminary, has been called to the pastorate at San Diego, Calif., and plans to leave Winona Lake, Ind., shortly to take up the work there.

# LORD OF ALL SANCTIFICATION

By Rev. Dennis I. Holliday, Waynesboro, Pa.

*This message was delivered at the conference of the Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches on May 15, 1953, at Winchester, Va.—Editor.*

Some individuals as well as religious organizations have set forth erroneous teachings concerning the Bible doctrine of sanctification. Some Bible-believing, Bible-teaching pastors have avoided preaching on the subject of sanctification, being afraid they would be classified with those who held to heretical views of sanctification. Because there are some who have taught heresy, let us not be afraid to study this important Bible doctrine.

I will use as my text I Thessalonians 4:3—"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." If you were to enter into a flower garden you would want to enter by the gate, and follow many of the paths, that you might see and enjoy the beauty of the garden. We will enter upon the doctrine of sanctification using this passage as a gateway into this doctrine. Then we will go here and there in the Bible and investigate and study this important Bible doctrine.

We observe first of all in our text something concerning the will of God. The Bible reveals the will of God for every Christian. Sometimes we must give diligent study to the Word to determine what is the will of God concerning some things. Sometimes the will of God is revealed very clearly in the Word. Sanctification is a case where the will of God is clearly stated. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." We will of necessity search the Scriptures to know what sanctification is. We want more than just to know what the Bible says about sanctification; we want to experience it also. Our text tells us that it is the will of God that every Christian experience sanctification. The will of God is said to be good, acceptable, and perfect. We need not be afraid of that which is good and perfect. Let us not shun the Bible teaching concerning sanctification. Let us study the Word of God to see what sanctification really is, then let us submit to it for our good and for His glory.

## I. What Some Think Sanctification Is.

There are some folks today who believe that sanctification means the eradication of the Adamic nature. Therefore, when the Adamic nature is completely annihilated, then it is possible for one to attain unto sinless perfection in this life. So we will study the Word of God today, attempting to point out clearly that the word "sanctification" as used in the Bible does not mean the eradication of the Adamic nature, nor does it mean the attaining unto sinless per-



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fection. I will point out that the word "sanctify" as used in the Bible means "to set apart for service for God."

## II. How the Word "Sanctify" Is Used in the Bible.

Let us turn to Leviticus 8:10-12. As we look into verse 10 we will observe that an *object* is sanctified. "And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them." In verse 11, again, it is an *object* or several *objects* that are sanctified. Therefore the word "sanctify" could not possibly mean the eradication of the Adamic nature, nor could it mean attaining unto sinless perfection. "And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them."

In the next verse we observe that a *person* is sanctified. That person is Aaron, Moses' brother. In these three verses we observe that it is not God who does the sanctifying, but rather a person, and that person is Moses. The popular idea of today that the word "sanctify" means to

"make holy," is not the significance of the word as used here in Leviticus. The meaning of the word, as used here in this passage of Scripture, is "to set apart for service for God."

The word "sanctify" occurs many times in the Bible, and in every case it has the basic meaning—"to set apart." In almost every case it means "to set apart for service for God." I call your attention to a passage of Scripture in the New Testament, John 10:36. In this verse of Scripture we have the words of the Lord Jesus Himself. "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest: because I said, I am the Son of God?" This verse tells us that the Father hath sanctified the Son. We immediately recognize that the word here cannot mean the eradication of the Adamic nature, for the Lord Jesus did not have an Adamic nature. The word "sanctify" here cannot possibly mean to attain unto sinless perfection, for the Lord Jesus was always sinless and perfect. The meaning of the word "sanctify" here is "to set apart for service for God."

Notice several things. (1) Every believer is completely sanctified before God as to position at the moment he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Every believer is being sanctified every day of his life. That is, every Christian is being set apart more and more from sin unto God. (3) Every believer will experience complete sanctification at the time of his death or at the time of the rapture of the saints. At that time every believer will be completely set apart from the presence of sin unto God.

A story is told about a minister of the Gospel who was on the street of a certain city. On this street a Salvation Army street team was conducting a service. This minister stood nearby listening to the singing of gospel hymns and the testimonies by those of the Salvation Army. One young lady with the Salvation Army uniform on stepped over to the minister and said to him, "Are you sanctified?" His reply was, "I was sanctified; I am being sanctified; and I will be sanctified." Then he took a few minutes to explain to the Salvation Army lassie that every believer is sanctified or set apart for God at



the time that one believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. He explained that every Christian is being set apart more and more from sin unto God every day of his life, and that every believer will be completely set apart from the presence of sin and separated completely unto God Himself at the time of that one's death or at the time of the rapture.

### III. Completed Sanctification.

Every believer, whether young or old in the Lord, is sanctified. That one was instantaneously and completely sanctified, set apart for service for God at the moment that one trusted Christ as Saviour. Let us consider the Corinthian believers. The Corinthian Christians were gentiles, and many of them had been idolaters. I Corinthians 6:10-11 tells us that these Corinthians were sanctified. Verse 10: "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." This verse tells us that some of the Corinthian believers had been thieves, drunkards, and extortioners before they were saved.

Verse 11: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." The Apostle Paul tells us that these Corinthian Christians were washed in the blood of the Lamb; they were sanctified; they were justified; all this instantaneously and completely at the time they accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The basis for this sanctification is that a person must be "in Christ Jesus." I Corinthians 1:1-2 tells us that this epistle is written unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus. Every Christian is sanctified because he is "in Christ Jesus." We are saved because of the precious shed blood of Christ on Calvary. Therefore Calvary is the basis of this past, complete sanctification. Every Christian, the moment he believes, is set apart in a special way as belonging to God; and therefore is said to be sanctified.

### IV. Present, Progressive, Practical Sanctification.

We who are Christians are to become more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ day by day throughout this life. The Bible tells us that we are sanctified by the Word. Jesus said, "Sanctify them through thy

truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The sanctification spoken of here is that day-by-day sanctification that every Christian should experience. Every Christian should be more and more set apart from sin unto the Lord Jesus Christ. Many artists have attempted to present us with a likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ on canvas. Many of these pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ are very good, yet not one is perfect. The only perfect picture we have of the Lord Jesus Christ is in the Bible. It is a word picture—it is a perfect picture. Every Christian should be like the blessed man spoken of in Psalms 1:2—"His delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

Every Christian should set his affections on the Lord Jesus. As we



meditate on the Word, which gives us a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, we become more and more like our Saviour. The Apostle Peter said, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps." The Apostle Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Every Christian should spend time studying the Word of God, for there we have a perfect picture of the Lord Jesus. As we behold Him, we are sanctified. II Corinthians 3:18—"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

This verse of Scripture tells us that as we behold the glory of the Lord we are changed into the same image. This is that present, progressive, practical sanctification that every Christian should experience.

Thus far we have considered that

every Christian is set apart from sin unto God by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Also we have observed that every Christian is being set apart more and more, day by day, as we behold Him in the Word of God. Now we will consider that future sanctification of which the Bible speaks.

### V. Complete, Final Sanctification.

The Bible speaks of a complete sanctification for every Christian. This is yet future. I Thessalonians 5:23—"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This verse of Scripture speaks of the spirit, soul, and body, which refers to the complete person. This verse of Scripture tells us that God will accomplish this sanctification. This verse of Scripture also tells us when we will experience this sanctification. "At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This means that when we see the Lord Jesus face to face, we shall be completely sanctified, set apart from the presence of sin, and set apart completely unto God. This complete and final sanctification will be experienced by each Christian at death, if death occurs before the rapture of the saints. II Corinthians 5:8—Whether present or absent "we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." This verse speaks of a time when we shall be present with the Lord. We will experience this full and final sanctification when we are present with Him. Whether we meet Him by way of death or by way of the rapture, at that time we will be completely set apart from the presence of sin unto the Lord.

We have considered the Bible doctrine of sanctification, and have observed that the Bible teaches that every Christian has been sanctified, set apart by the precious blood of Christ. Everyone who has placed his trust in the Lord Jesus is said to be "in Christ," and therefore is set apart unto God.

We also observed that the Bible teaches that there is a present, practical, progressive sanctification that every Christian should be experiencing day by day as he meditates upon the Word, sets his affections on the Lord Jesus. As a Christian be-

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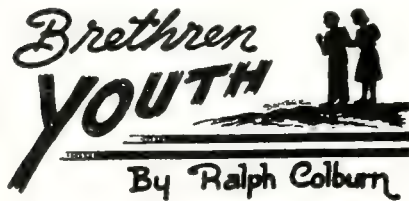
# OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT ENJOYED BY HARRISBURG BOYS

## BBC AND SMM ALSO SHARE OUTING AT ECHO CAVE

Although it rained hard during the night, everybody slept warm and dry at a recent overnight campout of the Harrisburg, Pa., Brethren Boys Club. About a dozen boys and three men, including your youth director, pitched tents, shelter halves, and hammocks in the woods on a farm near the city, and roughed it. Each boy brought his own food and cooked it over an improvised fireplace.

Softball games, a campfire service, and the observation of 17-year locusts coming out of their shells and spreading their wings occupied most of the time not involved in eating and sleeping (and believe me, there wasn't much time involved in sleeping for most of the gang!).

A week or so later, the BBC invited the SMM to share an outing with them, and they had a weiner



roast at India Echo Cave, near Hummelstown, Pa. After the weiner roast the group visited the cave. The girls reciprocated by challenging the boys to a softball game, which was to be played at a diamond near the church early this month.

## ALUMNI CABINS PLANNED FOR BETHANY

A large enrollment is anticipated at Bethany Camp this year, August 24-31, and to encourage the older campers of college age and above to keep returning, one of the boys' cabins and part of the lakeside building are being set aside as "alumni cabins" and will be reserved for this age group.

Bethany registration cards are now in the hands of pastors, youth leaders, and some former campers, and early registration is urged. The total cost for the week for room, board, recreation, and insurance is only \$20 a camper.



(Above) Young people enjoying weiner roast at Indian Echo Cave.

Second picture shows Ralph Colburn, youth director, speaking at boys club campfire.

Bottom picture shows boys and leaders examining some 17-year locusts.



## SEVEN FOUNTAINS YOUTH ORGANIZE

The Trinity Brethren Church at Seven Fountains, Va., recently organized their BYF and elected Tracy Ritenour president, Rosetta Coverstone vice president, Harriet Coverstone secretary, and Molly Sullivan treasurer. These four officers then became team captains and chose the rest of the BYF members to be on their respective teams. Then each team selected adult counselors. The teams take turns planning and put-

ting on the weekly programs. The first meeting was a big success, with 22 young people and 6 adult counselors present.

Frank Brill, a Grace Seminary senior from Winchester, Va., will be helping in this work through the summer months, as the church does not have a regular pastor. Paul Dick, pastor at Winchester, has been holding services every other Saturday night at the church.





### Tracy, California

The First Brethren Church and the First Baptist Church cooperated in an evangelistic-revival campaign for two weeks. The meetings during the first week were held at the Baptist church with Rev. Charles Garrett, of Reading, Pa., preaching, and during the second week at the Brethren church with Pastor Harold D. Painter, of Modesto, as the preacher. The Lord blessed and a wonderful attendance was maintained both weeks.

The mother-daughter banquet was a success with 60 people present.

The church purchased a new Hammond organ and installed it June 18.

Bro. Robert Cover preached here June 14 while the pastor was preaching at Chico, Calif.

We are thankful for all of our Lord's blessings and answers to prayer.—*William Clough, pastor.*

### Clayton, Ohio

There was rejoicing in the hearts of the Clayton Brethren as the Lord led us in the first step of our building program. On June 7 the Grace Trumpeters ministered to a packed house in the morning service. Following the message by Dr. Paul Bauman, the congregation gathered outside to the rear of the church and a formal groundbreaking service was witnessed. The Grace Trumpeters rendered several additional numbers, Scripture was read by the pastor, and Dr. Bauman gave some words of exhortation to the members.

The first shovel of dirt was turned by Brother Shank, vice moderator of the church, chairman of the deacon board, and a member in the Brethren Church for many years. Brother Barton, the Sunday school superintendent, took his turn, followed by the rest of the members of the board of trustees.

Digging begins this third week in June and by the guidance of the Lord the actual construction of the Sunday school annex will follow. The Lord has been good, for which we praise His name.—*Clair Brickel, pastor.*

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Temple City, Calif.	June 17-July 5..	Leo Polman.....	R. Paul Miller.
Osceola, Ind.....	June 28-July 5..	.....	Dudley Long.
Alto, Mich.....	July 3-5.....	Earl Funderburg..	Conard Sandy.
Glendale, Calif...	July 5-8.....	Chas. Underwood.	Herman Hoyt.
Los Angeles, Calif.	(First) ..... July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	R. Paul Miller.
Los Angeles, Calif.	(Second) ..... July 9-12.....	Henry Rempel....	Herman Hoyt.
Kittanning, Pa.	(First) ..... July 12-19.....	Gordon Bracker..	Harold Kattman.
Long Beach, Calif.	(First) ..... July 12-15.....	Charles Mayes....	Herman Hoyt.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.

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holds the glory of Christ in the Word, he is changed into the same image. Therefore Christians are sanctified by Christ as they behold Him in the Word. All Christians will be sanctified, set apart from the presence of sin at the time they see the Lord Jesus face to face. This sanctification is accomplished by the very presence of the Lord Jesus. Jesus Christ is Lord of all sanctification, whether it be past, present, or future sanctification.

### Our Personal Responsibility

If there is one who reads this message who has not yet made his peace with God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that one has not yet experienced sanctification, not even past sanctification. The moment anyone places his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, instantly that one has been sanctified once and for all. It is the duty of every Christian to read and obey the Word. As we read and obey the Word we are progressively set apart from sin unto God. This progressive sanctification continues throughout the lifetime of a Christian here on the earth. Every Christian should be looking for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ when we shall experience complete sanctification. God hasten that day. Our prayer, along with that of the Apostle John, should be: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Until the Lord Jesus calls us home by way of death or comes for His own, let us continually behold Him in the Word. "This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

## SALVATION ARMY LEADER DIES

The national commander of the Salvation Army, Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire, died suddenly of a heart attack June 24.

Pugmire, 65, was appointed head of the Salvation Army in the United States in 1944. He formerly was eastern territorial commander and had served in the Army for 46 years both in the United States, Canada, and in the Orient. He was a native of Kansas City, Mo.

The commissioner died as he was walking on the street to the Army's national offices. He was the son of the late Col. and Mrs. Joseph Pugmire, pioneer officers in the Salvation Army.

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## LETTER FROM MRS. BERTHA MORRILL

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Dear Friends,

So many of you have written with loving and comforting messages of sympathy, wanting to know more details of the accident that was the Lord's means of promoting Curtis to glory.

The Lord had literally thrust him into a Bible-teaching ministry here, far beyond anything we had anticipated. Only his death has shown us a part of what was accomplished in such a short time. A Christian friend in the timber business was expecting to finance a trip for himself and Curtis to Panama the first of July. Curtis was planning to go there prepared to stay four months, which time he would spend learning the language of an Indian tribe which had asked for someone to teach them about the Lord. Then he expected to come home and work on the data he would have collected before making another trip. Since the accident, we have learned that other missionaries are there and I praise the Lord for the answer to the prayer burden that Curtis had carried for at least a year for that particular tribe. May others be raised up to reach the unevangelized world around.

As many of you know, Curtis was felling timber to finance the family until the Lord would raise up other means of financial support. He was happy in his work and both of us were conscious of the Lord's direction in our lives. He was working with Ernest Stover, a close friend and former deacon in our church in Harrah, Wash. He had just called to Ernest that it was about time to eat lunch; then Ernest became conscious of the fact that Curtis' saw had stopped running. After time enough had elapsed for Curtis to have the lunch buckets ready and he didn't again call him, Ernest became uneasy and went to where Curtis was working. There he found him breathing his last. Curtis had stepped aside to get out of the way

of a tree which he had felled and had unknowingly stepped into the path of a dead tree which had become uprooted and, with no limbs to make any noise in the air, was slowly coming down upon him from behind. He never knew what had happened, for the tree hit him from behind, throwing him about 15 feet in the air. Many of his bones were broken so that he would have been a cripple had he lived. He did not suffer, and almost instantly went into the presence of the Lord whom he loved so much, by a freak accident that I'm told would happen only once in many thousand times.

My first word was that he was hurt and I went with a friend as far as the ambulance could go into the woods. Because of the condition of the road for the next four miles into where they were working we waited for an hour and a half or two hours before we were certain that he was dead. The Lord was so faithful in sustaining me. He gave me two promises: "In great faith will thy strength be," and "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." At the time I thought He was speaking to me for comfort in separation from Curtis and for the responsibility that lay ahead with the children.

Spiritual friends in the Bible classes he was teaching and in the church we were attending came to our comfort and support. Then came friends from over the years from Harrah and finally Curtis' family and one of my sisters, and friends from the Portland area.

From the testimony of others I think the funeral service was just as Curtis would have dictated—a time of spiritual comfort and an attempt to glorify the Lord. A young man, Dick Merriman, a graduate of Prairie Bible Institute, who has been working in the woods until the Lord opens the door for further training or for the mission field, had the funeral service, his first. Much to his relief and our joy Dr. David Schmidt and his wife came from Los Angeles

when word reached them. Dick's message, I felt, was the contact for the Lord with local people, especially loggers, and Dr. Schmidt's coming was the "abundantly above" for the entire Morrill family. What a comfort his presence was to all of us. He has been a friend and spiritual adviser of the Morrills for many years. Their own son, a senior in high school, was killed by a bolt of lightning two years ago this summer, and Dr. Schmidt himself has been recovering from an illness of several months.

For the present Mother and Dad Morrill are with us, and Curtis' sister, Ethel, for a couple of weeks. I appreciate so much the many messages of sympathy and above all the prayers ascending on our behalf. I find that peace is mine through a moment-by-moment dependence upon the Lord. Half of my very existence is up in heaven, but I know that somehow the Lord will be glorified more by Curtis' death than by his life had he lived and somehow He will be glorified in our family life without our Daddy. How I praise Him for His grace and for the fact that we were expecting a separation of four months and were preparing for it.

Many times I have heard Curtis advise people to make no definite decisions immediately after a shock of this sort, so together the children and I are waiting upon the Lord to reveal His plan for our future. Please continue to pray for us.

In His care and keeping,  
(Mrs.) Bertha Morrill.

### IT'S A SCANDAL!

It happens right here! A scandal it would be, indeed, if your pastor were invited to your home for dinner and after eating his soup (the first course of the meal) would get up and go home. And you having worked so hard to prepare the best meal possible! S-A-Y! That is just what some people do on Sunday morning. They eat their first course in the Bible school class and before the next course is served in the worship hour, they get their hat and run on home or go someplace else—leaving the preacher to wonder what is wrong with the food. Yes, and much time has been spent to make the meal as appetizing as possible! IT MUST BE A TERRIBLE SCANDAL—IN HEAVEN!—*From bulletin of Dayton, Ohio, First church.*



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The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church elected Rev. Bruce Button as moderator for the next year and continued Howard Vulgamore as director of Christian education, including the Brethren day school. Pastor Glenn O'Neal led the congregation in dedicating its new bus in special services June 21.

Bro. William Wiles, member of the Hagerstown, Md., church and 1953 graduate from Grace Seminary, is serving as supply pastor of the Waynesboro, Pa., church, beginning June 24, while Pastor Dennis I. Hol-liday and family are on vacation.

The executive committee of national conference has set the following days of conference week (August 24-30) for the corporation meetings: Tuesday—Brethren Missionary Herald Company; Wednesday—Brethren Home Missions Council; Thursday—Grace Theological Seminary Corporation; Friday—Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. The time allotted is 1:45-2:45 each day.

Bro. Cleve Miller, of the Waterloo, Iowa, church, was elected recently as the moderator for the coming year in the Iowa District.

Bro. Scott Weaver, recent graduate from Grace Theological Seminary, has resigned as pastor of the Sharpsville, Ind., church effective July 31 and has accepted the pastorate of the Osceola, Ind., church effective August 1.

Irwin I. Berkley's funeral was conducted by Dr. William A. Ogden at Johnstown, Pa., June 29.

Speakers at the *South Gate, Calif.*, church June 28, while Pastor Alfred Dodds was in the young people's camp, were Chaplain E. Bateman, of the Los Angeles Juvenile Hall, and Truman Collins, of the local church.

Miss Floy Hoover, member of the Rittman, Ohio, church, for 13 years a worker at the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, and one-time secretary to Dr. Charles W. Mayes, then editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, became the bride of Ralph Hill in a quiet home wedding at Wooster, Ohio, June 12. Pastor Clair Brickel, of Clayton, Ohio, brother-in-law of the bride, performed the ceremony. Floy has resigned her position with the mission and the couple are residing in Wooster.

Pastor James C. Beatty, of Los Angeles, Calif., Third church, received a Master of Arts in Theology degree from the California Baptist Seminary June 5.

Recent speakers at the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Third church were Rev. J. Keith Altig, first pastor of the church, June 14; Rev. Jerry Yerian, June 21; and Rev. Claude H. Pearson, June 28.



Dr. Charles W. Mayes, president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, received the following telegram April 20 (translated from Spanish): "The brethren of Argentina greet the brethren of the Brethren Church, and especially the members of the foreign missions board, on the occasion of being gathered together at the annual conference, where we enjoy all the blessings of the Lord; and we would be grateful for your prayers in behalf of the work in Argentina, which is faced with the problem of nationalizing its churches." Dr. Russell D. Barnard, general secretary, received a similar message but with this addition: "We trust that the Lord will permit your trip to Argentina to take place soon, and that before the next conference [Argentine conference] we might be able to see you among us." Both of these messages were signed by President Lynn D. Schrock and Secretary M. P. de Diedrich.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Yerian, of Los Angeles, Calif., are the parents of a son, Neal Alden, born June 8.

The *Beaumont, Calif.*, church, according to Pastor Gene Farrell, had an average of 101 in the morning

service, 73 in evening, and 134 in the Sunday school during May, and the offerings totaled \$1,306.

The *Uniontown, Pa.*, church, pastored by Clyde K. Landrum, had an enrollment of 168 pupils, with an average attendance of 138, in its vacation Bible school. There were 16 teachers. The offerings amounted to \$126, and 37 children received Christ as Saviour.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, of Whittier, Calif., mother of Perry, Lawrence, and Jake Miller, of First church, died June 24.

The *York, Pa.*, church, pastored by Gerald Polman, held its first vacation Bible school in June. The largest attendance was 24 and the average was 22. This church participated in the Key to Life crusade at the local fairgrounds June 7-21 under the leadership of Dr. Jesse Hendley. There were 320 confessions of faith in Christ.

Vernon W. Miller, of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, was killed in an airplane disaster in Japan in the middle of June.

Rev. Archie L. Lynn has moved to Ponce de Leon Hotel, Roanoke 17, Va. (Change Annual, p. 70.)

Missionary travels: On June 28 the four nurses—Edith Geske, Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston—arrived at Bangui, Africa. Two hours after their arrival the Roy Snyders left by airplane for Paris, where they arrived June 29. On June 30 the Martin Garbers and the Lester Kennedys left Paris by plane for Africa.

Rev. Charles R. Taber has just completed the course of study in Paris, France, preparing him to become director of our Christian day schools in French in Africa, and has passed his examinations with highest honors. The baby daughter, Christine Anne, has been very ill, carrying a high fever, apparently from yellow-fever shots. She was in the Children's Hospital in Paris for 10 days, but is well now. Because they did not receive their visas the Tabers were unable to leave with the other missionaries for Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Sibley Edmiston have located at Laredo, Tex., where they expect to work on a self-supporting basis, witnessing to the many Mexican people who cross the international border at this port of entry. Mail should be sent to them "General Delivery."



# ISAIAH'S PROPHECY OF CHRIST'S RANSOM

By Rev. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

Most people do not give a second thought to anything so common as water, yet voluminous studies on water have been compiled. Scientists know there are yet many facts to be uncovered about simple but complex water.

Also many Bible students take Isaiah 53 for granted. Numerous works have been written on that chapter. Yet all the careful scrutiny of this precious chapter has not exhausted all the wonderful promises found in this great prophecy of the Messiah who would come as the Servant of Jehovah.

## *Messiah's Offering and Christ's Ransom*

How often the familiar words, "when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin" (Isa. 53:10) have been read without precise study of them. The same is true of Christ's assertion that He came "to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28; Mark 10:45). Yet a careful consideration of Isaiah 53:10, Matthew 20:28, and Mark 10:45 together will show that Christ's ransom was a fulfillment of Messiah's offering.

Perhaps the link between Isaiah 53:10 and Matthew 20:28 seems obscure at first due to the inaccurate translation of the King James Version (an inaccuracy carried over into the Revised Standard Version). The American Standard Version has a footnote which shows that the Hebrew word translated "offering for sin" in the KJV is actually the word rendered "trespass-offering" in Leviticus and Ezekiel.

## *Significance of Christ's Ransom* (Matt. 20:28)

When Christ said the Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many, His words signified: (1) He would die on the cross to fulfill all that the Levitical sacrifices were intended to teach. (2) Christ's death would fulfill the one sacrifice intended to teach full redemption and restitution for sins that defraud God in His commandments and holy things. (3) When the Son of Man's life would be given as a ransom, the prophecy in Isaiah 53:10 ("when thou shalt

make his soul" a trespass-offering) would be fulfilled.

## *Significance of the Trespass-Offering*

The trespass-offering and sin-offering are not identical. When the Jews sinned in the holy things of God or violated His commandments, restitution had to be made by means of a trespass-offering, per the Mosaic law (Lev. 5:15-18; 6:2-5). Every time God's holy things and commandments were violated, the offender ceased being a trusted serv-



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ant of God. He became a slave of sin who needed redemption by restitution—provided by a trespass-offering.

The *sin-offering* was to *remove sin's stain and provide reconciliation* (Lev. 16:20). The *trespass-offering* was to *remove the guilt of stain and supply redemption*. Bullocks, goats, lambs, or doves could be given as sin-offerings. With but one exception only rams without blemish could be given as a trespass-offering. Besides, in the case of the trespass-offering, restitution had to be made to the extent of full value of that obtained by fraud plus a fifth more of the value. (See Lev. 5:16; 6:5). Silver shekels also had to be given as part of the trespass-offering (Lev. 5:15). These shekels were symbolic of redemption.

## *Significance of Messiah's Trespass-Offering*

Isaiah's prophecy of the trespass-offering of the Servant of Jehovah, or Messiah (Isa. 53:10), was made when the Jews were debasing the whole sacrificial system established by God. Isaiah 1:10-15 shows clearly the people sinned in the holy things

and commandments of God, defrauding Him in what was due to God. Against a backdrop of such spiritual decay Isaiah's prophecy of the life of the Servant of the Lord being given as a trespass-offering showed that Messiah's sacrifice would be greater than all sacrifices listed in Isaiah 1.

In this light consider Christ's words in Matthew 20:28. Jesus offered Himself as the Servant of the Lord, for the Son of Man came to minister. How? By giving His life a ransom, by giving His life a trespass-offering as Isaiah said the Servant of the Lord would do (see Isa. 53:10 ASV).

## *Practical Values of Isaiah 53:10 and Matthew 20:28 Together*

When Christ spoke the words of Matthew 20:28 the Jews' spiritual condition was like that shown in Isaiah 1:10-15. John 2:13-17 shows that sacrifices in the temple had become a calloused, cold, commercial course lacking in spiritual significance. Truly in Jesus' day the words of Isaiah would have been appropriate: "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats" (1:11).

When Jesus, the believer's High Priest, cried from the cross, "It is finished," the need for vain oblations ceased. Jesus Christ, Servant of Jehovah, gave His life as a trespass-offering, once for all, a ransom that alone provides full redemption and restitution, because—

"Jesus paid it all!

All to Him I owe,  
Sin had made a crimson stain;  
He washed it white as snow."

So no longer has the believer to offer a trespass-offering. None of the spiritual sacrifices (described in the imagery of Mosaic sacrifices) which Christians are to observe are mentioned in terms of sin- and trespass-offerings. For Christ's sin-offering and trespass-offering at the cross can avail.

Ephesians 5:2 exhorts the Chris-

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By Dr. Charles W. Mayes, Long Beach, Calif.

"... AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

For centuries scientific views about the origin of the universe have been numerous and varied. The greatest scientists of other centuries, out of the best of their knowledge, have held ridiculous ideas which no one would consider today even for a moment. In recent generations the evolutionary hypothesis (guess) has occupied the thinking of great numbers of scientific leaders. Although it has been admitted that the evolutionary theory was only a theory, it has been taught as such a reasonable theory that many have felt it was practically a scientific authenticity.

With the discovery of atomic energy something new has come upon the horizon. In *Popular Science* of February 1953, page 178, the following quotation may be found:

"The Biblical story of creation has new and striking evidence on its side, reports Prof. Edw. McCrady, of the University of the South. Modern study indicates that all known elements in the universe came into existence practically at once—within half an hour or so. Before that time there could have been no chemical elements at all. Dating studies, based on the radioactivity decay of uranium, fix the date of that awesome moment of creation about five billion years ago."

## Five Billion Years

This view of sudden creation is not new in scientific circles, for here and there it had been advocated by various men in recent years. As for the date set for creation as five billion years ago, we would have no great cause for argument. So far as the writer knows, there is no statement in the Scriptures as to the time of the creation of the physical universe. It was in the dateless past. Perhaps it was five million years ago, perhaps 50 million, perhaps 10 thousand.

For over three millenniums the testimony of God's Word has been clear and simple. "In the beginning God created [out of nothing] the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). The Bible also declares, "We under-

stand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Heb. 11:3). This passage clearly indicates that the physical creation round about us, even the things that "are seen" with the physical eye, were not made of the things which do appear, or which are "obvious to the senses." A house is made of wood. The wood comes from a tree. The tree comes from the elements of the universe, yet



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these elements *are* discernible by our physical senses. That from which God created the elements was something *not* obvious to the senses.

We are told also that the creation was brought about by the word of God. It would appear that God spoke the universe into existence. He who has all power only needed to speak the word and out of that infinite power the universe came into existence. In this physical universe are found the physical elements which we have discovered by scientific research through the years. God has allowed man to discover one more thing, that is, how to take some of the physical elements which are in the earth and return them to the form of energy. This is a discovered secret of the atom bomb.

## Hidden in Scriptures

In the closing days of this age God has allowed man to discover these previously hidden truths. After having learned some of these facts from scientific investigation we are star-

In the blackness of the midnight,  
When your thoughts like walls  
around

Only echo and re-echo,  
As with shouts without a sound:  
Rest your cause upon the Saviour;  
Hear His still small voice of love:  
"Hush, be still in best behavior,  
Know indeed that I am God!"

In the hour of deepest trial,  
When the soul for solace seeks:  
When the grasping for the while  
Finds no hold, mighty or meek:  
Trust the mighty arm of Jesus,  
Who temptation's way once trod:  
"Hush, be still"—He never leaves  
us!—

"Know indeed that I am God."

When, 'twixt mountains canyoned  
under,  
Fronted by the seas of grief;  
And behind—a royal blunder—  
Pharaoh stands in bold relief:  
Change the mountains you can never,  
Nor the ruler's ripened rod;  
"Forward march, nor fear, no, never!  
Know indeed that I am God!"

Walking on the waves of mercy,  
Frightened by some foolish fear;  
Then, without faith's vital sentry  
Sinking down to folly's bier:  
Look upon your mercy's Person,  
See Him spread His arms abroad,  
Gath'ring you from death's immer-  
sion:

"Know indeed that I am God!"

—Charles Bergerson.

tled to realize that these general facts about modern scientific discoveries have been in the Scriptures these many centuries.

The wise man will continue to believe that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and that God is truth from the beginning. Furthermore, in spite of all the theories of man, "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." This heaven and earth shall remain until God gets ready to give it an overhauling even as we read: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away" (Rev. 21:1).—*From Fifth and Cherry Light.*

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# SALVATION IS OF THE LORD

By Rev. Edward Clark, Chambersburg, Pa.

The words that came from the lips of Jonah, as recorded in the book bearing his name (2:9), were not merely based on mental gymnastics or a borrowed phrase. Jonah's declaration resulted from a deep-down experience with a God who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. The Word of God is indeed thrilling, as we have unfolded to us the sometimes inexplicable purposes of an omnipotent, all-wise God, in the lives of those individuals who are possessors of salvation. The working out of salvation in their lives in reaching others gives evidence to the Scriptural fact that it is God who worketh in those who are His, for **SALVATION IS OF THE LORD**, from start to finish.

## *It Is All of God*

The salvation of sinful men has always been, is, and shall be till time ends, wrought by an omnipotent God because of His great and abundant love for the alienated sinner. His abounding grace has, since the fall of man, been evident, flowing as a gigantic waterfall at Calvary in a manifestation of His superabounding love for the hell-bound alienated sinner.

Jonah was aware, as any other servant should be well aware, of God's greatness compared to our inability in God's plan of salvation for man. But a real servant deeply realizing this, acknowledging his own minuteness, and the greatness of the Lord, can set free spiritual forces that are more than atomic in power, bringing salvation to sinners.

## *Salvation Is for All Men*

Satan is constantly battling to thwart the purposes of God in the life of a servant whom God has laid His hand upon in His plan of salvation for the sinner. Jonah's testimony gave evidence of his qualifications to proclaim the message of salvation to sinful men (4:2).

God's grace, mercy, patience, kindness, and readiness to forgive were attributes Jonah knew God possessed. Satan would have man lose sight of these truths and implant the thought that we cannot do anything to effect salvation in the life of *this*

*people*, losing sight of this eternal truth, **SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!**

There are those professed ministers of the Gospel who are of the opinion some sins are a barrier to coming to the Lord. Sometimes we are confused with the notion that retardant circumstances in our churches, surrounding an individual or individuals, have to be borne with or else ignored altogether. But, let man cry mightily unto God (Jonah 3:8).

## *Cry Mightily Unto God*

How we need to cry mightily unto God. As we become more aware of sin and the sinfulness of sin, even our own proneness in failing to realize enough our own desires, perhaps, is the tendency to run away from sin around us. Oh that we would cry unto God! If there is anything that we as a body of believers should desire is that sinner and saint would run with our *sin to God*. **SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!** The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin (I John 1:7).

Repentance is a prerequisite of saving faith, and how this nation of ours—our cities, our towns, yes, even our rural sections—need to repent of sin, that salvation may be wrought. So the people of Nineveh believed God (Jonah 3:5).

Their belief in the message of God promoted action, a turning from sin to God. Professing Christians today join a church, sit on the premises instead of standing on the promises, and go on their own sinful way. In John 3:18 we read: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he

that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." "*Mere believism*" has never saved and will never save anyone.

There are those who would have sinners practice mental gymnastics to keep them from performing or being bound by wrongful acts, so-called.

He that believeth—a mighty realization of the sinfulness of sin and an awareness of God's grace and greatness in providing a way of deliverance from sin's penalty, sin's bondage, and finally sin's presence. Oh, what a salvation; and best of all, salvation is of the Lord, fully and completely.

Are we crying unto the Lord like we believe this? Are we preaching like we believe it is possible to reach out with the Gospel to the sinner and make the saint usable in witnessing daily to those outside of Christ?

Sin is not a disease of the mind or body, but a condition of the heart. It is surely engulfing our nation, our people—young and old. Everyone feels its effects in some way.

Believers need to cry mightily to God that men might be brought to a consciousness of their sinfulness and need of a Saviour.

## *Arise and Go*

"Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee" (Jonah 3:2). Preaching the Gospel brings results. Perhaps a nice personality, soft words, fancy stories, and a good musical program brings people, but preaching the Gospel in the God-appointed way will bring results—results in the salvation of blasted lives, saving of torn families, the deliverance from sin.

God eventually brings His purposes to pass, praise His name. Sometimes we try to rule, but He is sovereign and He overrules.

Oh, to see God work in bringing men and women to a place of repentance and salvation! Oh, that Christian people, true ministers of the Gospel, may cry to God mightily, that ministers of the Gospel would preach the Gospel of salvation by grace to repentant, believing sinners. Salvation is of the Lord!



### Los Angeles, California (Second)

The Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles recently sold its building at 6000 Compton Avenue to the Camvery Baptist Church (Negro). We are to give possession December 8 or a little later, according to the time needed by the buyers to complete the down payment. This group is led by an energetic young pastor and they seem to mean business for the Lord.

On June 26 we bought a 2-acre plot of ground at Studebaker and Foster roads, between Rosecrans and Imperial boulevards in Norwalk. This area is building up rapidly, with 75 percent of the community now occupied with homes. We do not need to make settlement for the lots before January 1, but we have permission to begin a building program immediately. We hope to begin this construction work early in October. —*Henry G. Rempel, pastor.*

### Honolulu, Hawaii

We would like to call the attention of Brethren servicemen, either in Pearl Harbor, on Ford Island, or in Fort Shafter of Honolulu, to our address at 1589 E. So. Beretania St., Honolulu, T. H., phone 994682. We would be happy to have them visit us in our home or to pick them up to attend services at Grace Chapel. Or if any parents know of servicepeople

Harold Francis Morr, member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, was ordained to the ministry of the Gospel



Rev. Harold Morr

in an impressive service at his home church Sunday afternoon, June 28.

Pastor Lester E. Pifer, of Fremont, Ohio, was the presiding elder. He also read the Scripture lesson and the authorization and then gave the charge to the candidate. Pastor

Robert F. Holmes, of Lodi, Ohio, (West Homer church), was the song leader and led in the invocation. Miss Jacqueline Helvie was the organist and Mr. Gordon Helvie sang a solo.

Rev. Miles H. Taber, pastor of the candidate, preached the sermon on the "Man of God." Pastor Bernard N. Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, asked the questions and received the vows and then followed with the prayer of ordination, assisted by the other elders in attendance. Rev. Harold Morr gave the benediction.

Brother Morr received his education at Moody Bible Institute, Bob Jones University, and Ashland College, where he received his B. A. degree. He graduated in the 1953 class of Grace Theological Seminary and has entered the United States Air Force as a chaplain.

in this area we would be happy to visit them upon receipt of their addresses.

On June 10 the adults of Grace Chapel of Red Hill held an Aloha party for the Edwin Joneses. Pictures were shown and refreshments served. At the close of the party attractive money leis were given to the honorees, with the best wishes of the group which came into existence under their ministry.

On June 26 the Sunday school had a party for the Joneses and silver coin leis were presented to the founders of the group.

On June 28 there were 44 people in the Sunday school and 17 in the morning worship service at Grace Chapel.—*Foster Tresise, pastor.*

### ISAIAH'S PROPHECY . . .

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tian to give a sweet savor offering, by walking in love, for the sweet-savor offering was the one which demonstrated receipt of divine approval. The spiritual offerings of Romans 12:1 and Hebrews 13:15-16 are patterns of the peace-offering. For only as the child of God, cleansed by the blood of Christ's ransoming trespass-offering (given for our trespasses), offers himself as Romans 12:1 says, can that child of God have peace from God and be at peace with Him. Then only as the believer has the peace of Christ can he offer the sacrifice of praise, found in Hebrews 13:15-16. All this is possible only because the Son of Man gave His life a ransom, by giving His life a trespass-offering in fulfillment of Isaiah 53:10.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) . . . . .	July 8-26 . . . . .	Glenn O'Neal . . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(Second) . . . . .	July 9-12 . . . . .	Henry Rempel . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First) . . . . .	July 12-19 . . . . .	Gordon Bracker . . . . .	Harold Kattman.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) . . . . .	July 12-15 . . . . .	Charles Mayes . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19 . . . . .	Russell Ogden . . . . .	Ding Teuling.
Whittier, Calif.			
(First) . . . . .	July 16-19 . . . . .	Lewis Hohenstein . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Bell, Calif. . . . .	July 19-22 . . . . .	Harry Sturz . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.

### Additions to Membership

Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) . . . . .	2
Dayton, Ohio (First) . . . . .	5
Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	1

### Baptisms Not Included in Additions

Beaumont, Calif. . . . .	4
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### Public Confessions

Kittanning, Pa. (First) . . . . .	40
Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . .	1
Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	37



# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## "AND WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARTILY, AS TO THE LORD"

Yesterday evening we had a ball game here in Winona Lake, and today as I write this I am sorry we played.

The game was between a team made up of boys and men of the local church and a similar group from a fundamental church in Warsaw. Those who played included real soul-winners, perhaps one or two unsaved, and a few of us rocking-chair Christians—in other words, a group typical of the membership in an average church.

But here's what hurt: Some of us like to play ball so well that when we play we let nothing—no nothing—curb our desire to win, and we **MUST** score, we **MUST** slide safely, we **MUST** convince the umpire that we are right and he is wrong, we **MUST** bull our way toward victory, regardless of the hurts inflicted both physically and mentally.

We had an example of that yesterday and we agreed to cease *hostilities* with the score tied.

We had prayed—both teams—before we began the game, and then promptly turned our backs on our Lord. Or so it seemed.

Now those of the world who might have witnessed the affair probably would say that no harm was done, that the ruffled tempers and hurt feelings were merely indicative of the desire to win, but I am inclined to believe that our testimony was damaged. Those watching the game could not say, "Behold, how these Christians love one another." Some may say, "If you don't want to win, don't play." I say the desire to win—among Christians I mean—can be a damaging thing when applied to all else but the actual work He has called us to do. Let's **ENJOY** our fun, not damage our testimony.

Does this remind you of the activities in some of our churches, caused in the majority of cases by some of us laymen? I can think right now of only one thing to suggest as a remedy. Read the third chapter of Colossians. I just did again, and it helps a lot.

## THE CHURCH BULLETINS TELL US THAT—

Bob Walter spoke to the laymen of the Yellow Creek, Pa., church at their monthly meeting on June 25. His subject was "Roman Catholicism."

Mason Cooper, national laymen's president, spoke at Washington, D. C., in the evening service, June 21.

The laymen's fellowship of the Dayton, Ohio, First church elected the following officers: Herbert Edwards, president; Walter Hoyt, vice president; Roy Trissel, secretary; Paul Grisso, assistant secretary; and Harley Wysong, treasurer.

Mason Cooper spoke to the men at Hagerstown, Md., on Saturday, June 27, and on Sunday evening, with the laymen in charge of the service, he spoke to the congregation.

Men and boys of the First Los Angeles church heard Dr. Alva J. McClain speak on "Atomic Bombs, World Despair, and Christian Courage" and enjoyed a steak dinner on June 15.

Chicken and all the trimmings were served June 5 to the men's fellowship and their wives at Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor Russell Ward was the speaker, using "God's Image in Man—Lost in the Fall, Restored in Redemption" as his subject.

The men's fellowship of the Sunnymede church in South Bend, Ind., held a father-son banquet June 23 which was attended by about 20, who enjoyed a ham dinner prepared by the women of the church. Samuel Arter received a New Testament for being the oldest father present, and Louis Stroup received a similar award for having the most sons present. Rev. Arthur Collins, now a member of the Sunnymede church, brought the message.

Officers elected for the new group at Conemaugh, Pa., are "Cy" Hunt, president; Raymond Anthony, vice president; "Ted" Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer; Walter Ford, assistant secretary-treasurer. The men were host to a district meeting in their church on June 4.

Art Attwel, former radio and television star, rated as one of the outstanding musicians in southern Cal-

ifornia, gave special numbers and brought the message at the men's meeting in Whittier, Calif., June 9.

An interesting note in the church bulletin of the Cherry Valley, Calif., church: "All men of the church are cordially invited to an early-morning prayer meeting, which the Lord laid upon your pastor's heart. . . . *Five o'clock is the hour, Saturday the day.* Jesus rose 'a great while before day to pray.' Sometimes He prayed all night long. And shall we fail to do likewise? Let us make the house at the corner of Beaumont and Vineland a 'house of prayer.' Remember then, men—*5 o'clock each Saturday morning.*"

### Questions on Personal Evangelism

*Question—Help me to deal with someone who says, "God is cruel and unjust."*

A.—(a) Who is God? Who are you? "Who art thou that replies against God?" (Rom. 9:20). Cruelty and injustice are sins; do you mean to accuse God of sin? (Aim to bring the objector to his senses.)

(b) God's ways and thoughts are higher than man's (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33-34). He needs no instructor, and the complainer must answer for his folly (Job 40:2).

(c) Deal tenderly with those who complain because of some sorrow that has come to them. Show that God does not willingly afflict, but that it is often necessary for Him to permit sorrow and disappointment to come because it is the only effectual method of bringing some people to repentance and into a life of holiness and joy and glory. Whom He loves He chastens (Heb. 12:5-7, 10-12; Rev. 3:19; Psalms 119:67; Isa. 63:9; II Cor. 4:17-18; Rom. 8:18). Many will not listen to the voice of God except through suffering.

(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)

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JOHN 21: 15-17

## MAKING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE WORK

By ALTHEA S. MILLER

It has often been asked what part, if any, Christian parents should play in the selection of their children's marriage partners. From their own experience parents well know they cannot with actual words make the choice for their children. But they can lay certain background which will help their young folk to make the wise decision.

The biggest contribution you can make to a right and good marriage for your children is by your own emotionally stable and happy marriage. Where the mother and wife in the family is pettish and wanting ever to be pampered; where the father and husband is cranky and fussy, demanding more of his wife and children than he himself gives; where there is intolerance and lack of Spirit-filled conduct, children will get the wrong picture of marriage and home. Of course this will not deter them in their own marriage plans but it will leave them ill-equipped to build a good marriage of their own. Indeed, in many cases they will be so anxious to get out from under the parental roof where nothing is ever right and where criticism cuts to the bone that they'll be more apt to jump at just any marriage which will ultimately bring them to a duplication of their parents' marital failures. So if and while there is time, renew your own marriage and in all humility ask God to restore "the years that the locust hath eaten." God is never tired of our fresh beginnings when He reads our hearts and sees we really mean business in forsaking sin. It is a sin when Christian parents give their children the wrong picture of marriage.

Making your home inviting and urging your children to bring their friends home is another step in helping them see their friends in a true perspective. Much of their friends' home training is more clearly seen in the surroundings of another home. Of course it's extra work and expense for you parents but such efforts pay the highest dividends. I well remember my own teen years. I never hesitated to bring my friends home, for my dear mother always made them welcome. She never complained at the extra work or the mountains of food, especially her specialty, waffles, which they consumed. And in my home I saw my girl and boy friends in a different light than when we were just out with the group at a meeting or party. I'll always be grateful to my mother for her selflessness in those years when I needed her understanding and interest the most. My dad, too, was a "brick." He put up with many an inconvenience just so I could have my friends at the house. I want to do the same wonderful thing for my own children. TRY IT!

Another important must in this business of helping

children see reality is for each parent to do his and her part to have their children choose their friends from among the church youth. To do this they must go to church *with* you. Happy is the church where there is a wide-awake youth program and leadership. If your church lacks such, why don't you get busy and help get a youth program going? There can be no better place for your young people to make friends than in the church where Christ is loved and honored and His Word taught. *Never* minimize the importance of a casual acquaintance. Many such acquaintances have ripened into friendship and love with the ultimate marriage. For this reason it is so important that friendships are formed on a sound basis, the only basis—that of mutual love for Christ. Marriage outside the Lord for the believer is sin. Take time now to read II Corinthians 6:14-15. And teach this portion to your children.

The friends your children bring home may not always be to your liking. If this is true, *never* belittle their choice. Your first and best resort is prayer. Then after you've bathed your very soul in prayer be wise in your comments and suggestions to the children about some qualifications for friendship and successful marriage. Some of these qualifications are a love for Christ and genuine interest in the things of the Lord; intelligence and a good education, which is fairly equal for both parties; common interests with enough variations to keep each on his toes and the sparkle alive; mutual friends; a joint purpose for life; and a common goal other than marriage itself. Above all, constantly remind the children that marriage of believers must be *in the Lord* to be happy and blessed of Him.

Don't try to deny your children marriage. No matter what you say or do or what they have seen at home, you'll never talk them out of marriage. Where breathes the soul who has not gone into the marriage relationship with the conviction that his or her marriage would be *different*? Plan with them and give them hope for a not-too-distant marriage and how much better their new life together can be after certain goals have been reached, certain objectives met.

Finally, parents, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. Only God can overrule your lack of wisdom and mistaken judgments. But He will never fail you if you have really done your part. God has called you to a difficult but challenging job in the rearing of your children. But remember, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24).

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MRS. CONARD SANDY

Reading book after book may seem to be a very pleasant task to those of us who look on from the sidelines. But to be gifted with the fine art of discrimination in selecting books which will appeal to almost every reading taste and still be true to the Word is still another thing. Mrs. Conard Sandy has been doing this very thing for WMC long enough to know the work and responsibility involved and withal has become quite an expert. As national WMC literature secretary Mrs. Sandy has had to keep up with the ever-changing officers' addresses in the local councils so that every WMC will be properly supplied with all available material. This takes not only work but patience, and with the latter Mrs. Sandy is particularly blessed.

Fern Monroe Sandy was born in northern Michigan, but was taken to live in California by her parents just after her first birthday. It did not take the Monroe family long to find a church where the truth was taught. That church was the then-known Compton Avenue Brethren, which is now known as Second Brethren of Los Angeles. At the age of 9 Fern publicly confessed Christ and has faithfully served Him through the years wherever He has led.

After a half year at Biola, Miss Monroe enrolled at Ashland College, where she subsequently received a diploma in music as well as a diamond ring from a fellow student, Conard Sandy, from Hagerstown, Md. When her father died Fern remained at home with her mother and again enrolled at Biola. In August of 1931 she became Mrs. Conard Sandy and returned to Ashland in September with her husband to take work in the seminary. Before going to Winona Lake Mrs. Sandy worked by her husband's side in several pastorates in California.

Besides her work as literature secretary, Mrs. Sandy finds time to pursue her "second" love—music. She teaches piano to 19 pupils. WMC is indebted to Mrs. Sandy for her loyal, faithful work for the Lord through WMC. We thank her and pray God's richest blessings upon her as she continues to serve Him.



MISS MARY EMMERT

Who would know more about the power of answered prayer than a missionary? The national prayer chairman of WMC is a missionary and has led the women of the Brethren Church in a life of prayerful devotion for several years. Our lives have been enriched through her ministry.

Miss Emmert found the Lord when she was 7 years old in the First Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa, her birthplace. After teaching several years in Iowa high schools she served three years in the same capacity for the mission school at Lost Creek,



<i>Africa—</i>	
Sylvia Hill.....	September 1, 1943
Mrs. William J. Samarin.....	September 19
Mrs. Charles Sumey.....	September 22
<i>Argentina—</i>	
Miss Bertha Abel.....	September 12
Rev. Lynn D. Schrock.....	September 23
Mrs. Clarence L. Sickel.....	September 10
<i>Baja California—</i>	
Mrs. Walter Haag.....	September 11
<i>Brazil—</i>	
Mrs. Edward D. Miller.....	September 18
<i>France—</i>	
Neal Lee Fogle.....	September 1, 1951
<i>On Furlough—</i>	
Miss Ruth Snyder.....	September 8

Ky. While she was in Kentucky Mary dedicated her life to the Lord for service wherever He would lead.

Summer school at Moody Bible Institute helped define the field of service, and Estella Myers' return from Africa for furlough clinched the matter. Miss Emmert applied to the Foreign Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, was accepted, and started for Africa via France in 1924-25. She served as a missionary teacher from 1925 to 1946, four full terms. At present she is keeping house for her aged father at Dallas Center.

We praise God for the faithfulness of our dear sister and missionary who during this time of waiting at home is turning our hearts' attention to the need of prayer both for our missionaries and ourselves. May the Lord continue to bless and use Mary Emmert.

WATERLOO MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

On April 23, 125 mothers with daughters over 9 years old enjoyed an evening of fellowship and a delicious banquet. Mrs. Vernon Schrock was toastmistress of the evening's program built around the theme "Aprons." Mrs. Ralph Grady was pianist at the banquet and Mrs. Payton, of the Salvation Army, was the special speaker.

The teen-age men, assisted by some of the older men, served the meal and became the kitchen help for the occasion.

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Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord from Allentown, Pa., WMC. We haven't been very faithful in reporting our work. [You are not alone in this.—Ed.] But the Lord has been good to us. We have sent clothing to Clayhole. We are buying tracts for our own use and for distribution by the Sisterhood girls. We hold prayer meetings every second Tuesday of the month and our prayer chairman uses her phone to call the prayer warriors whenever a special need arises.

Recently our ladies led the BYF service. Our church has been using various organizations of the church to help the youth meetings. We followed our regular monthly program in order to let our youth know the kind of work and program we follow. The Lord has been very real to us in our prayer lives and has answered so many of our prayers that we can't praise Him enough.

In His love,

Mrs. Paul Over, *president*.

Dear President,

Greetings in the name of our Saviour. Just a few words from the WMC at Findlay, Ohio. Our council is now 1½ years old, and I know a report has been due for quite some time. We have an active membership of 14, with a number of others in attendance. We meet monthly, using the regular programs. We have contributed to various projects, and have sent clothing to some of the home mission fields, the last being sent to Clayhole, Ky. Our main project for the year is to furnish the nursery in the new church building being contemplated for Findlay. We displayed a miniature nursery at the Northern Ohio District conference at Rittman, Ohio. We are planning a mother and daughter tea for our May meeting.

Mrs. Arthur Keiser, *president*.

Dear Editor,

Greetings from the ladies of First Los Angeles church. I know it is about time you were hearing from us. So here goes. A large percentage of the 23 ladies who belong to our council meet for prayer for our missionaries the morning of our monthly meetings. We hold our monthly meetings alternately in a home and in the chapel. When we have an outside speaker we invite the younger council to come in with us for lunch and hear the message. We have had missionaries from India, Peru, Alaska, and our own Miss Estella Myers, Mrs. Rose Foster, and Mrs. Albert Balzer.

Some of our projects have been preparing flannel-graph stories for Miss Evelyn Fuqua in Kentucky; clothes for the people at Taos and the Navahos; materials prepared for the girls of our 3 Sisterhoods to roll bandages. We have put special emphasis on personal evangelism and tract distribution. Our church purchases 1,000 tracts and booklets a month on salvation

and related subjects—a different one each month—and we try to have this supply exhausted before the next month's supply arrives. We try to give them prayerfully and carefully, either in person or by mail to an unsaved person. Each year we try to increase the amount of money given to the 4 major WMC offerings. We most certainly enjoy the reading books.

In His dear name,

Clara F. Fairbanks, *secretary*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from the Taos, N. Mex., WMC. We are busy for the Lord. We translate our lessons into Spanish so all can take a part. Even Mrs. Horney can give the lesson in Spanish. [Hurrah! Mrs. Horney!—Ed.] We had our birthday project offering and each lady gave according to her age. We exchanged gifts with each other and had a little party. We have made quilts. One of our ladies bought one and we gave the money to our gospel team for gas. Two quilts were sent to an orphanage in California. We are making pillow slips and tea towels. Our quilt material is obtained from the clothing room, sometimes coats we are not able to sell. So we want to thank everyone who has sent clothing and flour sacks to us.

Our average attendance at each meeting is 13. We will appreciate your prayers and will remember you in ours also.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Ernest Gonzales.

Bozoum, May 14, 1953.

Dear Sisters in Christ.

We greet you all in Christ Jesus: Baloa I Koué.

The Aouali Ti Tene Ndjoni (WMC members) of Bozoum want to thank your national WMC president for writing us a letter. Mrs. Jobson read the letter to us last month in our WMC meeting, and it gave us much joy to know that you are praying for us out here in Africa. We too pray for you, and thank you for sending

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missionaries to us so that we may grow in the Lord and lead other women to come to know the Saviour. Our Bible verses for you are I John 1:7 and Philippians 1:29. We do praise the Lord for His Word. Our song that we sing is "Amazing Grace." I now am able to attend the classes and church services, and thank you again for praying for me.

You asked us about our work here. Our WMC meets once a month and we have songs of praise and thanksgiving, testimonies, Bible verses, and prayer requests, then a season of prayer. One of our women gives the message, or a missionary in charge of the meeting. We give our offerings to help send out preachers to different villages and chapels. Also we buy food for the sick, and visit them. We do visitation work in the nearby villages, going out two by two. We sing, read a portion of God's Word, and pray with them.

In March we had a women's conference here at Bozoum for two days. The women from the Bible institute attended, also the Bassai women came for one day, and a pastor's wife from Batangafo. Several of our missionaries gave messages and there were testimonies from



our women. God was very near to us and our hearts were filled with all the food we got from God's Word. Now we praise the Lord that we all belong to the tribe of God. Someday we shall see you in heaven and then we shall know you all.

We love all our missionaries, and want you all to pray for us that we may be faithful in the Lord's work.

Your sister in Christ,

Alice Békou, *president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The WMC's of the First Brethren Church, Covington, Va., served the Sisterhood girls with their annual mother-daughter banquet May 7. There were approximately 70 present.

The program following the meal included devotions by Jr. WMC, music by Sr. Sisterhood, salute to Mother by Jr. Sisterhood, and the speaker of the evening was Mrs. Ina Westerman, who gave us a very challenging message.

Mrs. Joseph N. Sizemore, *pres.*, Jr. WMC.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

We thought we would like to write you and share some of our WMC experiences with you.

We are in the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Although our little church is relatively new, we have a fine group of young women willing and eager to serve the Lord. Our attendance at our monthly WMC meeting is between 25 and 30.

Right now we are keeping busy at our meetings making layettes to send to Korean war orphans. We have had one family night WMC meeting. We all had dinner

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at the church and films were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Balzer from Africa. We all do so enjoy the fellowship of other Christians and the opportunity to serve the Lord in small ways through our missionaries. All our meetings are at night. We find this works out much better for us as most of us have small children who would hamper our attendance at the meetings otherwise.

We praise and thank the Lord for His presence in our lives. We do enjoy the Missionary Herald news from other churches too.

Sincerely in His name,

Nell Bjorck, *secretary*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

We enjoyed an unusually good attendance at our spring rally, which was held in the Yakima church on March 20. Highlights of the afternoon program were an interesting message from Mrs. Rose Foster and the skit, "This Could Be You," presented by members of the Harrah group.

Each local president was asked to give one news item from her group. The response showed a variety of activities, including missionary hope chests, sewing for needy families, the sending of used clothing to Taos, birthday dinners, and the purchase of silverware for a local church. We were encouraged by the prospect of two new WMC groups in Seattle. We are praying that they may soon become a reality.

Our offering, amounting to over \$40, is to be used for the missionary residence at Winona Lake. At the boun-

## WMC DEVOTIONAL STUDIES FOR AUGUST

Bible Study—"Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory."

Mission Study—"Objections of Jews and How to Meet Them."

tiful evening meal, Mrs. Foster told us some very interesting stories of life in Africa.

We felt greatly refreshed by our day of fellowship together. We praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is blessing us, and pray that we may love and serve Him better each day.

For His glory,

Mrs. Ernest Morrell, *district president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

This is a note to greet you from the Jr. WMC at Covington, Va.

Since we reorganized last June we have added six new members to our roll and have lost two because they moved away. Our meetings average about 11 or 12 in attendance and we enjoy meeting in Christian fellowship together each month.

We have had several projects. We have sent boxes of clothing to Kentucky and New Mexico, prepared a box of food for a needy family at Christmas, and for our local project we bought a piano for our church auditorium. At different times we remembered with gifts our president, who suffered a severe attack of polio in September. (We're praising the Lord for her recovery. She was able to attend our March meeting.) Each month two members on the roll send birth congratulations and sympathy cards accompanied by a tract to the families who have lost a loved one or who have a new arrival. We get the names from the local paper. We also have our missionary hope chest and take our missionary offering at each meeting.

In His service,

Mrs. Carl H. Griffith, *vice president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

The ladies of the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, WMC send greetings to you and to all the other councils.

We have enjoyed a blessed time of Christian fellowship and service this past year. Our members have been very cooperative in all our activities.

Aside from having a part in all our district and national projects, we list some of our local projects: We sponsor the 15th-of-the-month missionary prayer meeting in our church; send a regular offering to the work of child evangelism in Summit County; send used clothing to Taos, N. Mex.; have sent a number of boxes of goodies, notions, and miscellaneous articles to our foreign missionary families; at Christmas and Easter seasons we had special services at the Bethel Rest Home in the Falls and presented each lady in the home with small gifts and goodies, and one of our WMC members, who is a very active worker in child evangelism, presented the Christmas and Easter stories on flannelgraph.

At Christmastime we sent a large box of miscellaneous items, such as crayons, pencils, construction paper, books, writing pads, balloons, etc., to the Navaho Indian school; we have our missionary birthday bank at each meeting aside from our regular offering, and we send birthday

cards and small remembrances to our missionaries and their children as their birthdays appear in the Herald; we helped roll bandages and bought pennants for the SMM.

We have purchased silver and dishes for our local church; have made our own program booklets; and we especially have enjoyed the Bible and mission studies this past year; we have provided thank-offering banks which will be turned in in June for the Jewish work in Los Angeles.

We have "workday" once a month at the church and have been making bed jackets for the leper and hospital patients in Africa, and baby shirts for the African babies.

We are thankful for the blessings of the past year and pray that we may continue our efforts to the glory of our Lord and Saviour.

In Him,

Mrs. Earle Cole, *president*.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings to all in the lovely name of Jesus from our Sr. WMC of Vicksburg, Pa. We have been blessed of the Lord the past year, and we want to pass some news along to you. We are serving the Lord in a very humble way through our council. We have our monthly meetings and have a very good fellowship together.

We have finished two comforts and sent several boxes of used clothing to Taos and Clayhole. We sent candy and toys at Christmastime to Taos. We also made up a box of new sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, etc., for the missionaries on furlough that live in the missionary residence in Winona Lake.

We are sorry about our church burning down, yet in all this we continue to praise our precious Lord. He certainly knows best about all these testings. We are going to rebuild as the Lord leads. We are to entertain the spring WMC rally of this district, and we want at this time to express our sincere thanks to Brother Crees and the good ladies of the Leamersville church for the use of their church when the time comes for the rally. God has been very good to us, particularly at this time of loss.

Remember us in prayer and we will also remember our coworkers. "Looking for that blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13).

Sincerely in Jesus' name.

Mrs. Wm. W. Wertman, *secretary*.

The Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church in San Bernardino, Calif., held its first annual mother-daughter banquet on May 9. Our WMC ladies took our Sr. and Jr. Sisterhood girls over to Rialto, Calif., as their guests for a delicious ham dinner. We were especially thankful for the large number of Sisterhood girls who were able to attend. There were 18 girls present and 24 ladies. A beautiful rose corsage was given each person present.

In the absence of our president, Mrs. Josephine Garber Dale, our minister's wife, Mrs. Marvin, welcomed the girls and guests. A response was given by Mrs. Louise Baldwin, patroness of the Sr. Sisterhood, and also by Mrs. Jewell Heard, patroness of the Jr. Sisterhood. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Myra Jean Bunn, our prayer chairman, and then a lovely number was sung by two of our Sr. Sisterhood girls, Janet Browning and Beverly Johnson, with Mrs. Marion Browning, mother of Janet. A poem was read by Mrs. Merna Eckstein and then our

guest speaker, Mrs. Bruce Button, was introduced and gave us a most interesting and enlightening talk on their work among the Jewish people in Los Angeles.

Margaret Needles.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

WMC in Clay City, Ind., wish to greet you in the name of our blessed Saviour, and let you know some of the things we've been doing this year.

In February we had a Valentine membership rally. As a result of this we've reaped four new members for our group. Our March meeting showed an all-high attendance of 16, as we usually average 9 or 10. We've sent two boxes of clothing to New Mexico, and have another shipment we're planning to send somewhere in the near future.

To stimulate interest we've also had two workdays (besides our devotional meetings), and made a quilt for a missionary, and have two more in the process. Some aprons and pillow slips were made and sent to the missionary residence for use there. Plans for our mother-daughter banquet are being made, and we're looking forward to a time of blessed fellowship.

Enjoyed the accounts of the other WMC's and their labor of love. Praying that we might be used in greater service for Him, we are WMC fellow laborers.

Mrs. Ralph Burns.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from the Jr. WMC of Winchester, Va.

We have received many blessings this past year and have truly enjoyed the fellowship we have had together. We have a membership of 30, with an average attendance of 18 to 20.

We had a wonderful meeting at Christmastime, meeting with the senior group and the men's fellowship group. It was an inspiration and a challenge to all who

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attended. Also during the holidays we furnished tracts for everyone to use with their greeting cards and furnished the pastor with Scriptural vitamins to use in the hospital and his visits with the sick.

We have been observing faithfully the day of prayer each month. We pray that the Lord will continue to use us.

In His service,

Mrs. Marjorie Creighton.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

Greetings from the Waynesboro, Pa., Jr. WMC.

Our president, Mrs. Ernest Bearinger, suggested several months ago that I write something for the Herald regarding our council. I asked her if I could wait until after the May mother-and-daughter covered-dish supper, as I thought this would be easy, and too I always enjoy this May gathering so much, which was held this year on May 12.

Approximately 165 mothers and daughters met in the church auditorium and each mother was presented a corsage made by the Jr. WMC group. The corsages were four Hershey kisses wrapped in lavender and green cellophane paper with extra strips and tied with green

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# "Ambassadors for Christ"

Sisterhood of MARY and MARTHA

II COR 5:20



## BEFORE THE KING

By ADA M. ETLING

The world has just witnessed a great coronation. All of us thrilled at the beauty, pomp, and glory of the ceremonies for Queen Elizabeth II. As you listened to or watched the regal activities, did your mind travel as did mine to the time when our Lord shall be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords? Then you and I shall be a part of the activities.

Our study this month brings our hero, Paul, who has known buffeting, trial, and persecution, on trial before King Agrippa. For two years Paul had been in prison. The Jews had tried every way to put Paul to death, but the Roman court could find him guilty of breaking no law (Acts 25:25).

Agrippa heard about Paul and suggested that he would like to hear the case himself (Acts 25:22). Consequently one day Agrippa and his sister, Bernice, went to the palace of Governor Festus in Caesarea (Acts 25:23).

After the usual fanfare Paul was brought forth (Acts 25:23). I am sure that Paul had dignity and poise. He realized he was in the presence of royalty, for he spoke not (Acts 26:1) until Agrippa said, "Thou art permitted to speak for thyself." (Does not this statement make you realize that each will be held accountable for his own stewardship?) Paul wasted no time! He had been courteous, but now he forgot formality and launched his case.

Our tendency would have been to "pussyfoot" before the king, but Paul looked straight at Agrippa and suggested that he expected a sympathetic hearing since the king was accustomed to the ways and customs of the Jews (Acts 26:3). Paul proceeded to tell how he, too, had persecuted the Christians; how he had put them in prison and caused them to blaspheme; how one day he had seen a vision and had been obedient to the commission to witness to the gentiles (Acts 26:3-20).

As we think of Paul's ready obedience (Acts 26:19) we cannot help but take inventory of our own lives. How oft the still, small voice speaks! Have you listened

first of all to the voice, "Come unto me"? Have you answered, "I am ready both to abound and to be abased"? Or have you heard the wooing of the Holy Spirit only to turn to your own way, your own plans?

How authoritatively Paul could say, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Have we not followed him as he traveled through Damascus, Jerusalem, the coast of Judea, and then to the gentiles telling men to repent (Acts 26:20)?

How truthfully he could say (vs. 22): "I continue to this day witnessing both to the small and great." Had he not witnessed to the important man at Lystra, the jailor at Philippi, to Felix and Governor Festus? Is he not even now witnessing as to the death and resurrection of Christ?

At this point, however, Festus interrupted with, "Paul, thou art beside thyself!" This is not a strange saying to those of us who love the Lord. One can throw the hat or yell until she is hoarse at a ball game, but just get enthusiastic for the Lord and the world says, "You are crazy!" Oh, for girls who will witness to the resurrection power as they live from day to day!

Paul's firm testimony stirred Agrippa, for we hear Paul saying, "King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know thou believest" (vs. 27).

What was the answer? "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." The songwriter put it, "So near and yet so far!"

Has the Spirit been wooing you to Christ? Don't turn him away with, "Almost thou persuadest me." Say yes to Him. You'll never regret it. Perhaps He has been calling you for full-time service. Have you been *almost* persuaded? Yield your all to Him so that when you stand before the King He may say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

SINGSPIRATION.

INTERCESSION—Using "Prayer Suggestions."

SCRIPTURE—Proverbs 8:1-36.

TRAINING FOR AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Modernism."

Middlers—"Before the King."

Juniors—"Hilda's Heart."

SPECIAL NUMBER.

REPORT ON AMBASSADORS—

Seniors—"Before the King."

Middlers, Juniors—"Sir Wilfred Grenfell, Labrador Doctor."

BENEDICTION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

### PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

1. Pray for the SMM meetings at national conference.
2. Pray for national SMM board meetings that the Lord's will might be done in all matters.
3. Pray for local SMM work and groups that the Lord might work through SMM groups to win others to Himself.
4. Continue to pray for our missionaries that the Lord may be near to them and keep them each day.

Hilda was an attractive teen-ager. She surely enjoyed the gang and their raids on the refrigerators in the various houses represented by the group. She liked sports—to watch them and to participate. It was a terrific blow to her to learn that she had an ailment known as rheumatic fever, and the doctor said she must stay in bed quite a while so that her heart would not receive permanent damage. This irked her no little bit. What in the world would she do with herself? She felt quite well. All the gang would be having such fun and going so many places. How could she endure it? Perhaps the doctor and her parents were a little overanxious. She hoped she could talk them into letting her get back into the swing of things.

"Mother," she began, as Mrs. Berg brought in the lunch tray, "How sure are you all that my heart will be damaged if I play around a little? It seems to be beating O. K. I don't seem to be sick at all."

"Now, dear. The doctor says a germ is in your system and that your heart will be overworked if you tax it too much. The best way to avoid this is to stay in bed. Disease is a terrible thing. Many times it leaves permanent scars on the body. Remember what chicken-pox will do to one who scratches off the scabs? Surely you do not want permanent damage and scars on your heart! Should this happen, it would mean that you would be handicapped all your life. You know, this reminds me of a great spiritual truth. We are all born into this world with hearts "damaged" by sin and we'll have them throughout our lifetime unless we bring them to the great physician for His wonderful healing touch."

"Why, Mother. That is so true! That is the whole story of salvation said so briefly. Isn't it wonderful that Christ knows just what to do when we bring our hearts to Him? And to think, He fixes them for eternity. There is no chance of the disease of sin eating away at our converted hearts. Oh, I am so glad I gave mine to Jesus. No matter what happens to my physical heart, my "real" heart will live on forever—with all scars removed because I ask Christ daily to cleanse it."

"Oh, Hilda. Your father and I are very happy to know that our daughter belongs to Him, too. We only pray now that He will use you in His service and make you a testimony for Him. That is why He saves us, dear. He wants us to do work for Him. He not only cleanses our hearts of the great germ of sin, but He daily strengthens them to do His bidding."

As Mrs. Berg left the room with the tray, Hilda rested comfortably on her pillow and began to think of their conversation. Suddenly she seemed to brighten as though she had received some very good news. Then she began silently to plan and plan. When her mother came back to remind her that she must try to take a little nap during the afternoon, she seemed so radiant that Mrs. Berg just had to ask what was on her daughter's mind.

"Mother, while I was resting here, the thought came to me that I could tell all my friends who come to visit me about the two kinds of hearts—saved and unsaved, diseased and well, clean and unclean. I could tell them that they must come to Jesus if they expect to live forever. He must heal their broken and diseased hearts. I'll make sure that they all hear Romans 10:9-10—"That

if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.' I know some of my friends need to think seriously about their heart condition. And, too, what good will it do them to have perfect hearts physically and be able to have so much fun for a few years, if their wicked hearts are going to take them to the place of eternal separation from God and His people?"

"Hilda," said Mrs. Berg, with tears of joy flowing down her face, "How happy I am to know that my prayer is so quickly answered. If you witness from your bed you are doing work for Him. You are being a missionary without even leaving this room. How wonderful that you can give a testimony even though you can't get up and go about your daily tasks. Perhaps He has placed you there for a time in order that you might serve Him. If you were up and about you might be too busy with the cares of this world and the pleasures of this life to do much for the blessed Saviour. You go right ahead and give out your message from your bed and I'll pray that those who hear it will accept our Lord and start living for Him. May He give you the courage, the strength, and just the words to say."

As the days went by Hilda was pretty busy talking to her friends about this new thought. They all listened politely and most of them heeded her warnings. Those who did not accept Christ didn't bother to come back to see her, but Hilda prayed for them every day. She reminded God that He had promised that His Word would not return unto Him void. Her days were so full of witnessing and finding Scripture verses to give to her friends that she soon forgot to grumble about having to stay in bed.

The doctor was surprised at the progress his patient was making. But the Bergs were not surprised! They knew that the Lord was healing His little servant. She was getting some visible reward for her work for Him. The rest of her reward she was willing to leave "up there" until she saw Him face to face.

Write a speech of what you would say if you were telling a friend about her heart condition and how to get the spiritual cure.

## NEWSNATCHES

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ribbon to look like rosebuds and placed on a circular doily. The other colors were yellow and green and we tried to match the mothers' dresses.

Then the ladies were ready for us in the basement and after everyone found a chair we sang the Christian Mothers' Doxology, and Mrs. Dennis Holliday offered prayer. Then we enjoyed just all kinds of good food, which was prepared by the ladies of the Sr. WMC. Mrs. Ernest Bearinger, Jr. WMC president, was toastmistress.

After our supper we went to the church auditorium for the program, which was a blessing to all.

In His name,

Elaine B. Miller, *secretary*.



Sir Wilfred Grenfell was a very practical kind of missionary. He set about doing all the good he could in the name of Jesus, preaching both by words and actions. He gave his life to those in need.

Wilfred Grenfell was born in 1865 near the coast of England, and early showed a love for the sea and adventure. He was very lively and full of fun.

When he was 20 years of age he was converted in a tent meeting held by D. L. Moody. Having been a good athlete in school he also was greatly influenced by hearing J. E. K. Studd, the famous missionary, who had been a great cricket player. He saw that God wanted men of courage and daring in His work.

He soon was teaching a Sunday school class among boys in the London slums, and was the first to start boys' clubs and holiday camps in order to win them to Christ.

After finishing his medical training he worked on a mission hospital ship among the fishermen in the North Sea, taking an active part in all the rough work on board ship.

When the mission wished to open a work for the poor fishermen on the coast of Labrador they sent for Grenfell. The work appealed to him. He landed there in 1892.

Labrador is a very rough country, far north on the eastern coast of Canada, where the fishermen from Newfoundland went for a few months in summer to fish. They were badly in need of spiritual and medical help, and gladly welcomed the mission boat wherever it docked. Dr. Grenfell's motto was, "Preach the Word, and heal the sick."

He had many strange experiences going over land by dogsled or up dangerous rocky inlets by boat to visit the sick. Once he nearly lost his life by attempting to cross a bay on the ice with a dog team. He broke through the ice, but finally struggled onto an icecake with the help of his dogs. He had to kill three of them in order to use

their hides for clothing to keep from freezing. He then made a mast of their frozen bones and a flag of his shirt. He was seen from the shore and rescued just in time.

He had many marvelous escapes by sea also, and the people got to saying, "The Lord must kape 'an eye on that man."

He built 11 hospitals, 2 orphanages, and 3 public schools, besides raising money for several mission ships. He also organized cooperative stores and started lumber camps in order to help the people make a living. Many doctors and nurses gave their services free to help in these hospitals.

He was well-known and greatly loved in his more than 40 years of service. He won many honors, and was made a knight by the king of England for what he had done for the people of Labrador; but he gave all the glory to God.

He said, "Jesus Christ challenges us to be His knights to go forth in the world. . . . We must have faith and take risks. Life is not meant to be easy and humdrum. Life is a challenge, and we are so made as to respond, for we are sons of God." He thanked God that he had heard His challenge and accepted it rather than settling down to be a doctor at home.

He proved that to dare great things for God is to accomplish great things for God. Sir Wilfred Grenfell died in 1940.

## SPOILED MONEY

By Marybeth Munn

Every name in Africa has a meaning. It is interesting just to ask what each name means and why they have that name. There is "Thing of the Earth," "I'll Kill You," "News of the Village," and even "Nobody Home." There is a reason for each name.

"Big Road" was born the day the white men started a highway through here; "Day of the Paper" was born the day the commander took the census; and a sweet little girl is named "Naretoudjou," which means "Spoiled Money." Her father is a pastor here, so I asked him why he named such a nice baby girl "Spoiled Money." He said that these days it takes so much money to live. He makes a little money and he spends it for soap or stamps or kerosene. If he has saved any money he buys clothes or a bicycle, so his money is always gone, therefore he has spoiled his money.

One man named his whole family after horses. There was "Horse's House," "Horse's Teeth," "Horse's Bridle," and even "Horse's Neck." Then we have "Run From Death," "Place of Death," "The Man Is Dying," which reveal to us their fear of death. Very few names are what we would call nice names. Occasionally we do hear of "God Gave," "Want God," "Woman of Books," or just "Thank You."

As we are thinking of names we are reminded of the most beautiful name in the world. The name that means life to us. The Lord told Mary that she would bring forth a baby boy and that His name should be "Jesus," for He would save His people from their sins. What a wonderful name for our wonderful Saviour!

## OFFICIAL REPORT

**CORRECTION, PLEASE!** Your statistical blanks are due by July 31 instead of August 10 as was previously announced. Send one in even if you haven't elected the new officers or if you just started a new SMM. No statistical blank—no materials!

**OFFERINGS:** All your offerings are now past due. If you haven't sent them in yet, get them in as quickly as possible.

**NATIONAL BOARD MEETING:** All national officers, district patronesses and presidents are reminded of the early board meetings that will be held at Winona Lake starting August 22. We need your presence.

**DISTRICTS:** Don't forget to send a written report of what you have done this year and a display to conference for our SMM meetings.

**ATTENTION PATRONESSES!** You all are invited to attend a special patroness session which will be held in the Bethany Lodge August 26: Anyone who is interested in SMM is also invited.

## MODERNISM By DR. HOMER A. KENT

Modernism is the last of the isms to be considered in this series, but certainly not the least dangerous. It is probably the most subtle of them all. It is a wolf that parades in sheep's clothing. It professes to be Christian. It uses Christian terminology, sings Christian hymns, says nice things about the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. It goes to church and observes Christian ordinances, but underneath all this veneer of profession there is the fatal substitution of the natural for the supernatural, the human for the divine, works for faith.

I. What is *Modernism*? It is just a present-day name for liberalism. It is the child of the destructive Higher Criticism which has taken liberties with the revealed Word of God, watering it down to a mere human book, and making the Saviour of that Book a human Saviour, though it refers to Him as "the flower of humanity." In short, Modernism is a "refined" form of unbelief which is utterly opposed to the "faith of our fathers."

II. What is its *Origin*? Without a doubt its ultimate source was in the Garden of Eden, where Satan said to the first woman, "Yea, hath God said?" (Gen. 3:1) and doubt of God's Word was introduced into the hearts of the first human pair. Since that day Satan has sponsored various types of unbelief, some of the grossest sort, others of a more subtle nature designed to deceive even the very elect of God. In the fourth century of the Christian era a man by the name of Arius, a presbyter of the church of Alexandria, was responsible for promoting ideas with respect to Christ which made of Him a created being—higher than man but lower than God; sort of a demigod. Thus, while saying beautiful things about Christ, Arius brought Him down from His rightful position of equality with the Father. Arianism became an early form of Modernism. Then, in the fifth century, there was a type of belief known as Pelagianism, named after a man by the name of Pelagius. This type of belief laid emphasis upon the goodness of man, freedom of the will, and human evolution. It had definite similarities to Modernism. In the 16th century there was a system of antitrinitarian belief called Socinianism, after Laelius and Faustus Socinus. It too had definite likenesses to present-day Modernism especially in its depreciation of Christ. More directly Modernism may be traced to the 17th and 18th centuries when the higher critical theory got under way with its so-called "assured results" of the critical scholarship. In Modernism there is to be heard the voice of Satanic unbelief.

III. What is its *History*? Modernism is a system which has worked *within* the church like leaven (type of evil). Since the Higher Criticism came into being, its literature and advocates have flooded seminaries and colleges. The result has been men who have been prepared to present the poison of unbelief to a gullible public. In Protestantism some of the greatest denominations have been almost completely captured by the viewpoint

of this liberalism. In others there are two camps, the conservatives and the modernistic, with bitter conflicts being waged between the two. The history of Modernism is the trail of the Serpent through the years. The Serpent has often transformed himself into an angel of light, but it is the same Serpent (II Cor. 11:13-15).

IV. What *Differentiation* exists between the Bible Christianity and Modernism? Let me present this difference in a sevenfold way and it will readily be seen that there is a great chasm between the two, as Dr. E. J. Pace has depicted in a striking cartoon which appeared in the Sunday School Times several years ago.

1. Bible Christianity says the Bible IS the Word of God (II Tim. 3:16 and II Pet. 1:21), whereas Modernism says the Bible CONTAINS the Word of God. But who, we may ask, is to decide what part is inspired and what is not?

2. Bible Christianity says that Jesus Christ is THE Son of God in an altogether unique sense (John 1:18). On the other hand, Modernism says that He is A son of God in the sense in which all men are. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, a leading exponent of Modernism, in his "Modern Use of the Bible," says, "The God who was in Jesus is the same God who is in us. You cannot have one God and two kinds of divinity."

3. Bible Christianity says the birth of Jesus Christ was SUPERNATURAL (Matt. 1:18), but Modernism says that it was NATURAL—"a master product of evolution."

4. Bible Christianity says that the death of Jesus Christ was EXPIATORY (Rev. 1:5 and I Pet. 1:19), whereas Modernism says it was EXEMPLARY. Thus Modernism robs Christianity of the substitutionary atonement. Quoting Fosdick again: "Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old-fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

5. Bible Christianity says that man is the special product of CREATION, but Modernism says he is the product of EVOLUTION.

6. Bible Christianity says that man is a sinner, fallen from original righteousness, and apart from grace is lost (Rom. 5:12). However, Modernism says that he is the unfortunate victim of circumstance, but through self-culture can make good. In other words, man can save himself. All he needs to do is to fan the divine spark resident within him.

7. Finally, Bible Christianity says that man is justified by faith in the atoning blood of Christ, resulting in the new birth. On the other hand, Modernism says man is justified by works in following Christ's example. To them regeneration means reformations. It is a natural process—"a vital step in the natural development of spiritual life, a radical adjustment to the moral processes of life." How different from the Biblical presentation!

V. What *REFUTATION* should be used against this system of unbelief? From what has been said, it can be clearly seen that Modernism is diametrically opposed to orthodox Christianity. The best way to combat error is by presenting the truth. Therefore Modernists can only be won by the positive declaration of the pure Word of God under the guidance of the Spirit of God. Modernists need the Gospel (I Cor. 15:1-4).





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**JUNE 11  
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# FINDLAY BRETHREN BREAK GROUND

By Forest F. Lance

It is with a sense of real gratefulness to a gracious heavenly Father that we report to you our groundbreaking service in Findlay, Ohio, on Thursday evening, June 11. After several months of patient labor and prayer, the people of the Findlay Brethren Church were graciously rewarded as earth was broken, making preparation for the beginning of the construction of their new church home. Since one year ago we have been meeting in an old, unused school building built nearly 75 years ago. Plaster is off the ceiling, the walls are unstable, and facilities are not available for a properly organized Sunday school and church. Several promising prospects for our church have refused to attend the services because of the nature of our meeting place. Is it any wonder, then, that tears were mingled with smiles of rejoicing as the shovel dug for the first time,

## THE COVER PAGE

The pictures appearing on the cover page of the Findlay groundbreaking service were taken by Rev. Lester Pifer, Fremont, Ohio. They include Pastor Forest Lance; Mrs. Mabel Woodruff with the shovel; Mr. Jason Thomas also with the shovel; a picture of the group; the entire building committee with hands on the shovel consisting of Forest Lance, Robert Farmer, Marion Thomas, Theron Bibler, Jason Thomas, and Mabel Woodruff; Pastor Lance as song leader; and a picture of the architect's drawing for the proposed new church.

indicating that at last we were to have a place of worship of our own, where we would be encouraged to ask others to meet with us?

A week-day night was selected for the event so that other pastors and people from our district would be able to attend. Two cars filled with people from our neighboring Brethren church in Fremont, with their pastor, Rev. Lester Pifer, were able to attend with Rev. Miles Taber and his carful from Ashland. The Lord blessed us with a beautiful evening and a congregation of nearly 100 people. Brother Taber read from the Scriptures and led in prayer, asking God's blessing upon our service and upon our undertaking. Mrs. Lance joined with the pastor in singing a special song fitting the occasion. A group of boys and girls from the vacation Bible school, in progress at that particular time, were present for the service and sang several of the choruses which they had learned during the sessions of the Bible school. The vice moderator assumed charge of the service and presented the shovel to the pastor for the first shovelful of dirt. Immediately following the pastor, the building committee, composed of Jason Thomas, Marion Thomas, Theron Bibler, Robert Farmer, and Mabel Woodruff assisted in the service by digging into the earth. Each of these gave his testimony prior to his participation in the groundbreaking. Brother Pifer, acting in behalf of the Northern Ohio District Mission Board as its president, then completed the groundbreaking and spoke words of greeting from the district. Greetings were also read

from Rev. Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch, and Rev. Russell Ward, of Cleveland, on behalf of their congregations. The pastor then closed the service by announcing the contractor and also the date set for the beginning of the construction, June 29.

It seems impossible but, the Lord willing, by the time these words are read by our many friends across this land and on our mission fields of the world, a building will be rising in Findlay, Ohio, to be known as the Findlay Brethren Church. Will you pray with us for its completion and for the effectiveness of its message in this community, so much in need of the saving grace of Christ?

Thanks so much to our many friends throughout the Brethren Church who gave us a start through your Minute-Man dollars. We know not where our last dollars will come from to finish the building, but by faith in a great and loving Saviour and a gracious heavenly Father, we shall press on!

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## READ THIS—

### IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

Dear Brethren Home Mission Friend:

We bring you greetings in Jesus' blessed name!

No available words would be adequate to express our gratefulness to you for your help in Brethren home missions. Your prayers and your gifts have made possible the tremendous and amazing advances God has given during the past year.

The Brethren home mission work is no longer a small work. Because of many folks like you and the blessing of God we now have 40 home mission points which are manned by a home mission family of 75. It is impossible for us to imagine the scope and reach of this Gospel testimony all over our nation. Have you read in this magazine of groundbreaking services, cornerstone layings, church dedications, etc., constantly? *You* have had a definite part in each one of these testimonies for Christ.

But think of the much greater work we could *all* do for Christ this year in Brethren home missions if *each one* should increase their praying and giving! The only limits on God's blessings are the ones we place there. New groups of people all over the nation want a Brethren church. Will those of us who are enjoying the blessing of God now hear their cry and meet the need? Or will we close our ears and our hearts to their plea?

Will you start **NOW** to pray for our greatest home mission offering? Then start immediately to lay aside an offering each week for the evangelization of America!

Yours for more Brethren gospel testimonies,

L. L. Grubb.





# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## THE MARCH OF FREEDOM

In Washington, D. C., July 4 was a time of national emphasis on "faith in God." President Eisenhower inaugurated the "March of Freedom" by signing a declaration of seven divine freedoms.

Since this document is to be distributed across the nation we assume the privilege of printing it here for the consideration of Herald readers.

"Because the forces of evil in the world are bent on destroying our religious freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and specifically protected by the first amendment to the Constitution, ratified by the people of the United States, and

"Because these same forces are bent on destroying the very foundations of our democracy whose Constitution owes its continued existence to the faith of the people in Almighty God, and

"Because America needs to be reminded of its great spiritual heritage and its responsibility to Almighty God as its sovereign ruler, its purveyor of past blessings, its guarantor of a continuance of justice and liberty for all,

"WE DO THEREFORE AFFIRM that the heritage of freedom which we cherish as Americans is from God, who is the Author of the SEVEN FREEDOMS in the 23d Psalm of the Bible, and

"WE DO FURTHER AFFIRM that only those who have an obedient faith in God are assured of freedom and the abundant life and that only those nations will live and be free whose people have this faith.

"1. FREEDOM FROM WANT—"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (vs. 1).

"2. FREEDOM FROM HUNGER—"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures" (vs. 2a).

"3. FREEDOM FROM THIRST—"He leadeth me beside the still waters" (vs. 2b).

"4. FREEDOM FROM SIN—"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (vs. 3).

"5. FREEDOM FROM FEAR—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (vs. 4).

"6. FREEDOM FROM ENEMIES—"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies" (vs. 5a).

"6. FREEDOM TO LIVE ABUNDANTLY—"Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Sure-

ly goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (vss. 5-6).

"Deeply grateful for the gift of these seven freedoms we now reaffirm our faith in Almighty God, the Author of these freedoms, and in repentance we humbly confess our sins and seek the forgiveness of God and His blessings for our nation, dedicating ourselves henceforth to uphold and proclaim these seven freedoms that all of the world may be free under God."

## HOW CAN THIS MOVE BE FULLY BLESSED BY GOD?

Constantly we have prayed that we may not descend to pettiness in Christian evaluations nor lose the graciousness and sweetness of fundamentalism. In pointing out what we believe to be a fatal error in this declaration we believe we are manifesting Christian kindness and guaranteeing the blessing of God for those who receive this truth.

How can any so-called Christian declaration be blessed by God when it completely ignores the one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus? Nowhere in the text of this statement is the name of Christ mentioned. There is not even an inference that He is necessary to the whole picture.

Throughout all of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, one fact is outstanding. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2:5-6). In Ephesians 2 and multiplied other passages we are clearly shown that all blessings from God come through Christ.

Can God bless our nation except through Christ? How can we confess our sins without our Great High Priest? Will God take the promises of the 23d Psalm which were spoken to Israel describing the work of the Great Shepherd of the sheep and apply them to unbelievers without that Shepherd? Has God changed the plan of His visitation upon men as eternally announced in His Word? How can we have freedom except through the one who said: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36)?

## SHALL WE FEAR OFFENDING THE WORLD?

But the excuse is always made that there are certain religious persuasions that would not accept such a declaration should it contain the name of Christ. We judge that for this reason most national and international documents which touch on anything religious may mention the name of God but ignore Jesus Christ. Thus we are told that it is better to have people thinking and talking of God without mentioning Christ than not to be religious at all. Is it? Without Christ God can be only a wrathful Judge to men. If there is to be salvation and blessing now or in eternity it must come from God

### EVERY CORPORATION MEMBER PLEASE NOTE

The annual corporation meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Ind., will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 1953, from 1:45 p. m. to 2:45 p. m. in the Auditorium Building, Winona Lake.



THROUGH CHRIST. If it is an offense to the world to mention the name of Christ, then we had better offend with the hope that some may be saved. The issue is inescapable. The door to heaven is closed to all but those who enter through Christ.

#### SHALL WE OFFER THE SAVIOUR THE SECOND PLACE?

Some fundamentalists may think it subtle to omit mention of the Saviour in such a declaration and contend that now we must interpret that declaration and point out that it is only through Christ that a man can have faith in God. This is the spring of neo-orthodoxy and modernism. Modernists believe in God. They pray to Him directly without reference to Christ. Indeed, they talk about our Lord but look not on Him as the one Mediator between God and man. This is a subtle trick of Satan. Giving Christ second place or minimizing His position and Person at any time is serious and

#### DVBS AT CORDILLERA, NEW MEXICO



In the top picture are the children of the Cordillera DVBS, with the helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Inman, and the pastor, Tony Luna. Mr. Inman graduated from Grace Theological Seminary this spring, and during his school years helped in the Leesburg Brethren Church, which has made possible the Inmans' help for this Spanish-American DVBS work. In the center is the Cordillera church, which has a building fund and plans to enlarge the church this year even though it has been established less than two years. The bottom picture was taken on the evening of the closing DVBS program.

dangerous. Placing the task of interpretation in the hands of men may also be dangerous.

Could not the writers of this declaration of freedom have at least mentioned the Saviour in the last paragraph? They could have said, "Deeply grateful for the gift of these seven freedoms we now reaffirm our faith in Almighty God, and in His only Son, Jesus Christ," etc.

#### CHRISTIAN CENTURY PUBLISHER ARRESTED

Recently Robert Willet, publisher of the Protestant nondenominational Christian Century magazine, was fined \$100 and costs on charges of drunken driving.

We cannot help but wonder if this indicates anything about the power of the grace of God the modernists talk about. The kind of grace we know about in our blessed Lord Jesus Christ will keep a man from drinking, not to say anything about getting drunk. We suggest to Mr. Willet that he should try some of this grace for daily living.

It is true that a magazine cannot be fully judged on the basis of the publisher's actions. However, it is well to point out to the Christian reading public that there is a difference in so-called Christian magazines as there is a difference in preachers in these days of apostasy.

Be discerning!

#### REASONS FOR THE PHOENIX MINUTE-MAN LETTER

Minute-Men first won their battles on the east coast. But today Brethren Minute-Men are storming the citadels of Satan away out west in Phoenix, Ariz. As the first Minute-Men won their battles, so are the Brethren Minute-Men victorious in the power of God.

Those whom you see here pictured are Brethren Minute-Men right on the firing line. They are pouring their time, prayers, talents, and money into this new work in a very sacrificial way. As a result a new Breth-

*In four pictures you see four departments of the Phoenix Sunday school totaling 70 present on June 21, with the parsonage serving as the meeting place. The picture inset is that of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson and daughter. Mr. Dawson is enrolled in Grace Seminary as a result of the Brethren testimony in Phoenix.*

ren church has been born in Phoenix. But the group must have a church building or they cannot grow as they should.

As a true Brethren Minute-Man you can help these hard-working Phoenix Brethren! How? When you receive that Brethren Minute-Man letter you can take the envelope and put one dollar or more in it and return it to Winona Lake immediately. Or, if your name is not listed with the Brethren Minute-Men, you can send us your name and address and enclose one dollar or more in the letter to help this worthy new Brethren church in Phoenix.

Let us hear from you soon!

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SEATTLE, WASH. (Thomas Hammers, pastor)—

The Seattle brethren in a recent meeting adopted the name "View Ridge Brethren Church," which ties the name in with the new church location. The Monday-night Bible class at the YMCA will be discontinued and a concentration of our efforts started in the new area. This is to include a full schedule of Sunday services with a Bible study and prayer service on Wednesday night. The Minute-Man funds plus our building fund is being used to pay on the lots and we trust that in the near future we can begin planning for a new church building.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (J. C. "Bill" McKillen, pastor)—

The Bible school picnic was held recently with 71 in attendance. Others had planned to attend, but for sickness, tragedy, or some other reason they failed to make it. Our Bible-school attendance has averaged 70 for 1953 up to the present time and so the picnic attendance we feel was very good. Well over 50 decisions for Christ have been made by children since our arrival on the Phoenix field in 1952, but these have not all resulted in church affiliation. However, 8 children and 11 adults have been baptized and added to the church in this same period.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell, pastor)—

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth," said the Apostle John, and we, too, are experiencing similar joy as we observe real growth in some of the younger converts here. Deliverance from habits, prayer burdens, attendance at the prayer meetings, study and memorization of God's Word, revival emphasis, victory over criticism—whether on their part or that of other Christians—giving thanks in trying circumstances, willingness to serve, family altars, are some of the things that have gladdened this pastor's heart. PLANS FOR DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN CHURCH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND IT WILL TAKE PLACE JULY 19, 1953.

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance, pastor)—

June has brought us many spiritual victories including the baptism and addition of five to our membership. Vacation Bible school, with an average attendance of 42, brought forth decisions from several boys and girls. Six of our young people were able to attend a Brethren camp for the first time. They enjoyed it so much they are making plans to return in 1954. The big event of the month was the groundbreaking service and the evidence of the Lord's blessing on our building program.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. (Leo Polman, pastor)—

An all-time high has been reached by this home mission church in giving to foreign missions. Our goal was set at \$2,000 and our offering reached the figure of \$2,341.80. This is an average of \$40 per capita and we praise the Lord for such a victory.

Our Christian day school just closed with the largest enrollment in its four-year history and the prospects for next year are even better than the past year.

PORTLAND, OREG. (Vernon Harris, pastor)—

In the picture with Evangelist "Bob" Ashman is Mr. Maynard Williams, an employee of Sears, Roebuck and



Company in their display department. Mr. Williams directs the music of the church and in addition uses his talent for decorating the church on special occasions. From the picture you will recognize that this occasion was Easter and it was at the time of our evangelistic meeting with Brother Ashman.

KINGSPORT, TENN. (Dean Fetterhoff, Grace Seminary student)—

I hardly know how to begin this letter to try to tell you of God's blessing on our work for Him in Kingsport, Tenn. We spent the first two days house-hunting. The Lord directed us to an apartment and when the owner learned our purpose he said: "Since you are in the Lord's work I'll take the tithe from the rent and give it back to you." The remaining days of almost three weeks we have been looking for a place to hold our services, but in the meantime visiting in 180 homes. Many claim church membership, but on two streets particularly I would say 60 percent of the people told me they were unsaved. A child evangelism class has been started and we would like for you to pray for it. Also pray for our need of a meeting place and the need for wisdom in this work.

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell Landrum, missionary)—

June was camp month at Clayhole. The first week we had 77 junior campers, of which 20 were from Clayhole. During the week there were 31 decisions and 7 of these were our own Clayhole children. From June 15 to 19

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# A SUNDAY IN NAVAHOLAND

By Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission

Sunday is always our busiest day here at the Navaho Mission. School being out relieves us of many of the duties connected with the children, but still Sunday is a very busy day. There is no Sunday school to be held and so the morning is devoted to camp visitation. Where to begin today? We have had a call to come to a camp where a man is either sick or injured in the throat. The truck didn't return until late yesterday evening and so we will make this call first thing this morning.

Joan, Mrs. Antone (our Navaho interpreter), and I climb into the truck and start west toward the intended camp of visitation. Soon we leave the graded dirt road and are bouncing over the wagon trails which seem to cross and wander aimlessly. As the ruts get too deep for passage, a new trail is begun parallel to the trail, or through some new location which offers less resistance. And thus is created the maze over which we are bouncing. We continue following the trail until it forks left and begins a climb through a hill of sagebrush and stunted cedar trees. Ahead lies the camp, and several figures are seen running around the hogans and corrals, excited at the approach of the missionary's truck. We have our songbooks and are prepared to hold a service for the people here since they don't usually come to the mission for any of the services.

The truck comes to a halt in the clearing before the one hogan. A young mother is seated on the ground nursing her three-month-old baby. The father stands idly by, leaning against the doorpost of the hogan. An old woman stares at us out of her smoke-blackened tent and then gives us a toothless grin. As we climb down from the cab the familiar greeting is exchanged in Navaho to all in sight, and handshaking is indulged in by all. The old woman comes from her tent and greets us with another, much-wrinkled grin, her ample skirts ragged and as dirty as the tent in which she lives her solitary life.

A man shouts to us from a short distance away, out in the sagebrush. He starts to come toward the group that is clustered around the hogan door, but his gait and direction are not too sure. As he is coming toward us another man appears in the sage; this one has been lying down, for he wasn't visible when we drove in. Yes, both men are very drunk. They come reeling, shouting incoherently, and cursing. Every Navaho man knows how to curse in English even though he is not bilingual. Both men are drunken enough to cause trouble and to have little reasoning power left. Empty wine bottles lying about the ground portray the familiar "La Coptia" label, the brand as familiar in this area as the "Coca Cola" brand in every grocery store.

We attempt to engage the men in conversation but can get nowhere. One is the man who was reported in need of medical care, but he is not rational enough to treat nor to find out his trouble. Instead, he wants to fight as he shouts that *Washingtoni* (the U. S. Govern-

ment) isn't taking good care of him, one of the *Dine* (the people, Navahos). We find it best to keep out of his range and to push him occasionally when he gets too rough and close.

The other man is no less rough and is shouting wildly and gesticulating. Through Mrs. Antone we learn his harangue is directed at us. He has come home from two months on the railroad labor gang just last night and finds that his wife is in the hospital with a broken leg. He curses us and accuses us of taking his wife to the hospital, when he had told his family not to have anything to do with us and never go to a hospital. (He is one of the local medicine-men, the one most antagonistic to our mission.) He too is beyond any possible reasoning and talking sensibly. His wife fell into a hole at night while drunk and broke the leg just below the knee. She laid in the hogan three days before we were notified and then refused to go to the hospital when we called for her. A splint was put on the leg and she was left, only to appear at the mission five days later wanting some medical help. When we got her to the hospital the leg had been broken nine days, thus requiring a period of three weeks' hospitalization to correct the improper healing.

It is obvious that we can do no good here and the men are getting more violent, even toward the women from the mission. The young women and girls at the camp attempt to restrain the drunken men, but to no avail. Finally our women are told to get into the truck for the sake of safety. The drunken husband is now swinging at the truck and cursing more loudly. Three women are holding the other at bay. As we turn the truck about and start to drive away, the man picks up a large rock and hurls it at our truck, the rock landing in the truck bed; fortunately his aim is bad, for the rock weighs 20 pounds and is a foot in circumference.

One-quarter of a mile up the hill we find five little girls hiding in the brush and scrub trees from their drunken father. In a tent nearby sits the old grandmother, nearly blind and nearly deaf, her white hair hanging in unkempt strands about her face. We go in and greet her and visit with her while the girls are getting ready to go with us to the mission for the afternoon services.

"Does anyone love you?" we ask her, wanting to tell her that the Lord Jesus loves her.

"I don't know if anyone loves me; they never say if they do or not," is her reply.

"Did you know that God loves you?" we further ask.

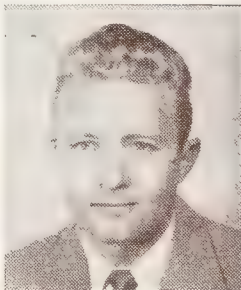
"I didn't know that God loved me," she replies, bewildered. And so we have a chance to tell her of the love of God for all people regardless of their color, language, or level of life.

"What do you think about while you sit here day after day in your tent? Do you ever think about God and the life you have lived?"

Pausing momentarily, she looks blankly at us, and then replies, "I never think, I guess; I am too old to think."

"Where will you go when this life is finished and your body is laid away in the ground?"

Again she pauses as though pondering our question,



Evan Adams



and then with no expression on her face or in her voice says, "Hoola (I don't know)."

The little girls climb into the bed of the truck and we drive away from the old woman, leaving her lonely and fearful of the drunken son-in-law just over the hill.

Driving back over the dirt road toward the mission we find one of our schoolboys leading his blind mother, waiting for the truck to take them to the mission for the afternoon services. Soon we have picked up a truck-load from that area and are nearing home.

People begin to wander into the mission compound from over the hill, where they have tied their horses. A wagon comes down off the hill and the team is unhitched and hobbled for a little grazing. The schoolboys soon find their bat and ball and begin an awkward game of catching flies. The people squat on the front porch and laugh at the small boys with the large bat. Others sit in the shade of the pumphouse and visit with friends from another area.

Soon the truck is back again with a load. Thirty-one people finally emerge from under the canvas canopy of the truck—babies on cradle-boards, small boys, old men, giggling girls. The bright skirts and blouses of the women are vivid in the midday sun.

Finally everyone is in the chapel. The men hang back, standing at the rear, too shy to come and take an empty seat near the front. With much coaxing and directing everyone is seated and the service begins. As we are singing the familiar hymns in Navaho, few join us, except for the school children, who are less shy and have sung them so often. The school children come up and sing two verses of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" for the adults. Proud mothers grin, and others scold those who are reluctant to sing.

Testimony time precedes the reading of God's Word, and five stand up and give a testimony of the gladness of their hearts, the desire to have their children grow up as Christians, the assurance in their hearts that these things from God's Word are true. Blind Mrs. Pinto, a former medicine-woman, stands up and says that she is happy to know that someday she shall see again. Seated in our congregation is another of the local medicine-men, his first time in our services. His daughter is one of our strongest Christian girls now. She has told him to come too.

During the story of the flood that destroyed the earth the people sit pensively. Babies cry and the mothers raise them to their breasts to quiet them. Young men hang their heads as an evidence of conviction. Others try to hide behind the people on the bench ahead of them. As the service draws to a close small boys get restless and go out the door. A couple of old men get up and noisily slam the door on their departure. We are dealing now with personal hearts and asking each to search his heart for the moving of the Spirit of God in his life.

As we are singing a closing hymn three women come to the altar for prayer and counseling toward salvation. Conviction is on the face of many. The mother of two of our schoolboys, who lives 30 miles away, finally comes to accept the Lord as her own. She has listened very seriously to the message. Now she is ready to do what she said a few days ago she knew she should do.

After the meeting is closed three more women and two girls come up to the altar, too bashful to come before all the people. Each one has a period of prayer from her

own heart. When these are dismissed, three wish to stay for further explanation of God's Word and the Christian life. One, a young mother, says that she wanted to tell us how happy she is since she is a Christian. She was too shy to stand up during the testimony time. And she asks that we please come and visit her hogan and tell her more about Jesus.

The women are busy handing out the clothing to the people and administering medication where it is needed. The crowd begins to scatter over the compound, some hitching up their teams, others waiting for the truck trip to their area. The loudspeaker system is carrying testimonies and songs in Navaho out over the surrounding yard and hills from the record player in the chapel. Some who are here for the first time today are anxiously inquiring if the truck will take them home too.

It is 7:45 p. m. as the headlights of the truck light the drive up the hill, coming in from the last load of people to be driven home.

### TAOS DVBS CLOSES WITH PICNIC



The pictures of the DVBS group at Taos, N. Mex., were taken on a picnic at the close of their school. The boys and girls enjoyed a picnic lunch and especially the "pop" as indicated here in the group pictures. The couple inset are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus, of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa. This couple spent their vacation helping in the Taos DVBS, which we think is a fine plan for a vacation and serving the Lord at the same time.



# NAVAHO MISSION WORK EXPANDING?

## YES, WITH YOUR HELP

Have you finished reading "A Sunday in Navaho-land"? If not, you should before reading these words. Multiply this story by 7 and it will give you an idea of the spare time left for our fine Navaho mission staff. There just is no extra time and yet another building is needed at the station. In the picture you see the super-intending missionary, Evan Adams, laying up the wall because the new mission home is needed by the time school starts about September 1. In the accompanying picture are most of the building materials needed and these were provided with gifts designated for that purpose only. There is a real need here for those who can donate labor to help in the building and a real need for designated funds to equip the new mission home. If you are an average person you are now asking the question, "Why another building?" This is a good question and we can give you a good answer.

The present mission home, as seen in the top picture, this last school year housed Brother and Sister Adams and their three children; the interpreter and her husband, Brother and Sister Antone; the cook for the school, Mrs. Mary Baer; and a part-time helper for several months. It served as the schoolroom for 30 children 5 days of the week and as the chapel for all Sunday services. It served as the kitchen and the dining room for 30 children and the 9 members of the staff and family 7 days a week. It contains the medical dispensary and also the used clothing storage. It is the missionary's office and his study. It serves many other purposes such as a gymnasium on days when the weather is too bad for the school children to play outdoors. With this much activity in a building approximately 45 by 55, we believe you will agree that this answers the question, "Why another building?"

Now we must depend on you for the answer to "How another building?" Surely the missionaries do not have



the spare time needed for such a project, and this is where you come in if you can help in donating some time in the construction. The building must be ready for occupancy before September 1. Others may not be able to donate time but can assist in supplying furnishings and equipment for the new home through the avenue of gifts. Some have already given to make possible the purchase of the lumber to get the building started, and we believe you will want to help see the job completed now that the need has been presented to you.



### NEW LOTS IN PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

The Grace Ambassador almost did a "round robin" a few days ago when we flew from Winona Lake to Pittsburgh, Connellsville, Parkersburg, and back to Findlay, Ohio, in one day. We could have just as easily been back home for supper the same day.

Bro. Clyde Landrum became our passenger at Connellsville and represented the East Fellowship District Mission Board as we investigated new lots for our Brethren church in Parkersburg.

The Lord has given us a splendid, large, well-located piece of property in Parkersburg. Reactions to the pastor, Brother Smitley, from local businessmen indicated great favor toward us in the purchase of this property.

The Parkersburg group has been willing to launch out

on faith and is hoping to soon have a church building on these lots.

### MEETING WITH FINDLAY GROUP

On the tail-end of the eastern flight we stopped at Findlay and thoroughly enjoyed a time of fellowship with the Brethren there. After the evening service plans for the new building were discussed again.

Our friends will be glad to know that construction is now under way in Findlay.

### NEW RADIO PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Recently 25 new radio programs were made with the Gospel Truth male quartet featured on each broadcast together with the solos of Bro. LeRoy Hawkins.

We remind our churches again that these broadcasts



with a national emphasis are available to any Brethren church. Provision is made for the message of the local pastor on each program.

### **CUYAHOGA FALLS PLANNING TO PURCHASE NEW LOTS**

During a recent visit in the Falls we looked at some new lots which are to be purchased by the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church, with plans to place the first unit of a new church building on them as quickly as possible.

Bro. Richard Burch, the pastor, and the church need your prayers for wisdom in this great undertaking.

### **WESTERN TRIP TO SIX MISSION POINTS**

With usual efficiency the Navion took us west to six mission points and one district conference in record time.

Albuquerque, N. Mex., was the first stop. Here we

### **PARKERSBURG PASTOR ORDAINED AT BERNE, IND.**

Lester Smitley, the home mission pastor at Parkersburg, W. Va., has now joined the ranks of ordained Brethren ministers. The ordination service was held recently at Brother Smitley's home church in Berne, Ind., and his former pastor, Rev. Ord Gehman, brought



*These ordination-service pictures include the laying on of hands by Brethren Gehman, Hammers, Colburn, and Grubb. Inset left is Pastor Gehman, and inset right is Candidate Smitley. The church is the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.*

the ordination message. It was a blessed service, and assisting in it were Brethren James Hammer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Ralph Colburn, national youth director; and L. L. Grubb, Brethren home missions secretary. We rejoice and praise God for such services where we see young men moving out on the firing line for Christ.

met on the Lord's Day with the Spanish-American Brethren and heard one of the boys who has been absent at Bible institute bring a fine message.

Our Indian mission at Counselor Post was next on the list. Here we found our missionaries, Brother and Sister Adams, hard at work, and doing a fine job for Christ. It was a thrill to see how much progress is being made both physically and spiritually. Navaho souls are finding Christ. Brother Adams is also in process of building a house and needs much help.

A short hop across the deep western canyons brought us again into the shade of the mighty Sangre de Cristo range and to the quaint little town of Taos, where God has so wonderfully blessed the work among the Spanish-American brethren. Bro. Sam Horney, our missionary superintendent among the Spanish-Americans, met us and told us the story of the Lord's blessing on the work.

Summertime is daily vacation Bible school time with 10 different schools scheduled for the area. Two of these were just completed as we arrived and we had the privilege of meeting in the commencement services both in Taos and Cordillera. The churches in Arroyo Hondo, under the leadership of David Tollardo, and in Cordillera, under Tony Luna, are both showing real progress. Pray that the Lord will enable us to find support for our Spanish-American native missionaries and that the number of our mission stations will be increased.

The trip from Taos across the Rockies into Denver was beautiful and a matter of just two hours. Here in Denver the Midwest District Conference was in session with delegates from the various churches meeting in our fine new Denver church. The sessions of the conference were a blessing. Challenging messages from the Word exercised our hearts.

The churches of the Midwest District are widely separated. We certainly need more Brethren churches in that great area with its growing population.

### **BLESSINGS IN THE LAND OF TALL CORN**

Of course everybody knows that Iowa is the land of tall corn. It was here in this great State that we recently met in another district conference with the special blessing of God.

The Iowa District is showing signs of real growth in missionary vision and giving. The new church in Cedar Rapids and the Bible class in Davenport give practical evidence of this fact. The district mission board is planning greater expansion for the next year and will be working the Davenport field with the Home Missions Council.

### **HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS**

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was the high-school age camp and of the 61 attending only 1 boy returned home unsaved. On Thursday evening, June 18, we had the faggot service and it was interesting to see the huge bonfire, the semicircle of folks and young people giving a testimony and dedicating their lives to the Lord. Five of the 12 accepting Christ as Saviour in this service were from Clayhole. Two more Clayhole boys made their decision on the following day and everyone returned home bubbling over with joy.



Just east of the Rockies another great victory was won in Brethren home missions recently. The cornerstone was laid in the wall of the new Denver Brethren Church.

This building is complete except the finishing of the first-floor auditorium. It has been constructed by a



*Looking at the Denver cornerstone-laying pictures from the top down: Pastor Lowell Hoyt in charge of the service with those gathered to witness the event. The group in the basement of the new building. Pastor Hoyt and Contractor Murray observing Mr. M. J. West laying the cornerstone. Pastor Hoyt preparing for the cornerstone laying in the church at his right.*

Christian contractor who has given us the advantage of all possible financial savings. Located in one of the finest sections of the great city of Denver, this church will serve a large new housing area.

The address on this occasion was brought by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, professor and dean in Grace Seminary. Greetings were brought by Dr. Murray, the contractor,

Sunday, June 28, 1953, was a memorable day in the history of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, as they vacated their former meeting place, a school building, and entered their new church home located at 708 Shadowlawn Avenue. It was a day that saw attendance records broken and a day filled with



*The congregation present for the initial service at the new Patterson Park Brethren Church, with Pastor and Mrs. C. S. Zimmerman inset.*

praise to God for His many blessings since the beginning of the work. Visiting Brethren helped to push the morning worship service over the 100 mark while the Sunday school recorded 96. To complete the first full Sunday schedule of services for these Brethren, there were 40 present in the evening. You will readily observe from the picture that the building is not complete, but it is usable and will serve as the church home while the remaining work is being finished.

and also by Luther L. Grubb. Bro. Lowell Hoyt has pastored the church during the construction period.

This, another home mission dividend, should serve to remind all of us that God has blessed in the past in using our prayers and gifts. It should also speak of greater challenges for the future which come before us in increasing numbers.





## IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER

By Bruce L. Button

Sometime ago there was published in the Herald, under the title, "Thanks for Your Letter," a letter which was received from a Mr. R—. My reply to that letter was also published. Since that time there has been further correspondence. Thinking it might be of interest to all those who read this page, I am quoting below the reply of Mr. R— to my letter as well as my reply to this later letter of his. Mr. R—'s reaction to our contacts and literature sets forth in a great measure the reaction of Jewish people as a whole to the preaching of the Gospel. We have one advantage in our favor today. Jewish people, regardless of their biased minds, will read Christian literature and discuss Christian concepts. This is something they would not formerly do. As it is the Word of God which convicts, and not our human argument and reasoning, we may say with great confidence that God will raise up in these last days a great many Jewish believers in Messiah.

Perhaps after reading the bitterness in the letter of Mr. R— the reader will be prone to say with the disciples, "Who then can be saved?" It will be of great comfort if they will but fall back on the promise of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 19:26, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

"Mr. Button:

"In regards to your long letter of 4-10-52, I again am impressed, this time of your superb way of self-apology. I cannot admire your intelligence in the matter of the Jews' acceptance of Christ as the Messiah, nor can I accept or appreciate the time you took and research you made to write to me of your belief. But I do feel as strongly as you do in certain respects to the way we practice our religion, both Christian and Jew. I will not at this time go into the way I personally feel, as you probably can judge I am both rushed for spare time and incapable of writing my emotions and feelings on a letter. I will tell you that I feel you are in need of a lesson also. You preach a sermon in the behalf of your Christ; now listen to me in behalf of my country.

"*You are a sinner*—you are worse than a Communist or any 'ism' America has to face! Why? Because, Mr. Button, you and your "methods of operation" can ruin our personal liberties and can set an American way of life into mixed feelings and beliefs. Why do I judge you as a personal symbol? Because, mister, you are doing to a race what America is trying to fight for—you are stealing personal belief—you are mixing your communism into a religion and you are trying to create a way of life that will benefit you. I can't for the life of me see why a man of your intelligence could try and pull a gimmick like this. Sell Christ to the *goyim*. They need him and you need your money, but don't try and take away a heritage passed down through generations.

"America is founded on freedom and you can see that freedom on Fairfax Avenue or Wilshire Boulevard, or any point of this God-given land—but you are trying desperately to take these away from people that don't need you and your peddlers to tell them how to believe.

As a point of comparison, your peddler came to the door and said, 'Is this a Jewish family?' He or she is more interested in selling his wares of Christ than in bettering themselves and others in their own race. I am deeply hurt and plan further steps to see that you and your gang are put out of business. You can't fight America, Mr. Button—so button your lip in this community and let Americans live and believe as they please. If this letter in any way impresses you in the least I suggest you take your ideas and family and move to Russia. Try your spiel on them—I mean you no harm and I am sure as an adult you can see the personal harm you are doing to *my*, not your, country, because, sir, if you thought it was your country you wouldn't so meekly try to overthrow our belief and way of life.

N. R.

"P. S. Please do not mail me any of your literature on Messiah. If you feel you want to answer my letter, fine; that's the one freedom you people wouldn't have in Russia.

"P. P. S. If I have any further trouble with you and your bunch I am going to personally go around to the Young Jewish League of Los Angeles and we will give you the sensationalism you require.

"Thanks."

"Dear Mr. R—:

"This is in reply to your letter of April 17. I have reread my letter of April 10 and am at a loss to understand the attitude it caused you to evidence in your reply. At no time have I tried to 'force' you to believe anything, nor have I restricted your 'liberties' in any way. This letter, like its predecessor, is simply written to encourage you to read and consider, with an unbiased mind, the prophecies of the T'nach, as related to the Person of Jesus, the Messiah. Time spent in research was not necessary, for the information and Scripture contained in my letter is the common knowledge of those who have a deep love and high regard for God, Jesus the Messiah, and the Jewish people.

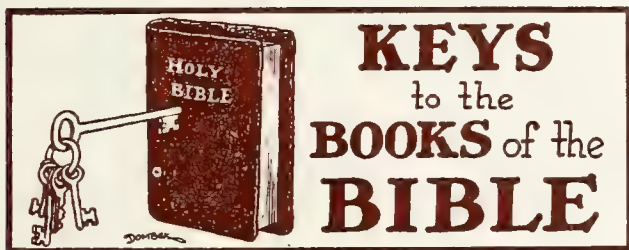
"You were right in saying I am a sinner. The Bible maintains 'all have sinned,' that 'there is *no man* that sinneth not.' These statements and many others like them include even *you*. But I thank and praise God that because of the blood of His Son, the Messiah, I am a *saved* sinner! I am sure I stand in an acceptable relationship with God! I know I am not under the doom of sin, which is eternal separation from God, according to the T'nach. I wonder if you can say the same, when Moses makes the firm statement in the Torah, '*Chi hadom hu banephesh yekapher*'—'because it is the blood that maketh an atonement (a covering or shield) for the soul.'

"Again I urge you to read! But this time particularly regarding the founding of this country you and I so love; this country which permits the civil and religious liberties we so enjoy. You will find that its laws were founded on the principles laid down in the T'nach and the New Testament! These principles which were laid



down by Jesus, the Messiah. And these principles were set forth by men who believed in Jesus and the efficacy of His atoning blood! They were, to put it another way, Messianic believers. These liberties are, if you please, the outcome of the efforts of men who were seeking a place where they could worship Jesus, the Messiah, as they pleased. Knowing that belief in Jesus is *not possible* for *any man* until God convicts him of his sinful condition and his desperate need of a sacrifice for sin, they, in the grace of Messiah, so framed our country's laws that there was extended to all the right to worship as one pleased, regardless of what or how they worshiped. Our country is founded on freedom, it is true, but that freedom is the outcome of *Christian* or *Messianic* thought, for those who drew up our cornerstone of freedom and liberty, the Constitution, knew that belief in the Lord Jesus was not something to be forced on a person but rather it could only be brought about by the working of the Spirit of God with that person. If God did not convict of sin, there would be no hope for that person. In the words of Saul of Tarsus, a Jewish believer, 'If our gospel be hid, it is hid to *them that are lost*.' Therefore, those who do believe know *they* cannot cause anyone to believe. They can only proclaim the Gospel. But still they want all men to have the right they have of freedom in all things and from fear."

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## I TIMOTHY

### I. Presents—

- A. The true function of the church—the proclamation of the truth in the world.
- B. The true function of the minister—the exposition of the truth within the church.

### II. Key Words.

- A. Sound doctrine (1:10; 6:3).
- B. It is a faithful saying (1:15; 3:1; 4:9).
- C. Godliness (2:2, 10; 3:16; 4:7, 8; 6:3, 5, 6, 11).
- D. Fables (1:4; 4:7).
- E. Vain babblings (6:20; 1:6).
- F. Genealogies (1:4).

### III. Key Verses.

- A. Concerning the true function of the church (3:15-16).
- B. Concerning the true function of the minister (4:9-16).
- C. The Gospel message (1:15).
- D. Christ the Mediator (2:5-6).
- E. Doctrine of the incarnation (3:16).

### IV. Key Outline. (Dr. C. I. Scofield's is very good).

- A. Introduction (1:1-4).

## PASTOR'S OCCASION FOR REJOICING



A baptismal service is one that brings rejoicing to a pastor because it is the evidence of fruit in his ministry. Here you see Rev. J. Ward Tressler, of Chico, Calif., baptizing one of the more than 50 who joined the Chico church during his ministry of five years. Brother Tressler will be leaving the Chico field but continuing to serve God in Brethren home missions at the Juniata, Altoona, Pa., church.

- B. The church before the world (1:5-20).
- C. The church before God (2:1-15).
- D. The church and its leaders (3:1-16).
- E. A charge to Timothy (4-6).
- 1. Concerning the times (4:1-7).
- 2. Concerning himself (4:8-16).
- 3. Concerning the membership (5:1-6:21).

### V. Key Thought for Today.

- A. For the church—she must be fitted for the fulfillment of her function.

- 1. Her Gospel must be an unchanging Gospel.
- 2. Her worship must be unceasing—especially in prayer.
- 3. She must be responsive to the authority of a faithful ministry.

- B. For the ministry—the instrument must be fitted for the fulfillment of its function.

- 1. Unswerving behavior—behavior toward others in harmony with the truth proclaimed.
- 3. Realization of godliness in personal life—personal life harmonious with the truth, mastered by the truth, responsive to the truth. "No man can be in the ministry of Jesus Christ and fulfill the ideals of this letter to Timothy without putting into the business of his ministry, the business of his study, the business of his expositions, the business of his life, all the forces of his being" (Morgan).

- C. "Let those who teach the Word of God, whether in the larger assembly, or in the smaller circle, remember that teaching is only valuable and dynamic in the measure in which it is given, not by intellectual processes merely, but by volitional obedience and the changed life that results" (Morgan).



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The Winchester, Va., church, pastored by Paul E. Dick, had 151 pupils in vacation Bible school, with 28 receiving Christ as Saviour, and 266 people attending the closing program June 26. The church's new radio time is 9:05-9:30 a. m. each Sunday.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Floyd W. Shiery has moved to Klutch's Cottages, Star Route, Lakehurst, N. J. (Change Annual, p. 77.)

Dr. W. A. Ogden, Johnstown, Pa., First church, was given a party and gifts by the Brotherhood of Alexander Mack in honor of his June 27 birthday anniversary. On July 11 he spoke over radio station WJAC.

Pastor Norman A. Nelson, Comp-ton, Calif., was a worker in the Youth for Christ camp at Mt. Hermon June 22-26.

During June Rev. R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind., spoke in churches in Youngstown, Winterset, and Newark, Ohio.

The Clayton, Ohio, church, pastored by Clair Brickel, in June averaged 126 in Sunday school, 127 in morning and 73 in evening services, and 30 in prayer meeting; and the offerings averaged \$551. The building program is progressing and the church has purchased new chairs and hymnbooks.

Rev. Harold H. Etling, Akron, Ohio, president of the National Sunday School Board, spoke at the Northwest District conference at Portland, Oreg., and in the Northwest churches in the first half of July in the interest of Sunday school work in the church.

The pastorless La Verne, Calif., church heard Rev. Ralph Hatton, Los Angeles, June 14; Dr. Elias D. White, St. Louis, Mo., but originally of La Verne, June 21; Dr. Alva J. McClain, Winona Lake, Ind., June 24-25. Wayne Leitch, Pasadena,

Calif., conducted children's meetings there June 15-19.

Edward White, of the Canton, Ohio, church, died, and Pastor John Dilling conducted the funeral service June 29.

The Zeoli-Rhoads evangelistic team conducted a one-night service at the Canton, Ohio, church June 22 resulting in seven decisions.

The Alexandria, Va., church gave its pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Teague, a unanimous call to continue another year and he accepted.

Dr. Elias D. White preached at South Gate, Calif., where he was pastor for 13 years, July 5, while Pastor Alfred Dodds was teaching in the youth camp.



Robert Lichti, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Stanford University. He won honors in the school and was given membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi, honorary scholarship societies.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer, missionaries on furlough from Africa, are both recovering from surgery received in California.

Mrs. Helen Reuter, music director, and Miss Barbara Yerian, pianist, of the Los Angeles, Calif., Second church, are spending the summer in touring Europe.

Dean and Mrs. Kenneth M. Monroe, of Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., are spending the summer in the British Isles.

Bro. Edward Ross, an active member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church since March 18, 1934, died in his sleep June 27. He was a deacon and a member of many boards and committees in his own church, and served several times as a district conference officer. He transported many hundreds of boys and girls to and from Bible school and saw many of them receive Christ as Saviour. He led one man to the Lord while in his last sickness in the hospital. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons.

Rev. Thomas Inman, recent graduate from Grace Seminary and the new pastor of the Denver, Colo., church, lives at 883 S. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo. (Change Annual, p. 75.)

Rev. D. F. Eikenberry, Yakima, Wash., now more than 80 years of age, is seriously ill in a Yakima hospital.

Speakers at the pastorless Bellflower, Calif., church in June were Rev. Bruce Button, Rev. Albert Flory, and Dr. E. Alquist.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt preached at Dallas Center, Iowa, June 25; at Portis, Kans., June 26-28; Taos, N. Mex., June 29; and Phoenix, Ariz., June 30.

The Johnstown, Pa., First church, pastored by Dr. William A. Ogden, had an enrollment of 164 and an average attendance of 137 in its daily Bible school. Several of these pupils received Christ as Saviour. There were 25 workers and the offering amounted to \$100.

#### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 8-26.....	Glenn O'Neal....	R. Paul Miller.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First) .....	July 12-19.....	Gordon Bracker..	Harold Kattman.
South Bend, Ind..	July 12-19.....	Russell Ogden....	Ding Teuling.
Whittier, Calif.			
(First) .....	July 16-19.....	Lewis Hohenstein.	Herman Hoyt.
Bell, Calif.....	July 19-22.....	Harry Sturz.....	Herman Hoyt.
Ramona, Calif....	July 23-24.....	Grant McDonald..	Herman Hoyt.
Whittier, Calif.			
(Community) ..	July 25-26.....	Ward Miller.....	Herman Hoyt.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(Third) .....	July 26-29.....	James Beatty....	Herman Hoyt.



# WILL GOD SPARE AMERICA?

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

"North America belonged to the Indians, and the white man had no right to drive them out and take their land."

We often hear declarations like this, but it is not true. America did not belong to the Indians. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 24:1). God did not create the earth and then go off and let it gravitate in its own direction. Rather did He create it for a purpose and He now watches over every detail with a zealous eye, even to the fall of a tiny sparrow.

He gave the various nations their inheritance and set "the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). That is, He piled up mountains and carved out seas; He spread out deserts and cut broad rivers, as bounds for the nations. He placed Italy in the sea and blocked her off with the Alps Mountains. He surrounded England with water and placed distance between Europe and America.

## *God Has a Plan*

And why did God do all of this? Verily, He had but one purpose and that a well-determined one: "That they should seek the Lord" (Acts 17:27).

One time I fenced off a place in my barn, bought two or three hundred white hens. I fed them; I watered them; I worked and cared for them, that they might produce eggs. But a few months later I found that my profit was below zero. So I sold the entire lot and purchased a few Barred Rock chicks to take their place.

And so does God give various nations a chance to do His will, but when they glorify Him not as God, and do not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gives them up to reap the error of their way (Rom. 1).

## *When Nations Failed*

In the days of Noah, the human race had departed far from its God, so God did exactly the same thing that I did with my chickens, He destroyed that unprofitable race and started a new age with Noah and his family.

God "gave unto Esau mount Seir" (Josh. 24:4); and unto the Moabites He gave Ar; and the country of Am-

mon He gave "unto the children of Lot for a possession" (Deut. 2:9, 19). He gave the land east of the Mediterranean Sea to the Canaanites, but when "the iniquity of the Amorites" was full, God brought Israel across Jordan to destroy those nations and possess the land (Gen. 15:16).

God did this that Israel might serve her God. Centuries passed, and Israel failed to serve her God, so God brought in Nebuchadnezzar, a heathen king, to drive them off their land.

## *The Indians Failed*

God gave North America to the Indians "that they should seek the



Rev. R. I. Humberd

Lord." But our history books abound with evidence of their failure to serve the God of heaven.

The very basis of their life was violence and bloodshed. They spent their time in plotting against their fellow men. They delighted in their war dances, their war paint, and their blood-curdling war whoops. They used these things to inflame themselves to murder and pillage the neighboring tribe. The very pride of an Indian brave was to kill a man, tear off the entire top of his head, and stride proudly into camp with the bloody scalp dangling at his side. He delighted to torture and kill, to steal and destroy.

## *God Brings Judgment*

When the iniquity of the Amorites was full, the barrier of the River Jordan became a path for a God-fearing nation to move in, displace the inhabitants of the land, and form a nation whose God was the true God of heaven. When the iniquity

of the Indian was full, the barrier of the Atlantic bore on its bosom the Mayflower and its precious load to displace the Indian and found a nation on the Word of God.

Centuries passed and Israel departed from her God and God brought fierce judgment upon her. It is always the way of our God to judge sin, and the greater the opportunity, the greater the sin.

## *America Has Failed*

And so today! The God who brought the Pilgrim to a fertile land and formed a mighty nation is almost ruled out of His own land. His laws are flouted; His commandments are broken; His Godhead is defied; His love is spurned; His warnings are unheeded; His judgments are scoffed at; His Word is denied; His people are hated; His name is blasphemed; His churches are neglected; His redemption is scorned; His ministers are insulted; His people are mocked; and His ways are opposed.

In one city where I held a meeting I was told that only eight people in a hundred even go to church. Verily, when we remember that wheat and tares are growing together, that only a small part of the churchgoers are true believers, how scarce indeed must be the precious wheat.

## *Beware*

Verily, if God spared not the sinful Amorites, but replaced them with a godly nation; if God spared not that same nation when it went into apostasy; if God spared not the Indian, but replaced him with the Puritan band, then America, take heed, lest He spare not thee also.

## KITTANNING DVBS SUCCESSFUL

The Kittanning, Pa., First church, pastored by Gordon W. Bracker, closed its vacation Bible school June 26, having had an enrollment of 157 and an average attendance of 123. There were 67 pupils with perfect attendance, the offerings amounted to \$143, and 40 public decisions for Christ were registered. The church surprised Pastor Bracker on his birthday with a party and a Hamilton wrist watch.

## AUGUST BOOKS FEATURE VICTORY

By Conard Sandy

The two books reviewed here show the Christian how to have complete and joyous victory while walking this earthly pilgrimage in fellowship with the Saviour and fellow saints.

The first-choice book is by Dr. J. Gregory Mantle, a powerful and popular preacher in the English-speaking world from 1877 to 1925. "Beyond Humiliation," we believe, will prove a very worth-while book in every Christian's library and so we recommend it.

The second-choice book, "Inherit the Earth," is by Lon Woodrum, who wrote the prize-winner, "Of Men and of Angels," in Zondervan's second international Christian fiction contest.

The first-choice book will be sent to members of the Brethren Book Club, unless they notify the Brethren Missionary Herald Company before August 1 of their desire for the second-choice book or no book for the month.

Reader, if you are not a member of the Brethren Book Club, we invite you to consider its merits. A book is given as a premium for joining when the first book is bought and paid for. This first book can be either of the books reviewed on this page or any book used recently by the club. Then a premium book is given after the member buys and pays for four books through the club, and this continues for every four books bought through the club.

The premium book for joining the club can be either "Stranger Than Fiction," by Florence Gribble; or "Prayer: Asking and Receiving," by John R. Rice; or "The Emerald Necklace," by Elise Fraser.

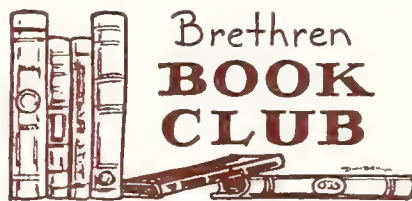
### BEYOND HUMILIATION

By J. Gregory Mantle

How can a Christian constantly live above the things that disturb the soul, that cause the mind to fret, and that discourage the heart in this earthly pilgrimage? Why is it that a believer feels so elated and full of

joy in or immediately following a gathering of God's people for the study of His Word and for prayer, and then feels so low and unhappy after returning to his own home and back to his daily work?

These and many other questions like unto them are answered in this volume, which is a reprint of a book that has been out of print for some years. In fact, this is the seventh edition of a very popular book.



Dr. Mantle points out anew what the Word of God teaches—the way of victory and fruitfulness is the way of the cross of the Lord Jesus and our complete identification with Christ there. He points out just what the Spirit of God meant by complete death of self, by full yieldedness to the sovereign Lord, and by full identification with the Saviour at Calvary. This volume cannot take the place of one's Bible, but it will be of great help to the believer in studying the Word of God.

Dr. Mantle first entitled his book: "The Way of the Cross, a Contribution to the Doctrine of Christian Sanctity." It grew out of his study of the Word of God and his understanding of the needs of God's people. He was a frequent speaker at the English Keswick and the Winona Lake, Ind., Bible Conference. In these associations with the saints he learned that they wanted to know the way of victory and this book is an answer to that need.

The book is divided into 21 chapters, each one of which is preceded by a quotation from some other writer. These quotations are usu-

ally carefully selected poems. Each chapter would be an excellent reading for a daily devotion period, either for an individual or for the family. This is a book to be read and reread many times to get its full value.

The book sells for \$3 and is worth every cent of it. It will be an excellent addition to the Christian's library.

### INHERIT THE EARTH

By Lon Woodrum

One of the mysteries of life is the difference that exists between the various members of a family—differences that place the family members in entirely opposite circles of activity.

The Cannon brothers, of Kingstown, were as different as two people could be. Max was the energetic and popular pastor of Grace Church. Joel was of another strain, an ex-convict who had served a prison term for a crime he did not commit. This left Joel with a hatred that drove him to do things he could not explain.

But Kingstown had other citizens besides the Cannon boys. There was Dr. Frank Tyler, a man who had a way of getting things done for the welfare of other people. His wife, Gail, a former girl friend of Joel, was an active worker in the church. On the other side of the fence, in moral and spiritual matters, was Max Renner, the underworld boss of the town and former boss of Joel Cannon. Here, too, was another former girl friend, Vala Maine.

Joel returned from prison to Kingstown intent on seeking his own form of justice—but God intervened and events happened so rapidly in the next two months that Joel found it hard to explain them to himself. Things did not turn out for him as he first hoped they would, yet he could not say he was sorry for the sudden change.

As everyone was preparing for Christmas, the "perfect crime" was committed near the city of Kingstown. Every part of the crime was carefully planned and the finger of circumstance pointed straight at the ex-convict.

We must let the reader discover what happened. The book sells for \$2.50 a copy and will hold the attention until the last line on the last page has been read.



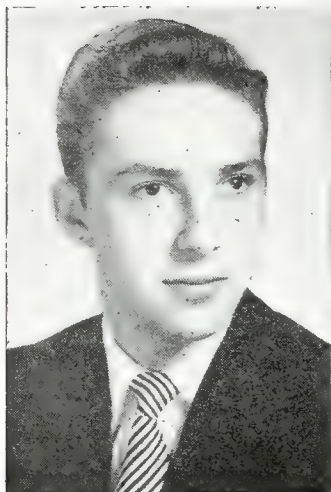
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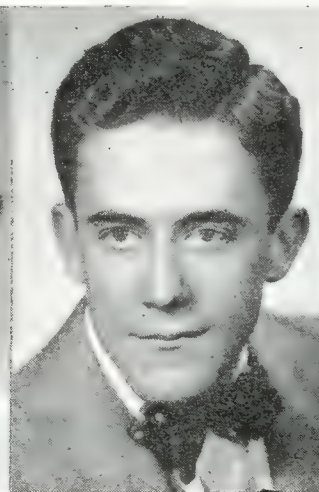
# WE, TOO, ARE COMING TO GRACE COLLEGE



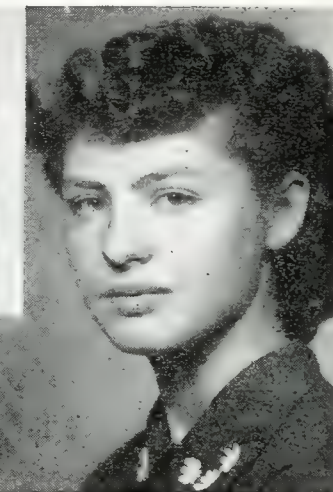
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Amy Lou Bracker



Alva Steffler



Marilyn Joyce Herdlicka

As the seminary number of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* goes to press, 24 students have already made application for enrollment in the freshman class of Grace College when it convenes in September. Additional pictures are being printed as they are received. Three of the above young people, coming from various parts of the country, give the testimony of their decision to enroll in Grace. They appear below.

## FROM KITTANNING, PA.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psa. 32:8). Since I have dedicated my life to full-time service and feel led to go to Africa as a teacher, I am choosing Grace College for training in this field of service. I'm confident that in this Christian school I can receive the instruction and guidance I need from well-trained Christian professors.—*Amy Lou Bracker.*

## FROM DAYTON, OHIO

After taking my first year of college at an interdenominational school I began to think of transferring to our own Brethren school, where I could get Brethren doctrine and the "tops" in teaching. I didn't realize, until I got away from the Brethren teaching, how much it meant in my life as a young person. Our denomination—especially our school—is looked up to by other denominations and other schools, so I have decided to take advantage of what we have by seeking my training at Grace College. I'm sure the teaching, fellowship, and direction of the Holy Spirit at Grace will strengthen my spiritual life and thinking so that I may better serve Him.—*Alva Steffler.*

## FROM WILLIAMSBURG, IOWA

For several months, in high school just before graduation, I was influenced by a close friend to visit one of our nearby colleges. I was very much impressed with the setup of this school. But in the meantime, however, I had been reading in the *Brethren Missionary Herald* concerning our Grace College at Winona Lake, Ind. I began to realize that this was a college of my own denomination. I had visited the college and seminary buildings while attending Bethany Camp last summer,

and discovered that this would be an excellent place in which to study and prepare for work in our Lord's vineyard.

My pastor has discussed with me the advantages of attending a Christian college of my own denomination. Recently the Grace Trumpeters came to our church, along with Dr. Paul Bauman, who gave a fine message concerning the advantages of Grace College. Dr. Bauman's message, along with the wonderful display of talent from the trumpeters, as well as their fine testimonies, impressed me very much. I am very glad that I have chosen Grace College.—*Marilyn Joyce Herdlicka.*

## WHAT GRACE MEANS TO ME

By Norbert Darr

One of the many blessings that I have received recently is to know the will of the Lord for my life. I was saved at an early age probably because I was brought up in a fine Christian home. I was taken to church and Sunday school and prayer meeting every week, and it wasn't long until I realized the need of a Saviour in my life.

For eight years I grew in the Lord and learned as much as I could about God's Word. But there was one thing I wasn't willing to do and that was to submit my life completely to Him. I was afraid that the Lord would call me into the ministry or to the mission field or into some other service of the Lord's.

Just two years ago I fully realized that only what's done for Christ will last, and upon conviction by the

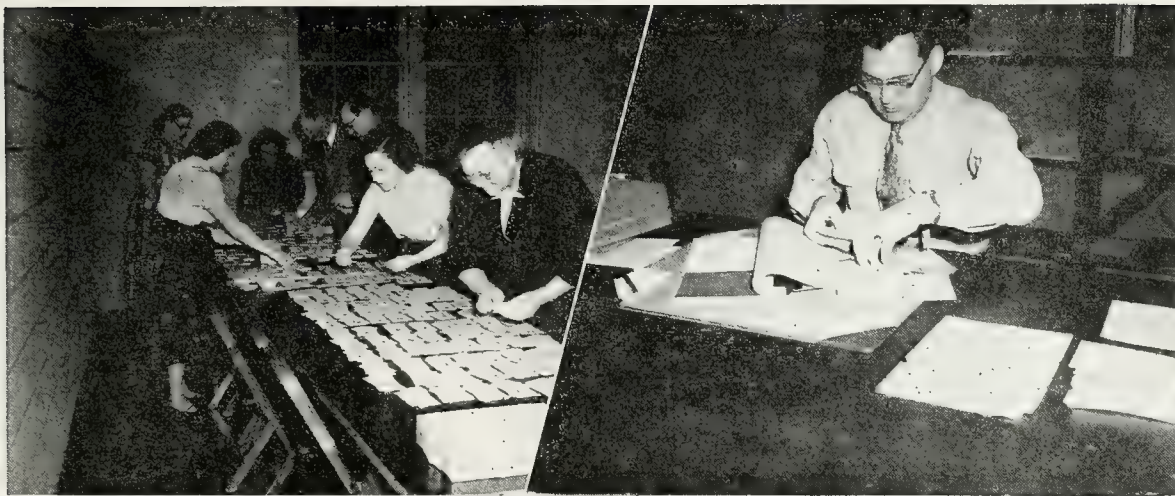


Norbert Darr

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# THANK YOU, AND PRAISE THE LORD



Upper left—Students, faculty, and members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church join in preparing packets of monthly finance plan envelopes for distribution to the churches. Right—Dr. James L. Boyer, financial secretary, at his desk, cares for the many details of the school's accounts. Regular gifts regularly sent and accurate reports from the churches help considerably to lighten his work.

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary

Once again Grace Seminary has experienced the blessing of both the Lord's goodness and the loyalty of her many friends. In response to our call for help last month you who always stand by us again sent in your gifts, so that our receipts from gifts during the month of June were 50 percent higher than the preceding month. Then, the Lord undertook to move the machinery of government a little faster than usual, so that the check for the fees and tuition of veterans for last year came through promptly instead of being delayed, as was expected. These, together with some other seasonal sources, enabled us to close the month with all our bills paid and without a deficit.

BUT . . .

But the full need is not yet supplied. We enter the month of July with practically no balance. There will be no check from the government. The other seasonal income which helped us out last month will not be forthcoming again. And the expenditures for July will be as high as ever.

SO . . .

So we are depending on you, our faithful friends, and we are trusting the Lord to supply our continuing needs. A new supply of dollar-a-month envelopes has been sent to the churches. Get yours now and keep up your gifts. Above all, will you continue to pray?

PRAY FOR . . .

Beside the financial need, we should pray for other needs of the school. Pray for Dr. McClain as he returns from the West, for Dr. Hoyt in his ministry on the west coast, for Dr. Bauman and the Trumpeters as they complete their strenuous itinerary, for other members of

the faculty in their summer schedules. Pray for the students who will be coming back, for the many new students who are enrolling. They always face problems of housing, employment, finances, and other adjustments in getting settled. Pray for the college as it launches its enlarged program. Pray for God's guidance and spiritual blessing on the work of Grace Theological Seminary this year. Only as He works can our work be effective.

Thank you, again, for what you have done and what you will do.

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# PROVIDENCE IN A HISTORY LESSON

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb

"How can I make spiritual applications from this non-Christian history textbook?" That is a question I have often asked myself while preparing a lecture for my class in collegiate world history; and just as often I have been surprised to find lessons of real spiritual value where least expected.

Recently we have been studying about the Golden Age of Spain during the 16th century. It was a time when hardy explorers were carving out a mighty new world empire, rich in gold and silver, for the glory of the king of Spain. All Europe trembled at the approach of Spanish armies, while Spain's mighty Armada threatened an immediate invasion of England.

But suddenly, with startling swiftness, the nation of Spain faded into a mere shadow of its former glory. By 1600 the Spanish Armada had been destroyed; her commerce and industry had collapsed; her people were poverty-stricken; and her population had decreased. What was the cause of these sudden changes?

Historians are puzzled, and grope for explanations that do not fully explain. Our textbook admits, "The decline of Spain's commercial might cannot be so simply explained. This nation had everything—and failed."

But here is a fact which Christians may well take to heart: Spain hated the Jews, and drove hundreds of thousands of them out of their country with unspeakable brutality just before the dawn of the 16th century. Men, women, and children were forced to leave their

homes and possessions, were herded into ships, sold as slaves, or killed in cold blood.

These are facts which cannot be erased from the pages of history. But here is something else which cannot be erased from the records: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." These are the words of God, spoken to Abraham 4,000 years ago. How solemn! How startling! The God of Abraham *still lives!* This is the God that holds the universe in His hand; that guides the destinies of nations; that fulfills His promises. Only the spiritual interpretation can account for *all* the facts of history. It is *His-story!*

## WHAT GRACE MEANS TO ME

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Lord I completely submitted my life to be used wherever He might lead. Today I am so thankful that the Lord led me to Grace College. Truly the Lord has been good and has led every step of the way. I will be beginning my third year at Grace and will be looking forward to receiving the same high-quality teaching that I received during my first two years—instruction from teachers who are dedicated to the Lord and have concern for every student. I can recommend Grace College to any person who feels the Lord is leading him to Grace. To those who are undecided as to where the Lord is leading, please consider Grace. You can't go wrong!

## TAKING THEIR PLACES ON THE HARVEST FIELD



Members of the 1953 class are already assuming places of responsibility in the Lord's work. Left to right are R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor of the Garwin, Iowa, Brethren Church; Victor Meyers, approved candidate for the Argentine mission field, but unable to go because of the illness of his son, Dennis (Brother Meyers is now awaiting a call in the homeland); Russell Ogden, pastor of the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.; Harold F. Morr, awaiting appointment as chaplain in the service of his country; Robert Griffith, pastor of the Lake Odessa, Mich., Brethren Church; Thomas Inman, interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Denver, Colo.; James Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. (Brother Hammer was unable to graduate this year, due to illness in his family).



# WHAT'S IN A TITLE?

By Rev. Ben Hamilton

While making file cards for some book additions to the seminary library, a century-old, 840-page tome with faded green binding came to view. Entitled "The Law and the Testimony," the book at first appeared to be a religious reference work written in the stiff, voluminous language of 19th-century theological texts. Checking the title page to find who the author was (for inclusion on the file card), the only information printed was, "By the author of 'The Wide, Wide World.'" Would the author have to be listed as anonymous? The penciled name, Susan Warner, proved to be the name of the real author.

Further detective work showed that Susan Warner indeed was the author. Moreover, "The Oxford Companion to American Literature" and the "Cambridge History of American Literature" point out that Susan Warner (1819-1885), and her sister, Anna, were the first American novelists to write popular religious literature for juveniles. Susan Warner's three-volume novel, "The Wide, Wide World," was such a success that soon after its appearance in 1851 the work was translated into many languages and had a large world-wide sale. But what about Susan Warner's book, "The Law and the Testimony"?

It turned out that this book is the fruit of an interesting project which Susan Warner and her sister, Anna, started as a child. But let Susan tell in her own words how the book came about:

"One Sabbath evening, my little sister, in a spirit of weary good intentions, asked of my father to give her *something to do on Sundays*. [Italics are Susan's.] My father pondered the matter a little, and then turning round to the table, sketched off the list of subjects—or points of belief—on which the following work has grown up. These he gave my sister and me, telling us to begin with the first chapter of Genesis and *see what the Bible said about them*. . . .

"Now were we launched upon a delightful independent voyage of discovery, for which we trimmed our sails with great gravity. . . .

"One chapter a day was all we took. We searched that carefully, and noted down with miser eagerness everything which seemed to us to have an important bearing upon any point in our scheme. On Sunday we indulged ourselves with two chapters. Then we compared notes, and sent each other back to look for what either had missed; gave each other the advantage of her discoveries, her light, her better counsel. And at intervals, in those days, we submitted our notes to the over-looking and overjudging of my father; holding long, very interested, and doubtless very profound, discussions about them."

In these modern jet-propelled days such an extensive family project of Bible study would not probably work out satisfactorily. But think of the enriching experience the Warner sisters had as they conducted their Bible research. What a testimony to their father (Henry W. Warner, a New York lawyer and writer), who desired that his children have good Christian training.

As a consequence, Susan Warner's "The Law and the Testimony" is an excellent and interesting compilation of Bible verses on a wide range of great Christian doc-

## GRADING OF SEMINARY CAMPUS CONTINUES



*Your gifts have made possible during the spring and early summer months further grading and the laying of additional top soil on the front campus. One by one these improvements are made as the Lord provides the necessary funds. Make the school and its needs a matter of regular and definite prayer. Is Grace Seminary and College on your prayer list?*

trinal topics. The verses are not just partially cited or just mentioned by book, chapter, and verse, but the verses are written out in their entirety.

The copy of "The Law and the Testimony" in Grace Theological Seminary is autographed by Susan Warner in the name of herself and sister as follows: "To Mrs. Sands—With the most affectionate respect of Susan & Anna Warner. Oct. 17, 1853." This copy also bears the rubber stamps of Drew Theological Seminary Library plus the rubber stamp WITHDRAWN and the penciled date 9-10-49. Modernistic seminaries, you see, do not care for works that honor the Word of God even if the product of a famous American author!



(John Rea was a member this season of the Wheaton Archeological Expedition, directed by Dr. Joseph P. Free, professor of archeology at Wheaton College in Illinois. Dr. Free is publishing articles about the first season's work at Dothan in the *Sunday School Times*.—P. R. B.)

A town whose name occurs only twice in Scripture may not be considered to be very important to the average reader of the Bible. The two passages which mention Dothan, however, relate exciting events in the lives of two of God's choicest servants, Joseph and Elisha. The excavation from March 28 to May 28 at this site should have great interest, therefore, for those who love the Word of God. The Lord willing, archeological work will be continued there by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Free for two months each spring for several more years.

## *Location of the City*

Dothan is a large ancient mound or buried city in the heart of the region once ruled by the northern kings of Israel. In the lovely valleys of this area is some of the most fertile soil of all Palestine. The 10 acres on top of the mound are covered with wheat or vetch and fringed on its slopes with almond and fig trees. Dothan stands alone on a low hill which commands a beautiful, well-watered vale with cultivated fields and grazing lands for numerous flocks.

To this valley Joseph's brethren brought their flocks early in the second millennium B. C. (Gen. 37:12-17). First of all they had traveled a long way north from Hebron to Shechem. Why did they go another 20 or more miles still farther north to Dothan, a journey of several days with sheep? Only 100 yards below the fine new stone house that we rented from the Arab landowner are several flowing wells. The water is still just as much an attraction to the women with their jars

and to the shepherds with their flocks as it was 4,000 years ago. At least one of these wells produces water the year around, even during the hot, dry summer months from May to October. Thus Joseph found his brothers at an ideal place for watering and pasturing their sheep.

## *Joseph at Dothan*

Very near the house in which we stayed is an old underground cistern. Its mouth has been covered over to prevent animals and human beings from falling into it. Dating back at least to Byzantine times, it is dry now. Into such a pit, but probably farther removed from Dothan itself, the other sons of Jacob cast Joseph. Because that cistern was also no longer in use, or because the hot summer weather had dried up its source of water, the pit was empty.

The valley on the south side of Dothan continues eastward several miles. It affords a passage through the hills of Samaria to the Jordan Valley. Along a trade route in this valley came a caravan of camels from Gilead on the other side of the Jordan River, bearing spices and balm and myrrh to Egypt. To these Ishmaelite traders Joseph's brethren sold him for 20 pieces of silver. Thus he was rescued from a slow death by starvation in the pit near Dothan. While young Joseph must have wondered if the Lord had deserted him, God meant this evil treatment for good, to save much people alive at a future day (Gen. 50:20).

## *Elisha at Dothan*

About a thousand years later the Prophet Elisha seems to have made Dothan his headquarters for a while. II Kings 6:8-19 describes how Elisha in Dothan was warning the king of Israel about the movements of the army of Ben-hadad, king of Syria. The ruler of the northern kingdom at this time was Jehoram, the son of



Wholesome recreation is a part of student life at Grace Seminary and College. During the winter months especially the students enjoy table tennis and shuffleboard in the lower auditorium.



Ahab (II Ki. 3:1). The date would have been around 850 B. C., in the early part of Iron Age II (960-600 B. C.).

The king of Syria sent his army to besiege Dothan and capture Elisha. As one stands on the crest of the mound he can imagine the horses and chariots and troops of Ben-hadad marching around the city of long ago in the valley below. To the north, the south, and the west there is plenty of flat ground for the deployment of a large army. The visitor of today can picture Elisha and his servant looking over the city wall to the nearby mountains across the valley. He can hear Elisha reassuring the young man: "Fear not: for they that are with us are more than they that are with them" (II Ki. 6:16). "And, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (vs. 17).

God heard the prophet's prayer to smite the Syrians with blindness. Elisha was not finished with his would-be captors, however, for he led the blinded army along the road to Samaria, the capital of Israel in that day. The present main north-south road no doubt follows much the same path. It winds 12 miles or so south to Samaria over high rocky hills. That Elisha could deliver the army safely to the king of Israel was almost as much of a miracle as the preceding events at Dothan.

#### References in History

The Old Testament references to Dothan are not the only mention of this town in ancient literary sources. On our return journey two of us looked for the name Dothan in hieroglyphic signs said to be on both the sixth and seventh pylons or gates in the great temple at Karnak in upper Egypt. We were able to photograph the inscriptions of Thutmose III (1501-1447 B. C.), the "Napoleon of Egypt," in which he listed Dothan as the ninth of the towns he captured on one of his 15 campaigns into Palestine and Syria.

Dothan is also mentioned in the Apocrypha, in the book of Judith (4:6; 7:3, 18; 8:18). Called Dothaim, it is represented as having been besieged along with nearby Bethulia by the Assyrian (!) armies of Nebuchadnezzar. Since Nebuchadnezzar was a Babylonian king, there is an evident historical fallacy in Judith. Thus the book is not reliable, and the information about Dothan is not necessarily trustworthy. It may, however, indicate that Dothan was inhabited in the seventh century B. C.

Evidences of later occupation at Dothan abound. Every day on our way to the excavation area we passed a columbarium, a sepulcher carved out of the rock with niches for the cremated remains of the dead, built and used in Hellenistic, Roman, or Byzantine times. We noted several pieces of pillars and two column bases from a Roman temple, and some large stones at the lower end of a Roman aqueduct or sewer. Also there were two big round arches of a Turkish inn or of a building of an earlier period, now incorporated into a present-day Arabic building.

The excavation of this first season proved to be highly successful. The lowest level on virgin soil or bedrock can be dated around 3000 B. C. After the beginning of occupation at Dothan until the time of Elisha the city was destroyed and rebuilt about a dozen times. The evidence is conclusive that it was occupied in the periods of Joseph and Elisha, as well as during much or all of the third millennium B. C.

(Future articles will describe the results of the excavation in more detail.)

## A GREAT MANY PANES!



Fifteen hundred panes (1,500 pains)! You can spell it either way, for that is what caretakers face, and it's a chronic situation, for there are more than 1,500 panes of glass in the seminary building. Really, when it comes to the cleaning, which is going on constantly, there are 3,000 panes, for each one must be cleaned on both sides. Little does the average person realize the amount of work or the expense necessary to maintain a building which is in use 7 days a week. In the above picture, Russell Konves, from the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, is busy at his never-ending job. Brother Konves will be a senior in the seminary this next year and has been acting as assistant caretaker.

## "STOMACH TROUBLE"

A physician working in connection with the world-famous Mayo Clinic has made a special study of 500 cases of "stomach trouble." In a large percentage of these cases he found no actual diseased condition of the stomach, yet the patients were suffering from genuine indigestion in that organ. Upon investigation, it was discovered that "in a number of cases, it was due to the fact that husband and wife were at swords' points, and meals were being eaten to the accompaniment of bitter words."

Solomon uttered a scientifically correct physiological truth when he wrote many centuries ago, "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith" (Prov. 15:17). And again, "It is better to dwell in a desert land than with a contentious and fretful woman." And the fault is not all with the woman. See Proverbs 15:18: "A wrathful *man* stirreth up contention."

What you eat is important. But more important still is what you *think* and *feel* and *say*. Hatred, jealousy, and bickering are harder on the stomach than pickles and fried potatoes.

The best medicines in the world, for the body as well as for the soul, are *love, peace, and joy* in the Holy Spirit.

I trust that what I have written above will not lead our friends of the Christian Science Publishing Committee to suppose that I have suddenly become converted to Eddyism. I am merely asserting that mental disturbances can cause serious stomach trouble, and *the trouble is real*. Christian Science will tell you that you have no stomach trouble—and also that you have no stomach!—*Alva J. McClain*.



# IS PHARISAISM OUT OF DATE?

(LUKE 18:9-14)

By Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

Jesus illustrated the two attitudes which men assume toward God by the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. The Pharisee at prayer, presented in Luke 18:9-14, is depicted as follows: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." Such a description seems exaggerated and perhaps overdrawn for the purpose of emphasizing the contrast. Did Christ purposely make the description ludicrous, or was this an accurate portrayal?

A study of Jewish records reveals a startling aspect of religious life in Jesus' day. The Pharisee's prayer in the parable is typical of many others of the same period. The Talmud, an ancient collection of Jewish religious writings, tells of Rabbi Simeon ben Jochai, who said: "If there are only two righteous men in the world, I and my son are these; and if only one, it is I." This same rabbi also said: "I have seen the children of the world to come, and they are few. If there are three, I and my son are of their number; if they are two, I and my son are they." These statements are strikingly similar to the attitude revealed in Jesus' parable. The Pharisee looked down on others, and looked up to himself. Relationship to God was established by merit, with which the Pharisee imagined he was abundantly supplied.

The Pharisees originated as a Jewish group probably just before the Maccabean Wars (second century B. C.). They pledged themselves to withstand the paganism and the Hellenizing attempts of their Greek conquerors, and to conform strictly to Judaism and the Mosaic Law. In those beginning days, to join the Pharisees meant to run the risk of death by persecution. The name "Pharisee" means "separatist," and the history of the party is a glorious one. The tragedy of Pharisaism was that later generations claimed the title but did not measure up to the spirit of the founders. The Pharisees of Jesus' day conformed to the outward letter of the Mosaic Law and paraded their name, but had degenerated to mere formalists. Christ called them hypocrites and "whited sepulchres," because they hid an unspiritual heart behind a mask of religious pretense.

The publican in the parable stands in sharp contrast. When this humble penitent, despised by his fellow countrymen, approached God in the temple, his prayer was, "God be merciful to me a sinner." His words suggest atonement, the need for God to bridge the gap his sin had caused between himself and God. The publican found the basis for communion with God, not in anything within himself, but from a source outside. That source was the mercy of God as it bridged the gap by providing atonement for sin at the mercy seat. But the Pharisee based his attempt to commune with God on a source within himself—his own righteousness and good works.

All men today can be grouped around these two representatives. They either base their relationship to God on their own resources, or else depend on God Himself to undertake. Men either depend on self-righteousness,

or admit defeat and accept God's righteousness. As Paul says of the Jewish nation, so is it true of most men today, "going about to establish their own righteousness, (they) have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3). Men who do not confess their utter helplessness to establish relationship with God and trust His merits alone must of necessity be following the example of this Pharisee. They are seeking a basis within themselves, either from their own goodness, or their own merit, or else based on their own idea of God's character and plans. Even a claim of trust in God, if it is not in accord with Biblical teaching, is a trust based on an "invented God" of one's own mind.

Such Pharisaical practice can be found in Christian churches at this present hour. Men and women, hiding behind a cloak of church attendance and religious exercise, still too often are found depending upon self-righteousness instead of trusting for salvation in the mercy of God. Church leaders are capitalizing on the good name and reputation of their Christian heritage, and perverting the truth. That such a situation should exist, tragic though it is, was not unforeseen. Paul warned believers in II Timothy 3:2, 4-5: "Men shall be self lovers . . . pleasure lovers more than God lovers, having a form of godliness, but denying its power" (Greek). Pharisaism is with us, and Christ's parable is forceful still.

## THE TRADITIONS OF MEN

The Pope of Rome has recently eased some of the strict regulations binding on those who take communion at Mass. Up to this time no food at all was allowed from midnight until Mass the next day. Now food will be permitted until 3 hours before the Mass. Also, the worshiper can now have beer and wine with any of these late meals, but no hard liquor! If a Roman Catholic is seriously ill, he can have his medicine before communion, but only if approved by the priest, who also can let him have a cup of coffee. However, you cannot take an aspirin for a headache!

The most fitting comment on all this mummery was written by Paul in the Book of Colossians—"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?" (2:20-22).

It also should be noted that if the Roman Catholic Church observed the communion service as instituted by our Lord and observed by the early churches, they would eat a "supper" instead of fasting just before partaking of the bread and cup. Paul says in I Corinthians 11:23-25 that these emblems of the Lord's body and blood were taken "after supper" (ASV). It is quite astonishing how many false notions could be automatically swept away if men followed the simple teaching of the Word of God.—Dr. Alva J. McClain.



Think for a moment how we feel when such things as these all happen at once: a debt hangs over the family; we have disagreements with our best friends; there is trouble in the local church; there are problems in the office to which there seems to be no solution; some member of the family has taken a course of action that we cannot approve of; signs indicate that our health may be in danger; we take a vacation to "get away from it all," but find the roads congested with traffic, it rains most of the time, and we come back to work as tired as when we left; bulldozers and steam shovels make havoc of meadows and woods on which we used to rest our eyes, and the din of hammers and saws destroys the quietness we once enjoyed; and finally, new bungalows and cabins are put up and roads cut through close to that summer place which was the only earthly refuge we had left.

Are there blessings hidden in these very real trials of our modern world? Assuredly there are. When we can no longer quench our thirst at these springs, then we may learn that God can satisfy the thirsty soul. . . . We must learn to say with the psalmist, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Psa. 119:71; also vss. 67, 75). . . . All these trials cut us loose from the earth, prepare us for heaven, and force us to find our joy in God.—*Sunday School Times*.

## GOD'S ANSWER TO A CHRISTIAN'S S O S

One midnight my wife and I were abruptly wakened by the screams of a frightened young African woman who rushed into our house. Her un-Christian uncle and some of his friends were trying to capture the girl in order to whip her and force her to marry against her will a man of the uncle's choice. The young woman knew that her would-be captors would not enter our house. She knew where, at the cry of help, comfort and help could be found.

Every Christian has a place and a person and provision for help and comfort when a crisis comes requiring the believer to send out an S O S. Speaking of Christ, Hebrews 2:18 says literally: "For in that he himself already suffered having been put to the proof, he is able to run to the aid of those being subject to trial; who cry for help."—*Ben Hamilton*.

## WHO OCCUPIES YOUR TIME?

Students at an eastern seminary several years ago were given 20 minutes to write on Christ and Satan. A few days later one of the students was called to the professor's office and asked why he had not written about Satan as had other students. With a positive air, the student who was questioned replied: "I was so busy telling of the excellencies of Jesus that I had no time for the Devil."

Is your time, is every Christian's time, completely given to proclaiming Christ? How much time is Satan stealing? "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time," Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians. This we can do if, like the seminary student, we are so busy telling of the excellencies of Jesus that we have no time for the Devil.—*Ben Hamilton*.

*All to Continue Studies at Grace College*



Left to right—Larry Lawlor, vice president; Norbert Darr, social chairman; Mary Ringler, secretary; Edward Smith, treasurer; Donald Locke, president.

## A WORD FOR CHURCH USHERS

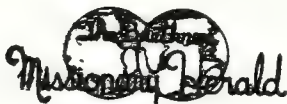
Too often the position of usher in our modern churches is regarded as one beneath the dignity of an important man, something like a floor-walker in a department store, requiring only a fine exterior and a suave manner. Dr. Marlin, writing one of his remarkable articles in the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, takes issue with this viewpoint.

"We suggest that no man ought to be an usher in a church who is not wholly in love with the Lord Jesus. A cold-hearted elder will not do as much harm in a church as a cold-hearted usher. Ushers should not be carelessly chosen as for a minor position of small moment. The position of an usher in a church is a position which ought to be highly magnified. It should be a position reserved for the highest type of character, for men noted for their courtesy, tact, kindness, geniality, and a real love for humanity in all its grades and needs. Ushers ought to be men beautiful with the holiness and compassion of God. Ushers ought to be chosen with as great care as that which is exercised in the choice of elders and deacons.

"The usher is in a sense the host of the church; it is with him that the stranger comes in closest contact; he is the representative of the congregation and has much to do with the impressions carried away by the casual worshiper. He should in a sense embody the joy and the love of God shining on all who enter the portals of God's house. If Jesus were an usher in a church and welcomed sinners and all kinds of broken-hearted people at the door, they would come back, if for nothing else than to see that usher again, to hear him speak, to see God's love shining in his face and eyes. Ushers in a church, above all others perchance, should pray that the spirit of Jesus might be given to them as they meet at the door every grade of life and every kind of human need."

Dr. Marlin is right. Every office of service in the church of God is a spiritual calling. There are no unimportant members in the Body of Christ.—*Alva J. McClain*.





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Winona Lake, Ind.

The *Homerville, Ohio*, church has called its pastor, Robert Holmes, to continue another year.

Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind., is to speak at the Union Gospel Press August 2, and at the Hayden Avenue Gospel Church August 2-5, both in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Cora Madison, of the Uniontown, Pa., church, died July 2.

Pastor Nathan Meyer, of the Leesburg, Ind., church, and Wayne and Alice Snider (brother and sister), of the Martinsburg, Pa., church, are scheduled to depart July 26 by airplane for a 5-week tour and study in the Mediterranean Sea area, as members of the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology.

The *Fremont, Ohio*, church, pastored by Lester Pifer, had 302 pupils enrolled in its vacation Bible school, the largest such school in the city. There were 30 decisions for Christ. The local newspaper gave much free publicity to this school. This church is to be host to the Northern Ohio District Women's Missionary Rally, July 27, and to the Bryan Gospel Messengers, August 19.

Pastor and Mrs. True Hunt, Dallas Center, Iowa, became the parents of a daughter, Pamela Jill, July 6.

Dr. W. A. Ogden, of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, fractured two ribs in an athletic contest at Camp Keystone. Brethren Ralph Hall and Ralph Colburn preached for him July 12.

Mrs. David Reighard observed the 85th anniversary of her birth July 12 and Mr. Vince Reighard observed his 78th anniversary July 15. Both are members of the Johnstown, Pa., First church.

Miss Carolyn Crawford, a girl in her teens and member of the Berrien Springs, Mich., church, read through

her Bible from January 1 to July 4. There is a goal for every member of the denomination.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, Second church gave its pastor, Henry Rempel, a call to continue as pastor. Rev. Ralph Rambo preached at this church June 21 and Rev. George Richardson, June 28, while the pastor was teaching in the youth camp.

Mrs. George R. (Mary Ann) Koontz, faithful member of the Hope-well (Yellow Creek), Pa., church, died June 12 and the funeral was conducted by her pastor, Sheldon W. Snyder.

Pastor James Dixon, in behalf of the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, is scheduled to speak at Portis, Kans., July 26-27; Beaver City, Nebr., July 28-29; Cheyenne, Wyo., July 31-August 2; Denver, Colo., August 5-6; Taos, N. Mex., August 8-10; and Wichita, Kans., August 13-18.



The *Clayhole, Ky.*, church, pastored by Sewell Landrum, was host to the Wigden Trio, July 5, and 250 people attended the service.

District ministerial officers are urged to read motion 28 on page 54 in the last Brethren Annual and comply with that instruction at once, sending the required information to Pastor Miles Taber.

Pastor and Mrs. William E. Howard, Roanoke (Clearbrook), Va., became the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, June 29.

Rev. Gilbert D. Engelman has moved to 1701 Newark Street South, St. Petersburg, Fla. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

A daughter, Janice Diane, was born to Pastor and Mrs. Russell Ward, Cleveland, Ohio, June 26.

The *Wooster, Ohio*, church had a vacation Bible school with 155 pupils enrolled, an average attendance of 131, offerings totaling \$209, and witnessed 18 public decisions for Christ, according to Pastor Kenneth Ashman.

The *Clay City, Ind.*, church called its pastor, Ralph S. Burns, to continue with the church and gave him

a raise in salary. The attendances during the quarter closing June 30 averaged 74 in morning service, 46 in evening service, and 63 in Sunday school. The church received \$500 as a gift from the estate of Mrs. Mary Wilson, who died April 7.

The *Alexandria, Va.*, church unanimously called Pastor Kenneth L. Teague for another year.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church unanimously called Miles Taber to continue as pastor for his third year. Mrs. Noah Shull supervised the vacation Bible school in June with 325 enrolled, an average attendance of 281, and with 44 public decisions. Rev. John Ruskin Garber, recently returned from touring South America, spoke July 12.

Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich preached at the *York, Pa.*, church July 12 while Pastor Gerald Polman was at the Conemaugh Pike church to help in the ordination of Robert Griffith, his brother-in-law.

Russell H. Weber, pastor at Harrisburg, Pa., begins his ministry at Hagerstown, Md., August 4, following Pastor Walter A. Lepp, who closes his ministry there August 2 to become a member of a Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade team, beginning September 1.

The *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church, according to Pastor Glenn O'Neal, heard a musical program by Arnie Hartman, July 5, and is to hear John Lundberg August 9, and Art Atwell August 16.

Rev. Warren Tamkin, with a quartet from Southeastern Bible College, where he teaches, held a service at the Washington, D. C., church, his home church, July 8, according to Pastor James Dixon.

The *North English, Iowa*, church called Clarence Lackey to continue as pastor.

The *Bellflower, Calif.*, church gave a unanimous call to Curtis Mitchell to be its interim pastor.

The *Yakima, Wash.*, church called Russell L. Williams to serve the church for his seventh year.

Pastor Robert W. Betz resigned as pastor of the Camden, Ohio, church effective August 19. The family plans to move to Phoenix, Ariz., because of the asthmatic condition of their daughter. There Brother Betz will take more college work in preparation for teaching in Christian day schools.



# SHOULD WE LOOK FOR SIGNS?

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

"There shall come in the last days scoffers . . . saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (II Pet. 3:3-4).

Are these scoffers correct? Is it true that all things are to go on as usual up to the very end? Or will current events shape themselves into signs that herald the coming of the Lord? If scoffers are blind to the signs about them, does that limit the sincere soul from seeing the fulfillment of prophecy as it moves toward the climax of the ages?

## *Signs of the Times*

Was the church launched forth on Pentecost without a chart or compass; did it set forth with no mileposts to guide it on its way? If some men have erred when they sounded the depths and deemed they drew near the shore, does that make void the promises of God? Will not we who look for the Lord's return be able to see the glow in the eastern sky before the "Sun of righteousness arises with healing in his wings"? If the Pharisees were hypocrites because they could discern the face of the sky but could not discern the signs of the times (Matt. 16:3), are we any less to blame if we cannot read the signs given in holy writ and apply them to current events?

## *Partial Fulfillment*

Many babes were born in Bethlehem; many sons came up out of Egypt; many men were crucified; many signs of our Lord's first coming were fulfilled in individuals—but it was when they all focused in one Man that we have God's promised One. And so men of the past have seen events that seemed to point to the near return of the Lord. Others have seen other events. But never have all of these events converged upon one generation with all the force of latter years. Is it possible that God's servants can see all of these signs and yet not be permitted to speak with no uncertain sound?

We are exhorted to not forsake "the assembling of ourselves together," and "so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). True it is we do not know

"what hour" our Lord will come (Matt. 24:42), but if we are not permitted to read the signs and know when we "see the day approaching," then indeed has human language ceased to function.

## *Knowledge Increased*

When I was a little lad, my father took me to a schoolhouse to see a box that could speak and sing. When the air began to vibrate we knew our neighbor was starting to town and we would watch his "buggy" go down the road without a horse to pull it. Certainly something broke loose not many decades ago and today we are flooded with countless inventions. Is it possible they have no significance? If Daniel tells us that in the "time of the end . . . knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4), then when we see the tremendous increase in knowledge are we not to conclude we must be nearing the end of the age? Is not the Book of Daniel in the Christian's Bible? Dare we blame the Jew for failure to see the first coming and yet fail ourselves to see signs of the second advent?

## *What James Foretells*

James looks forward to a coming day when rich men will "weep and howl" for the miseries that will come upon them. They have heaped up great riches; they have lived in pleasure on the earth, and now the hire of the working man cries back and the strife between capital and labor brings them into the depths of despair.

But James admonishes the brethren to be patient when they see these things, "for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (Jas. 5:8). Is not the Book of James in the Chris-

tian's Bible? And is not James talking to Christian brethren of the end time?

## *Light and Darkness*

Paul comforts the brethren by reminding them of the coming of the Lord. "But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they [the people of the world in general] shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them. . . . But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (I Thess. 5:1-4).

Why is the world in darkness? Simply because the future is locked up in the councils of the invisible God. And why is the Christian in light? Simply because he has prophecy as "a light that shineth in a dark place" (II Pet. 1:19). But if he is not permitted to read this prophecy and apply it to current events, then how is his light any better than the darkness in which the world gropes blindly about?

## *Times of the Gentiles*

If Jerusalem is to be "trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24); and if the end of the times of the gentiles will see the Roman Empire in a union of nations; and if we see a tendency of just such a union today; and if our Lord will set up His kingdom "in the days of these kings" (Dan. 2:44); and if, "when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (Luke 21:31); then should we not know when we are nearing the end of the age? Why say that this sign is only for Israel? Cannot gentile Christians read and see the tendencies about them?

## *The Conclusion*

Verily, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



# HISTORY OF WAYNESBORO, PA., CHURCH

By Mrs. Charles Alter, Waynesboro, Pa.

Waynesboro is a clean industrial city located in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania, very close to the Maryland state line. The city population is 10,334, with 20 church buildings within the city limits and 12 more within a radius of less than four miles. Though Waynesboro has many churches, it is not easy to find a place where the spiritually hungry are given the Bread of Life. We are glad that our church is one where the Word of Life has been going forth week after week for many years.

## *Beginnings of Work*

Very early in the 1900's, attempts were made to start a Brethren work in this city. Definite facts concerning these efforts are not known, but we do know that in March 1908 the



Dr. L. S. Bauman  
*Helped Organize*

First Brethren Church was temporarily organized. Dr. L. S. Bauman, then pastor in Philadelphia, assisted in this organization after he conducted several weeks of evangelistic services in a rented room in the Wayne Building. A committee of three men were appointed to officially manage the affairs of the group until a pastor could be called and a permanent organization effected. Dr. Bauman was appointed by the Pennsylvania mission board to arrange for pastoral supply for the group until someone could be permanently located here.

On January 3, 1909, J. C. Mackey, of Uniontown, Pa., at the appointment of the mission board and approval of the local members, came to Waynesboro as full-time pastor of the new mission work. At a business meeting, January 18, 1909, the

congregation was officially organized and officers named to replace the temporary committee that had been serving. Each week the group met in a home for Bible study. Sunday school and regular worship services were held in the rented hall each Lord's Day. Interest was keen, and very soon a lot for a church building was being sought. The cost of the lot was not to exceed \$1,000. The site was decided upon on April 17, 1909. The price was to have been \$900, but the Jewish realtor deducted his commission and the purchase price was \$818.

## *Ministry of Witter*

Rev. Mackey resigned the pastorate here to accept a professorship in Ashland College, and Rev. M. A. Witter, sent by the Pennsylvania mission board and approved by the local congregation, started his work as pastor of the Waynesboro church on October 7, 1909. Rev. Witter at this time also served a pastorate at Linwood, Md. The Waynesboro church numbered 21, which included eight families. In November that same year a communion service was held, with 16 persons present. Through prayer, cooperation, and much effort on the part of all, the cost of the building lot was paid in full and a service of praise and thanksgiving was held December 31, 1911.

On April 17, 1912, ground-breaking services were held. Brother Witter spoke, after prayer and singing, and then he threw out the first shovelful of earth, followed by members of the congregation and friends. A prayer for divine benediction upon the work closed the special service. A one-story brick building, 34 by 48 feet, was to stand on this dedicated plot of ground.

## *Construction of Building*

On September 25, 1912, a contract for the building was let to a local contractor at a cost of \$4,296. The church cornerstone was laid on Saturday, December 21, 1912. After the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer, a message was given by visiting minister V. M. Reichard, of Fairplay, Md. Brother Witter laid the cornerstone—inside were placed

(in a box) copies of Waynesboro daily newspapers, current number of the Brethren Evangelist, Sunday-school literature, and a copy of the Holy Bible. On the flyleaf of the Bible was written, "The Holy Bible is placed in the cornerstone as an evidence of our unqualified acceptance of God's Word as our only rule of faith and practice, and of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the only Saviour of men." The church building was appropriately dedicated on June 15, 1913.

At the close of 1913 the membership numbered 52. During 1914 68 new members were added to the church. "The year opened with a great union revival under the leadership of Dr. W. E. Biederwolf. In this meeting 2,786 souls professed a decision to accept Christ. Our church



Rev. R. D. Crees  
(1937-1944)

participated heartily in the campaign and reaped the highest per centum gain of any church in town, 53 members added as a direct result of the meeting, and the impetus given the work continued through the entire year; new members being added every month in 1914 except August and December." (From Rev. Witter's pastoral report for 1914.)

In June 1914 Rev. Witter became full-time pastor in Waynesboro, discontinuing his services at Linwood. The Waynesboro church became self-supporting in October 1917. In December 1920 Rev. Witter resigned his pastorate here, effective April 1, 1921, feeling definitely called of God to the work at Kittanning, Pa.

## *Years of Growth*

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh, of Hagerstown, Md., served the church until

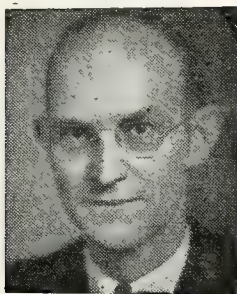


the newly elected pastor could be located here. John Perry Horlacher, recent graduate of Ashland College, unmarried, was elected and came to serve as pastor in July 1922. A definite need for more Sunday-school room was felt and plans were made and carried out to enlarge the present building at a cost of \$21,000. The addition was built in 1926 and dedicated January 9, 1927. Dr. R. R. Teeter was the main speaker at each of three services held that day. Former Pastor M. A. Witter also gave an address, "Reminiscences." Indebtedness on the new addition was entirely covered by pledges made prior to dedication. Brother Horlacher terminated his work in Waynesboro in September 1927, having served five years and two months.

Rev. W. C. Benshoff had held three weeks of successful meetings here under J. P. Horlacher's ministry. The church was indeed glad to have him accept the call to come from Johnstown, Pa., to serve as pastor of our church. He served faithfully from September 1927 to September 1937.

#### *Years of Edification*

In September 1937 Rev. R. D. Crees came to succeed Rev. W. C. Benshoff and labored with us until 1944. The church purchased the present parsonage soon after Brother Crees came at a cost of \$4,200. During his pastorate here the church had a very important decision to make and trials were not few, but



Rev. C. S. Zimmerman  
(1944-1950)

the Lord was leading and His work here experienced great blessing and growth.

Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, of Dayton, Ohio, accepted his first Brethren pastorate when he came to Waynesboro. He worked tirelessly from September 1944 until May 1950. Rev. Zimmerman felt keenly that a Chris-

#### *Waynesboro Church Building As It Is Today*



tian should be equipped to do the work of the Lord and he did all that he could to encourage growth and afford training to all who desired it. In addition to his regular pastoral work, one night each week he taught three courses of study, one leadership training and two Bible doctrine classes. He was a very efficient teacher and left us many valuable helps for our personal lives and for Christian service. During Rev. Zimmerman's pastorate a Wurlitzer electric Orgatron was purchased. It is used in each of the Lord's Day services in conjunction with the piano for congregational singing.

#### *Pastorate of Holliday*

Brother Zimmerman was called to the Patterson Park mission church, Dayton, Ohio, in May 1950. In that same month Rev. Dennis I. Holliday came to minister to us, having just graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. Since Rev. Holliday has been here the church sponsors a weekly radio program. It is heard each Saturday morning. Letters come from listeners, and we have some in our services from time to time who come because they have heard the radio broadcast.

Our church membership at the present time is 345. Seven new members have been added to our membership during the first four months of this year. We have an active Sunday school with an enrollment of 327. On April 5, 1953, we had 335 present, which is 102 percent of the number on the roll. The missionary groups include Senior WMC, Junior WMC, Senior Sisterhood, Junior Sisterhood, and Signal Lights (for boys and girls ages 6 to 12 years). Mrs. Robert Williams, serving in Africa, is the adopted missionary of our church. A Junior

Youth Fellowship and a Senior Youth Fellowship meet regularly each Lord's Day evening. Young men and women serve as a gospel team and regularly conduct services at the county home and jail. Also park services are conducted during the summer months in a nearby popular picnic and amusement park. A public-address system and a portable organ are used in these services.

From our church the Lord has called, through the years, six labor-



Rev. Dennis Holliday  
(1950-)

ers for full-time work in His vineyard. Others have spent time in Bible schools and several have graduated from Grace Seminary. Rev. Herman Koontz, of Winona Lake, Ind., is one of our number. His mother, Mrs. Lutie Koontz, now living with another son, is a charter member of our church. We thank the Lord for the consistent Christian testimony of "Mother" Koontz throughout the years.

We thank and praise the Lord Jesus Christ for past victories and blessings. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless His work in this place to His own glory, and that we may ever be found faithful to Him, living victorious Christian lives, reaching and winning precious souls for Him.



# HOW TO REVIVE A DEAD CHURCH

By Evangelist R. Paul Miller, Berne, Ind.

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"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14).

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11).

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:20).

Read these verses over and you feel the hot, burning passion of the great apostle for the salvation of the souls of men. His heart was on fire; he knew the power of sin; he had a vision of hell; he felt the weight of divine responsibility; he realized the uncertainty of life. His burden of heart for lost men wouldn't let him sleep, but drove him out far into the night to plead with men with tears.

But evidently there were many of these Roman believers who had no concern for Christian living and witnessing at all. He exhorted them that it was high time to "awake out of sleep." Any professing Christian people that are unconcerned for souls are asleep so far as God is concerned. What difference does it make if you know all about the dispensations, the types and figures, and the prophecies of the Bible if you are not using what you know to win souls? The more Bible knowledge you have the more you will be held accountable for. To be spiritually asleep is a terrible offense in a Christian. The Christian is set as a watchman for Christ over the souls of men about him. God said to Ezekiel: "I have set thee a watchman . . . thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me" (Ezek. 33:7; cf. vss. 8-11).

Near my home a few weeks ago a young man was driving home early in the morning from night-shift work in Fort Wayne. He had several other workmen in the car with him.

The car left the road, struck a tree, a telephone pole, rolled down a bank, and crashed a fence. All were killed but one young man, the driver. He told the state officer: "I fell asleep." Replied the officer: "When others are trusting their lives to your care it is no time to go to sleep."

For a locomotive engineer to go to sleep—a train despatcher, a crossing watchman, a ship's pilot, a nurse, a sentinel in the army, a telephone operator, or any other trusted servant—is not half so costly as it is for a Christian to sleep in indifference, or carelessness, or pleasure, or money-getting, while others in the family, or friends, or neighbors are going to hell all around him. Every mo-



Rev. R. Paul Miller

ment may cut them off forever from hope. Every moment may cut off the soul-winner himself.

"Wake up!" Said Sir Walter Scott: "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is what life is made of." If you should be called out of this life today, who would care about the soul of that boy or girl, husband or wife, or close friend, who mean so much to you?

"Wake up!" Because Christ's return is "at hand." The threat of atomic destruction for hundreds of millions is all around you. The re-establishment of the nation of Israel, removing the "gentile heel" that Jesus said would mark the end of the "times of the Gentiles," is now a fact.

"Wake up!" Because the cup of judgment on sin in this world is running full (Rev. 14:9-10). Jesus' graphic description of the days before the judgment of the flood read like current literature. "As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the

days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came" (Matt. 24:37-39).

They had ears, but they heard not; eyes, but they saw not; hearts, but they heeded not! But they had one wide-awake watchman in that doomed world in Noah, who warned them for 120 years. His eyes saw the course of things; his ears heard the command of God; and his heart heeded the warning of God. They laughed at him, scoffed at him, thought him an excitable fool. But he was faithful, and no man in all that world of men who perished could ever point the finger at Noah and truly say, "You did not warn me."

Today we have the double tragedy of a world asleep in sin and a church also largely asleep in self-content in the midst of it all. Cried the great apostle, "It is high time to awake out of sleep." Undoubtedly we are standing in the most critical hours of humanity's history. Time is fast running out on this age of men.

For the Christian to be asleep, or indifferent to these facts, and continue absorbed in "business as usual," grasping for gold, glory, or pleasures in this doomed world when any minute may plunge millions of sinners into hell, will be a bitter record to face! This is no time for frivolous living. It is no time for careless, half-hearted devotion to Christ. It is time to change the emphasis of living from "earth-living" to "heavenly living."

And this is what the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is dedicated to.

Reminder! All members of the Crusade committee meet in business session Monday morning at 9, August 24, in Room 24, Grace Seminary building at Winona Lake, Ind.

Reminder No. 2! All members of the Crusade committee, the Board of Evangelism, and all district representatives and their wives meet at Westminster Hotel at 5 p. m., Wednesday, August 26, for the evangelistic fellowship supper. You will long remember this one!

*Brother, have you won a soul to Christ yet this year?*



## COMFORT FROM THE COMFORTED

They are the weary who give rest,  
Who make of circumstance a test;  
Who, burdened down with grief,  
In Jesus find relief;  
And then the long is brief.  
Who suffers most can comfort best.

They are the weak who make us strong,  
Whose fear is short and faith is long;  
Whose strength be not of mind,  
But as of God the kind;  
Each day His strength they find.  
And who is weak confounds the strong.

They are the sorrowing who cheer,  
Who sacrifice what life holds dear,  
Whose hearts with love are filled  
For others, numbed and stilled.  
By death's divorcement chilled.  
In heaven he sings who sorrows here.

They are the meek who own the earth,  
Who kings shall rise from din and dearth;  
Though for a season now  
To tyranny they bow;  
Yet crowns shall grace their brow.  
Who boasts of nought has greatest worth.

They are the needy who have all,  
Who, rich beyond this earthly ball,  
Shall rise from pauper's plight  
To heaven's happy height  
In God's eternal light!  
Oh, to have nothing, yet have all!

These were not true on human plane;  
Beyond this life a hope sustains:  
'Tis stayed upon the Lord,  
As written in His Word,  
As well His grace affords.  
Who trusts the Lord trusts not in vain.  
—Charles Bergerson.

## SECOND PLANE GOES TO TOKYO

Youth for Christ International headquarters at Wheaton, Ill., has announced that a second airplane has been secured to carry delegates to Tokyo in August for the sixth World Congress on Evangelism.

It was previously announced that a 76-seater of the Trans Ocean airline would leave Oakland, Calif., on August 3. All space on this plane has been reserved, according to Ted Engstrom, executive director of YFC. This necessitated the second plane, a 60-passenger Canadian Pacific aircraft, that is to leave Vancouver, B.

C., August 4 and return August 31.

In addition to the Congress, the delegates will participate in 50 crusades all through Japan. A total of 1,500 delegates is expected. The 40,000-seat Korakuen Stadium has been reserved for a mass meeting Friday, August 14.

The Canton, Ohio, church, pastored by John Dilling, had a vacation Bible school with an average attendance of 127 and 35 public decisions were recorded. The offerings totaled \$122.



## Chambersburg, Pennsylvania (Pond Bank)

We had our threefold communion service June 25, with 20 people around the tables. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller, members of the Harrisburg church, helped us in this service. It was a blessed experience for all who participated.

On June 27 Orpha Jean Rock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rock, of the Pond Bank church, was married to M. Harry Bakner by the writer. The ceremony was held in the auditorium of the Waynesboro church.

Our Bible school is planning to observe rally day on August 2.—*Edward Clark, pastor.*

## Tracy, California

Robert Cover and Joene Toon were united in marriage in the church auditorium July 3 by the pastor. Robert graduated this year from Bob Jones University and Joene is our church secretary. They plan to enter Grace Seminary next year and are candidates for missionary work in Argentina. Robert has been secured by the church as an assistant to the pastor until such time as he leaves to enter the seminary.

On July 8 the congregation voted to increase the pastor's salary by \$300.

Three people made public decisions on July 5 in the morning service.—*William H. Clough, pastor.*

## Alexandria, Virginia

On Sunday, June 28, Chaplain (First Lt.) Wayne Flory preached for us. At the close of the message three people publicly confessed the Saviour. In the evening service all lights went out, due to a severe storm. The pastor kept on preaching and in the dark gave an invitation to which three young people responded to give their lives fully to the Lord.

We held one of our finest vacation Bible schools June 15-27. The attendance grew from 83 to 131, aver-

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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aging 106 for the first week and 115 for the second week. There were 20 public decisions for Christ, 18 being first-time decisions and two were for full-time service. The kiddies gave a total of \$86.81 for the John Zielasko missionary family in Brazil. There were 120 present for the closing program June 28.—*Anonymous.*

#### Berrien Springs, Michigan

We have noticed since coming here that the offerings have increased in a wonderful way: the offering two weeks ago was over \$70, and the Sunday just past (June 28) it was \$64.

Our attendance doubled in June. Our goal for the month was 50 in the Bible school and on June 28 we had 51 present. This is an encouragement to our hearts.—*Robert W Markley, pastor.*

#### Covington, Virginia

The congregation voted unanimously to approve and adopt a parsonage building program and then approved a six-man parsonage building committee.

The pastor baptized five persons and received three into membership of the church July 12.

The BYF is furnishing the lobby of the church building with transparent tract racks and colorful tracts with the church name and address stamped on them.—*Paul Mohler, pastor.*

#### Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

The First Brethren Church of Martinsburg held daily vacation Bible

school June 15-26 with the theme "Crusading With Christ." The enrollment was 154, average attendance was 141, and 123 had perfect attendance records. The teachers and helpers numbered 24.

The Bible school picnic was sponsored by the Rose Circle class and was held in a local park June 25. The closing service of the vacation school was held in the high school auditorium with over 300 people in attendance.—*Helen Beach, corresponding secretary.*

#### Accident, Maryland

We are pleased to report that during the week of evangelistic meetings there were three public decisions made, and the following Wednesday night Bro. Leslie Moore, of Meyersdale, Pa., baptized one of those who had made public confession. The Lord caused the attendance to jump from 10 to 50.

Bro. James Hoffmeyer, Cumberland, Md., began a weekly Bible class here July 2 with 26 present.—*Walter M. Fergus, pastor.*

#### SHARES BMH BLESSINGS

"Enclosed find a check for \$7—\$5 for the publication offering and \$2 for a one-year subscription to . . . the Thrift Shop.

"The Thrift Shop is a welfare center to help the needy. I have received many good blessings from reading the Brethren Missionary Herald. I want to share its excellent reading with the needy.

"(Signed) Geneva E. Opel, Lebanon, Oreg."

#### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(First) . . . . .	July 8-26 . . . . .	Glenn O'Neal . . . . .	R. Paul Miller.
Whittier, Calif.			
(Community) . . . . .	July 25-26 . . . . .	Ward Miller . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Los Angeles, Calif.			
(Third) . . . . .	July 26-29 . . . . .	James Beatty . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First) . . . . .	August 3-7 . . . . .	Charles Mayes . . . . .	Herman Hoyt.

#### REPORT BLESSINGS IN HAWAII

Here is some information and a testimony from the young couple who, under the Captain of our salvation, began the first Brethren work ever started in the Hawaiian Islands.—*Editor.*

"Dear Ones in Christ:

"This is to let you folks know we are leaving the Hawaiian Islands and therefore we wish to inform you of our next address, which will not be permanent: c/o Mrs. William W. Aldredge, 2153 Lucien Street, Compton, Calif.

"Thanks to you and the staff for the prompt service we have had during our stay in the Islands. The Brethren Missionary Herald has been a great spiritual help and a source of keeping us informed as to the various activities of the churches.

"We are sorry to leave our 'Grace Chapel' which has brought us many blessings and also many happy memories of the wonderful fellowship while here.

"Yours in His service.

"(Signed) T./Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Jones.

"P. S. The Brethren Book Club also is a wonderful source to obtain a great spiritual library of Christian works."

#### Additions to Membership

Clayhole, Ky. . . . .	2
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*A view of the Amazon River from the home of our Brethren missionaries, Icoraci, Brazil.*





# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard  
*Editor, Foreign Mission Number*

## *It's Wonderful! Our God Supplies!*

It's wonderful to know that we have a God who "knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." We have always believed this, but it has been such an encouragement to our faith to see it so marvelously demonstrated in our foreign mission offering just received. Our absolute need for the year has been estimated at \$223,000. The Lord gave us \$223,611.57, according to the figures just sent us by our financial secretary, Miss Ruth E. Reddick. We are praising our Father God for this abundant blessing, but He only gave according to His nature, so why did we ever doubt His bounty?

## *But, We Did Have Doubts*

With an offering for last year of only a little over \$180,000, many of us were very fearful that in setting a goal of \$223,000 for this year, and building our missionary expenditures with that amount in mind, we would almost "try" God. In the less victorious moments we personally shared this fear. When we left Winona Lake a few days ago to spend almost three weeks among the churches and district conferences in the Southeast and East, it seemed that our total offering would not possibly exceed \$215,000. There were conflicts in the soul and grave concern—where could we cut down expenditures? How could all the needs of our missionaries and of our mission fields be supplied with an offering from \$8,000 to \$13,000 less than our absolute need?

Well, you can imagine our thrill of soul when at Johnson City, Tenn., a letter caught up with us, giving the good news of God's superabundant blessing revealed in a total offering for the fiscal year of \$223,611.57. We are still breathing prayers of thanksgiving and, as we mention this blessing to different audiences, we hear many who break forth with a happy "Amen"; there are also tears of joy to be seen.

## *Will New Missionaries Be Sent?*

This is the question we are asked everywhere. First, let us remind you that 18 new missionaries *were sent* to the field since our last annual offering was received. This wonderful offering just received will not care for the expenses of one additional missionary; it will only care for the 84 now serving, and supply the building and

equipment needs of the six fields in which we now have missionary work. Our board of trustees and society will need to give the final answer to the question, "Will new missionaries be appointed to go to the field this year?"

## *Appointments "By Faith"*

If any new missionary appointments are made this year, they will need to be appointments "by faith" that as God has supplied in the years past, He will care for those appointments "by faith" in the future. We will need to be assured that God will enable His people to make additional gifts, and that His people—Brethren people in this case—will be willing to make such sacrifices. We have God's Word as our assurance on His part, but we would be encouraged to know the mind of the Brethren people in this most important matter.

## *Send Us a "Yes" or "No" Answer*

If at least 1,000 of you people who read this editorial would write us your thinking after your prayerful consideration of the matter, it would help us so much. Some 7,000 of you received Foreign Missionary Society election ballots. In addition to voting for those of your choice as members of the board of trustees, please write either "Yes" or "No" on your ballot—"Yes," if you believe we should take the step by faith and make additional appointments, and you believe God's people will care for the expenses involved—"No," if you believe we should pass this year without making any, or very few, appointments. If you have already sent in your ballot, then drop us a post card—address it to Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. Answers from 1,000 or more of you will be an expression that our board will very greatly appreciate.

## *The Arms Underneath*

During very recent days 10 missionaries have made the long air flights to or from the mission field. Again we are praising God that "underneath are the everlasting arms"—all the precious missionaries have been transported without harm or injury. Those who have just made these long trips are Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, Africa to France by plane and then to the United States by ship; Rev. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy and Judy, Rev.

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and Mrs. Martin Garber, Misses Edith Geske, Mary Ann Habegger, Gail Jones, and Marian Thurston from France to Africa by plane. Pray for all of these, as they fit themselves into their new situations.

### Annual Meetings

The general conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the annual meetings of all the corporations within our fellowship, and the annual meetings of the directing boards of the various corporations will all have met before another Foreign Mission Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald reaches you. These annual meetings are the very life blood of our

Christian activity, from the viewpoint of offering ourselves to the Lord in service. Come to Winona Lake and enjoy the blessings of all these interesting activities. Whether or not you can come, *you can pray*, so pray earnestly that the Lord will have preeminence in everything and that we will all be very tender to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The meeting of the board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society at Winona Lake, Ind., will begin August 17, 1953, at 1:30 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, both of the Ohio and California Corporations, will be held at Winona Lake, Ind., on Friday, August 28, at 1:45 p. m. in the Auditorium.

## NEWS FROM THE CHARLES TABERS

E. B. I.  
Chatou, France,  
July 4, 1953.

Dear Brother Barnard,

We've put off writing for so long. I guess the best excuse is the standard one—we've been very busy.

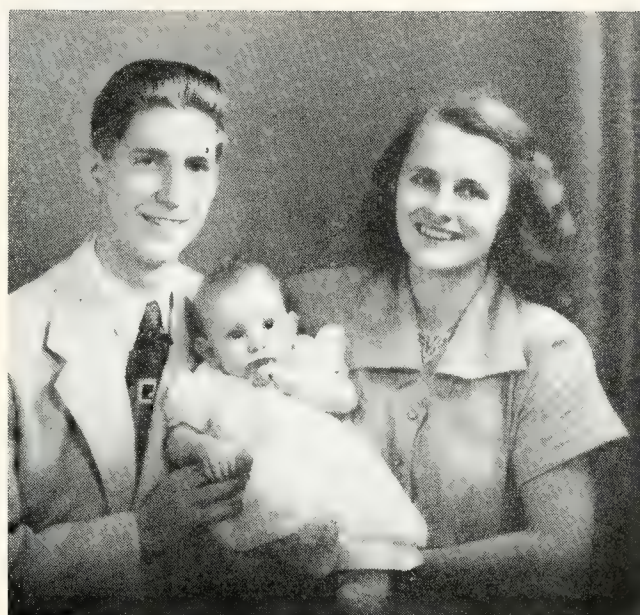
First, there was the fact that Christy was quite sick three weeks ago. When her high fever refused to come down, Harold (Dr. Mason) recommended that we place her in a pediatrician's care. So we placed her in the Children's Hospital, where she stayed 10 days under the care of a professor in the faculty of medicine. The first diagnosis was meningitis, but it turned out to be a severe reaction to the yellow-fever shot. We praise the Lord she is completely recovered, and shows no trace of her ordeal.

Then there were the examinations, and another reason to praise the Lord, who does "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." While I was thinking in terms of passing honorably, the Lord enabled me to pass at the top of the class with some of the highest grades on record. I was "flabbergasted" when I saw it. But I pray the Lord may use this to facilitate our work. Betty, because of the short time she had in the fourth class and the concern over Christy, was unable to pass her exam, but will be able to make it up, we feel, on the field.

Finally, there were our preparations for departure. And in this we found the Lord's will hard to understand, for He has seen fit to delay our visas so that we couldn't go with the others last Tuesday and now we are marooned here, at least until next Saturday. The only thing we can do is accept the Lord's doings, and rest assured that He never makes a mistake.

We had to leave our house Tuesday and the Robert Munn family at the E. B. I. (European Bible Institute) were very kind and took us in. We were able to have a few blessed minutes of fellowship with the Roy Snyders on their way through here. They stayed with the Masons, so we couldn't see them as much as we would have liked, but we did see them on the train on their way to Le Havre.

Altogether, I feel our stay in France has been most profitable. Of course, I expect we will never finish learning, but at least I feel much more solidly prepared for our work than ever before and confident that, by the



*Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Christine Ann (Christy)*

Lord's grace and power, we will be able to do something worth while in Oubangui-Chari. In the meantime we are learning patience!

Give our greetings to all our friends. We would like to write to each of them, but time doesn't permit. One of these days we will try to write a general prayer letter.

I am enclosing a family picture taken a week ago. Christy is four and one-half months old there.

In His service,

Charles.

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and little Christy had planned to fly on June 30 to Africa with the Martin Garbers and Lester Kennedys. However, the necessary papers did not arrive from the French government for their entrance into Africa, so they must wait in France a little longer. Until further notice, any mail sent to them in Africa should be addressed as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber, Bozoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.)



# The Egg and I (With Apologies)

By Robert W. Hill, Bossembele, Africa

Since coming to Africa my encounters with the common egg of the ordinary domestic hen have been frequent and varied. The most unusual occurrence with this shelled spheroid, I am happy to state, has been in the form of a delicious omelette upon our dining-room table. But not all of my experiences with the above-named product of the fowl have been as enjoyable. Take the many times a native chief has greeted my arrival in his village with a gift of—you guessed it—a handful of eggs. More often than not they are as inedible as the chief is inebriated. But getting away from the egg as foodstuff, my most unusual encounters with the ovate have been the most impressive—those associated with offerings to ancestral spirits.



Rev. "Bob" Hill

Now, before you begin thinking that the egg is something evil in the culture of these nonliterate, I must inform you that natives are very fond of eggs and have many culinary uses for them apart from offerings. There are those who claim that natives will eat rotten eggs. This is not true. (They save those to sell to missionaries.) And as the native is very exact in his dealings with the spirits of the departed dead, he will not consider fouled eggs for an offering. But why offerings? Simply, there must be an answer for every event, good or bad, that takes place in the village. Deaths, disasters, or discord must be the result of someone breaking a taboo. A good crop, birth of children or livestock, killing of game, victory over the enemy can be the result only of well-propitiated spirits who protect the village and give good things. Thus the village altar is the nerve center of all activities.

A typical GBanu altar is not at all impressive. A few termite hills are gathered together and placed in a pile next to the main footpath back of the village. Every villager passes it several times a day and according to his needs will offer his gift. If it is a village hunt, an elder will take an egg and place it upon the altar. Sometimes he breaks it because the spirits being placated are hungry and can get at it easier. At other times he will impale the egg upon a sharp stick so that it can be seen by the spirits at a distance. While this is being done a group of small boys begin beating the hunting nets with sticks, saying, "If you do not catch an animal for us today you are a fool and will be burned in the fire when we return." The spirits of the ancestors, upon seeing the offering and hearing the incantation, will, of course, respond favorably. Then there is the disconcerted father who, upon hearing that his wife has just presented him with twins, makes an offering of an egg to the ancestors. The father is upset for reasons far different from those facing the father of twins in the States. Having twins is a bad omen. One must die. Thus the egg is offered with the placenta in a large native jar filled with dirt.

We could go on describing the various offerings but, though the individual need be different, the general plan is the same. The spirits must be reached; the spirits are hungry; therefore, if one should offer food the spirits would be inclined to help that person. But why an egg?

# Fruit Unto Life Eternal

The Walter Haag family returned to San Ysidro, Calif., on July 1 after a seven-week trip down the Baja California peninsula. They found the people hungry for the Word. A brief report from Brother Haag will thrill your soul:

"How we want to praise the Lord for the opportunity of seeing the Spirit work in hearts. Besides being privileged to spend 10 to 15 hours a day the last week talking to folks about the Lord and the Word, the last two evenings nine made public confessions and two others, who could not attend the meetings, received the Lord. Add 11 to the former eight, who have grown beautifully except for one, and the group of believers in San Ignacio reaches 19.



"Does Jesus love us, too?"



Young believers at San Ignacio."

No wonder we are so happy. There are many others interested and thinking seriously."

Is there not other food that could be used for an offering? Yes, but not as frequently. My informant gives two simple reasons why the egg is preferred. It is white. As spirits wander about mainly at night they would be attracted to something white. It is clean inside. Unlike other foods offered at the altar the egg is unexposed to filthy surroundings and is clean, thus delighting the palate of the spirits.

Thus we see the GBanu in his attempt to reach his gods. He knows they can be pacified in an offering that is attractive, pure, and unspotted. How our hearts go out to these people in darkness who come so near and yet so far to the idea of a righteous and unblemished sacrifice in the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone is the perfect offering for their sins. For all their elaborate system of propitiating the spirits, their faith in the common egg proves the point—"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Yes, the "yoke" is on them.



# REPORT OF GIFTS (EASTER OFFERING)

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—March 1, 1953, to July 1, 1953

ATLANTIC DISTRICT			Jobson Funds .....		10.00	Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.	
	Easter	Fiscal	Maconaghy Funds .....	3,572.32		General Fund .....	943.98
			Tyson Funds .....	10.00	3,717.32	Africa General Fund ..	5.00
Alexandria, Va. ....	\$547.68	\$547.68	Trinity Brethren Church, Seven Fountains, Va.			Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	33.25
Allentown, Pa. ....	821.54	832.20	General Fund .....	122.41		Argentina General Fund ..	5.00
Baltimore, Md. ....	55.00	55.00	Maconaghy Funds .....	7.40	129.81	Brazil General Fund ..	47.00
Chambersburg, Pa. ....	35.00	50.50	First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.			Hawaii General Fund ..	5.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....	3,565.00	3,682.00	General Fund .....	2,302.96		Bell Brethren Church, Bell, Calif.	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	1,144.64	1,247.27	Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	5.00		General Fund .....	307.04
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	619.44	1,164.44	France General Fund ..	35.00		Balzer Funds .....	3.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) ..	4,724.22	4,864.37	Teeter Funds .....	44.00	2,386.96	Goodman Funds .....	12.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (3d) ..	3,717.32	3,778.94	First Brethren Church, Wayneboro, Pa.			First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.	
Seven Fountains, Va. ....	129.81	174.31	General Fund .....	2,420.00		General Fund .....	633.96
Washington, D. C. ....	2,386.96	4,390.13	Africa General Fund ..	5.00		Africa General Fund ..	20.00
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	2,569.76	2,650.51	Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	25.76		Argentina General Fund ..	20.00
Winchester, Va. ....	1,831.02	1,831.02	Argentina General Fund ..	30.00		Brazil General Fund ..	10.00
York, Pa. ....	583.83	583.83	Baja Calif. General Fund ..	5.00		France General Fund ..	32.00
Atlantic District .....	35.00	202.00	Brazil General Fund ..	25.00		Altig Funds .....	10.00
	22,766.22	26,054.20	Teeter Funds .....	54.00	2,569.76	Grace Brethren Church, Chico, Calif.	
Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va.			First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.			General Fund .....	144.00
General Fund .....	312.68		General Fund .....	1,791.02		First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.	
Glass Funds .....	235.00	547.68	Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	40.00	1,831.02	General Fund .....	1,181.49
First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.			York Brethren Church, York, Pa.			Africa General Fund ..	6.00
General Fund .....	25.00		General Fund .....	519.18		Baja Calif. General Fund ..	7.00
Foster Funds .....	11.22		Brazil Special Fund ..	5.00		Brazil General Fund ..	1.00
F. Taber Funds .....	785.32	821.54	Foster Funds .....	10.50		First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif.	
Bible Brethren Church, Baltimore, Md.			Maconaghy Funds .....	40.15		General Fund .....	625.00
General Fund .....	55.00		Teeter Funds .....	5.00		Altig Funds .....	15.00
Grace Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.			Zielasko Funds .....	4.00	583.83	Teeter Funds .....	16.50
General Fund .....	35.00		Atlantic District			First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.	
Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.			General .....	10.00		General Fund .....	1,456.12
General Fund .....	200.00		Foster Funds .....	25.00	35.00	Africa General Fund ..	10.00
Africa General Fund ..	10.00		CALIFORNIA DISTRICT			Baja Calif. General Fund ..	2.00
Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	10.00	3,565.00				Mountain Brethren Church, La Crescenta, Calif.	
Bickel Funds .....	13.00					General Fund .....	133.70
Maconaghy Funds .....	51.48					First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.	
Rottler Funds .....	3,235.52					General Fund .....	1,551.93
Teeter Funds .....	45.00					Africa General Fund ..	319.30
Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.						Africa Leper Fund ..	50.00
General Fund .....	1,029.35					Argentina General Fund ..	119.20
Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	30.00	1,144.64				Brazil General Fund ..	6.75
Teeter Funds .....	85.29					France General Fund ..	6.00
*Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.						Altig Funds .....	5.00
General Fund .....	619.44					Teeter Funds .....	28.00
First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.						First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	
General Fund .....	2,757.03					General Fund .....	19,757.10
Africa General Fund ..	130.00					Africa General Fund ..	408.35
Africa Hospital Fund ..	150.00					Africa Leper Fund ..	119.00
Africa Leper Fund .....	5.00					Africa Special Fund ..	120.00
Argentina General Fund ..	100.00					Argentina General Fund ..	333.85
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	20.00					Baja Calif. General Fund ..	123.85
Brazil General Fund ..	10.00					Brazil General Fund ..	126.85
France General Fund ..	10.00					France General Fund ..	104.85
France Special Fund ..	50.00					France Special Fund ..	80.00
Foster Funds .....	15.00					Hawaii General Fund ..	50.00
Jobson Funds .....	110.00					Altig Funds .....	20.00
L. Kennedy Funds .....	45.00					Byron Funds .....	25.00
M. Kennedy Funds .....	170.00					Foster Funds .....	20.00
Kent Funds .....	8.00					Haag Funds .....	30.00
Maconaghy Funds .....	50.50					Hill Funds .....	35.00
E. Miller Funds .....	35.00					Samarin Funds .....	37.50
Schwartz Funds .....	349.77					K. Sheldon Funds .....	100.00
Roy Snyder Funds .....	94.00					F. Taber Funds .....	15.00
Tyson Funds .....	614.92	4,724.22				Teeter Funds .....	51.01
Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.						Tresise Funds .....	34.80
General Fund .....	15.00					Tyson Funds .....	15.00
Africa General Fund ..	65.00					Zielasko Funds .....	267.32
Africa-Bekoro—BYF Project .....	35.00					Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	10.00					General Fund .....	5,848.00
						Africa General Fund ..	17.50

\*See footnote at end of table.

Africa Special Fund .....	35.00		Africa Leper Fund .....	24.63		Foster Funds .....	9.50	
Argentina General Fund .....	37.50		Brazil General Fund .....	3.10		Teeter Funds .....	2.00	
Brazil General Fund .....	10.00		Germany General Fund .....	2.00		Zielasko Funds .....	5.00	202.07
France General Fund .....	48.00		Altig Funds .....	400.00				
Beaver Funds .....	10.00		P. Miller Funds .....	10.32				
Churchill Funds .....	65.00		Teeter Funds .....	17.00				
Sickel Funds .....	5.00	6,076.00	Zielasko Funds .....	10.00	2,367.80			
<i>*First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.</i>			<i>First Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.</i>			<i>First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.</i>		
General Fund .....	5,172.44		General Fund .....	409.02		General Fund .....	252.00	
<i>Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.</i>			Africa General Fund .....	50.00		<i>Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky.</i>		
General Fund .....	1,868.99		Africa Special Fund .....	72.17		General Fund .....	58.55	
E. Myers Funds .....	102.13	1,971.12	Brazil General Fund .....	50.00		<i>Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio</i>		
<i>Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.</i>			Munn Funds .....	10.25		General Fund .....	692.98	
General Fund .....	910.52		Teeter Funds .....	18.00	609.44	Bishop Funds .....	20.48	
Africa General Fund .....	210.00		<i>Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.</i>			Teeter Funds .....	17.00	730.46
Argentina General Fund .....	5.00		General Fund .....	503.34		<i>First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio</i>		
Baja Calif. General Fund .....	25.00		Altig Funds .....	5.00	508.34	General Fund .....	144.30	
Brazil General Fund .....	150.00		<i>First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.</i>			Bishop Funds .....	6.00	
Brazil Special Fund .....	300.00		General Fund .....	6,678.01		Geske Funds .....	8.40	
Altig Funds .....	5.00		Baja Calif. Special Fund .....	5.00		Teeter Funds .....	3.00	
Goodman Funds .....	7.50	1,613.02	Brazil General Fund .....	15.00		Zielasko Funds .....	3.00	164.70
<i>Brethren Christian Center, Modesto, Calif.</i>			Altig Funds .....	5.00		<i>Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....	121.68		C. B. Sheldon Funds .....	25.00	6,728.01	General Fund .....	166.45	
<i>La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.</i>			<i>First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.</i>			<i>First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>		
General Fund .....	1,522.12		General Fund .....	71.16		General Fund .....	5,417.10	
Africa General Fund .....	10.00		<i>California District</i>			Africa General Fund .....	16.00	
Garber Funds .....	35.00		General Fund .....	541.01		Africa Special Fund .....	25.00	
Teeter Funds .....	15.00		Africa Leper Fund .....	35.00		Argentina General Fund .....	50.00	
Wagner Funds .....	5.00	1,587.12	Argentina General Fund .....	30.00		Baja Calif. General Fund .....	50.00	
<i>Paramount Brethren Church, Paramount, Calif.</i>			Altig Funds .....	25.00		Goodman Funds .....	1.00	5,559.10
General Fund .....	695.82		Garber Funds .....	10.00	641.01	<i>North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>		
Africa-Bekoro—BYF .....			<i>CENTRAL DISTRICT</i>			General Fund .....	3,444.79	
Project .....	6.37					Argentina General Fund .....	55.00	
Baja Calif. General Fund .....	5.00	707.19	Alto, Mich. ....	\$150.11	\$171.66	Brazil General Fund .....	2.00	
<i>Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.</i>			Berne, Ind. ....	3,911.94	3,954.69	Bishop Funds .....	10.00	
General Fund .....	366.70		Berrien Springs, Mich. ....	56.07	97.57	Marshall Funds .....	10.00	3,521.79
Africa-Bekoro—BYF .....			Camden, Ohio .....	202.07	202.07	<i>Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>		
Project .....	20.00		Clay City, Ind. ....	252.00	479.00	General Fund .....	679.68	
Baja Calif. General Fund .....	5.00		Clayhole, Ky. ....	58.55	58.55	Teeter Funds .....	6.00	685.68
Teeter Funds .....	14.00	405.70	Clayton, Ohio .....	730.46	730.46	<i>Hell for Certain Sunday School, Dryhill, Ky.</i>		
<i>First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.</i>			Covington, Ohio .....	164.70	204.84	Beaver Funds .....	30.84	
General Fund .....	483.21		Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) .....	166.45	216.45	<i>Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.</i>		
Baja Calif. General Fund .....	29.02		Dayton, Ohio (1st) .....	5,559.10	5,699.32	General Fund .....	1,909.32	
Foster Funds .....	9.40	521.63	Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) .....	3,521.79	3,609.18	Africa General Fund .....	10.00	
<i>*First Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.</i>			Dayton, Ohio (Patt. Pk.) .....	685.68	695.68	Ruth Snyder Funds .....	48.29	
General Fund .....	244.02		Dryhill, Ky. ....	30.84	30.84	Teeter Funds .....	36.00	
<i>First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif.</i>			Flora, Ind. ....	2,004.61	2,093.79	Zielasko Funds .....	1.00	2,004.61
Altig Funds .....	113.43		Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	3,414.16	3,683.91	<i>First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.</i>		
Beaver Funds .....	1,562.94		Jackson, Mich. ....	118.68	118.68	General Fund .....	60.00	
Goodman Funds .....	70.19		Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	813.62	940.15	Africa General Fund .....	5.00	
E. Myers Funds .....	5.00		Leesburg, Ind. ....	704.84	755.84	Habegger Funds .....	930.50	
Teeter Funds .....	29.00		New Lebanon, Ohio .....	100.00	100.00	Mason Funds .....	2,418.66	3,414.16
Zielasko Funds .....	25.00	1,804.56	New Troy, Mich. ....	332.39	360.39	<i>Grace Brethren Bible Class, Jackson, Mich.</i>		
<i>Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.</i>			Osceola, Ind. ....	1,455.45	2,055.45	General Fund .....	116.93	
General Fund .....	688.71		Ozark, Mich. ....	20.00	20.00	Africa-Bekoro—BYF .....	1.75	118.68
Argentina General Fund .....	38.00		Peru, Ind. ....	784.73	952.78	Project .....		
Brazil General Fund .....	63.00		Sharpville, Ind. ....	29.07	80.87	<i>Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.</i>		
Foster Funds .....	12.65		Sidney, Ind. ....	1,916.14	1,916.14	General Fund .....	702.62	
Teeter Funds .....	4.00	806.36	South Bend, Ind. ....	540.34	727.14	Africa General Fund .....	56.00	
<i>Grace Brethren Church, South San Gabriel, Calif.</i>			Troy, Ohio .....	215.03	272.43	Argentina General Fund .....	25.00	
General Fund .....	274.71		Warsaw, Ind. ....	80.00	80.00	Brazil General Fund .....	30.00	813.62
Goodman Funds .....	10.00	284.71	West Alexandria, Ohio .....	168.00	168.00	<i>Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind.</i>		
<i>Temple City Brethren Church, Temple City, Calif.</i>			Wheaton, Ill. ....	24.00	24.00	General Fund .....	246.99	
General Fund .....	1,786.28		Winona Lake, Ind. ....	4,959.90	5,042.48	Baja Calif. General Fund .....	5.00	
Africa General Fund .....	2.00		Central District .....	510.65	1,385.37	Brazil General Fund .....	5.00	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF .....				33,681.37	36,927.73	Inman Funds .....	322.50	
Project .....	112.47		<i>Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.</i>			E. Miller Funds .....	115.35	
<i>*See footnote at end of table.</i>			General Fund .....	150.11		Teeter Funds .....	10.00	704.84
			<i>Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.</i>			<i>First Brethren Church, New Lebanon, Ohio</i>		
			General Fund .....	3,525.04		General Fund .....	100.00	
			Africa General Fund .....	145.00				
			Argentina General Fund .....	105.00				
			France General Fund .....	40.00				
			Bishop Funds .....	24.90				
			Hoyt Funds .....	45.00				
			Teeter Funds .....	27.00	3,911.94			
			<i>Grace Brethren Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.</i>					
			General Fund .....	51.07				
			Teeter Funds .....	5.00	56.07			
			<i>First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio</i>					
			General Fund .....	178.12				
			Africa Special Fund .....	7.45				



*New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.*

General Fund .....	326.39	
Brazil General Fund ...	6.00	
		332.39

*Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.*

General Fund .....	1,444.20	
Ruth Snyder Funds ...	11.25	
		1,455.45

*Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Mich.*

General Fund .....		20.00
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*Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.*

General Fund .....	517.48	
Africa General Fund ...	1.00	
Baja Calif. General Fund	1.00	
Jobson Funds .....	191.63	
Schrock Funds .....	10.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ...	31.12	
C. Taber Funds .....	10.00	
Teeter Funds .....	22.50	
		784.73

*Grace Brethren Church, Sharpsville, Ind.*

General Fund .....		29.07
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*Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.*

General Fund .....	1,813.14	
Africa General Fund ...	50.00	
Argentina General Fund	25.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ...	5.00	
Teeter Funds .....	23.00	
		1,916.14

*Sunnymede Brethren Church,  
South Bend, Ind.*

General Fund .....	424.56	
Africa General Fund ...	40.00	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	10.00	
Brazil General Fund ...	25.00	
Inman Funds .....	15.67	
Zielasko Funds .....	25.11	
		540.34

*First Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio*

General Fund .....	136.20	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	16.83	
France General Fund ..	35.00	
C. Taber Funds .....	17.00	
F. Taber Funds .....	10.00	
		215.03

*First Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.*

Africa General Fund ...	30.00	
E. Myers Funds .....	50.00	
		80.00

*Sampleville Brethren Mission,  
West Alexandria, Ohio*

General Fund .....	60.00	
Africa General Fund ...	75.00	
Brazil General Fund ...	13.00	
France General Fund ...	15.00	
Kliever Funds .....	5.00	
		168.00

*Pierce Highlands Brethren Church,  
Wheaton, Ill.*

General Fund .....		24.00
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*Winona Lake Brethren Church,  
Winona Lake, Ind.*

General Fund .....	4,788.53	
Baja Calif. General Fund	37.49	
Beaver Funds .....	75.00	
E. Miller Funds .....	47.88	
Teeter Funds .....	11.00	
		4,959.90

*Central District*

General Fund .....	275.65	
Foster Funds .....	20.00	
Garber Funds .....	200.00	
Hoyt Funds .....	10.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ...	5.00	
		510.65

**EAST DISTRICT**

	<i>Easter</i>	<i>Fiscal</i>
Accident, Md. ....	\$15.00	\$15.00
Aleppo, Pa. ....	295.08	318.08
Altoona, Pa. (1st) ...	1,997.63	2,061.34
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	730.14	730.14

Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1,461.00	1,671.35
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner)	1,193.38	1,262.88
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	626.29	636.29
Everett, Pa. ....	1,019.85	1,057.17
Grafton, W. Va. ....	204.50	204.50
Holidaysburg, Pa. ....	786.74	796.74
Hopewell, Pa. ....	935.08	979.42
Jenners, Pa. ....	304.46	304.46
Johnstown, Pa. (1st) ..	5,957.77	5,977.77
Johnstown, Pa. (River-side)	380.00	385.00
Kittanning, Pa. ....	2,348.22	2,403.82
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	148.74	165.70
Leamersville, Pa. ....	1,811.66	1,848.02
Listie, Pa. ....	1,080.50	1,080.50
Martinsburg, Pa. ....	1,675.11	2,423.06
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	700.04	1,094.24
Parkersburg, W. Va. ...	56.00	66.00
Summit Mills, Pa. ....	601.66	639.61
Uniontown, Pa. ....	995.71	1,041.80
Washington, Pa. ....	55.00	56.00
East District .....	200.00	720.75
	25,579.56	27,939.64

*First Brethren Church, Accident, Md.*

Brazil General Fund .....		15.00
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*Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.*

General Fund .....	280.08	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	15.00	
		295.08

*First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.*

General Fund .....	1,840.38	
Africa General Fund ...	56.25	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	18.00	
Argentina General Fund	45.00	
Teeter Funds .....	22.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	16.00	
		1,997.63

*Grace Brethren Church, Juniata, Altoona, Pa.*

France Special Fund ...	25.00	
V. Meyers Funds .....	55.00	
Roy Snyder Funds ....	650.14	
		730.14

*Conemaugh Brethren Church,  
Conemaugh, Pa.*

General Fund .....	745.09	
Africa General Fund ...	50.00	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	35.00	
Foster Funds .....	12.79	
Jones Funds .....	190.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ....	428.12	
		1,461.00

*Pike Brethren Church (Mundy's Corner),  
Conemaugh, Pa.*

General Fund .....	60.00	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	25.25	
Teeter Funds .....	1,108.13	
		1,193.38

*Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church,  
Conemaugh, Pa.*

General Fund .....	202.00	
Africa General Fund ...	202.00	
Argentina General Fund	202.29	
Teeter Funds .....	20.00	
		626.29

*Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.*

General Fund .....	994.85	
Argentina General Fund	25.00	
		1,019.85

*First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.*

General Fund .....	186.00	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	6.50	
Tyson Funds .....	12.00	
		204.50

*Vicksburg Brethren Church,  
Holidaysburg, Pa.*

General Fund .....	761.74	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	25.00	
		786.74

*Yellow Creek Brethren Church,  
Hopewell, Pa.*

Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	10.55	
Roy Snyder Funds ....	905.28	
Teeter Funds .....	19.25	
		935.08

*Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa.*

General Fund .....	293.46	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	10.00	
Argentina General Fund	1.00	
		304.46

*First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.*

General Fund .....	3,634.58	
Africa General Fund ...	987.66	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	40.60	
Argentina General Fund	28.00	
Brazil General Fund ...	8.50	
France General Fund ..	3.00	
Bickel Funds .....	840.00	
Foster Funds .....	36.97	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	14.00	
Kliever Funds .....	275.24	
Maconaghy Funds .....	22.15	
C. Taber Funds .....	1.00	
F. Taber Funds .....	1.00	
Tresise Funds .....	17.07	
Zielasko Funds .....	48.00	
		5,957.77

*Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.*

General Fund .....	375.00	
Teeter Funds .....	2.50	
Zielasko Funds .....	2.50	
		380.00

*First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.*

General Fund .....	1,933.69	
Africa Special Fund ...	394.53	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	20.00	
		2,348.22

*North Buffalo Brethren Church,  
Kittanning, Pa.*

General Fund .....		148.74
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*Leamersville Brethren Church,  
Duncansville, Pa.*

General Fund .....	25.00	
Africa General Fund ...	61.00	
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		
Project .....	10.00	
V. Meyers Funds .....	1,680.66	
Teeter Funds .....	35.00	
		1,811.66

*Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.*

General Fund .....	356.75	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	32.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	34.45	
C. B. Sheldon Funds ...	633.30	
C. Taber Funds .....	7.00	
Teeter Funds .....	17.00	
		1,080.50

*\*First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.*

General Fund .....		1,675.11
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*Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.*

General Fund .....	640.04	
Africa General Fund ...	60.00	
		700.04

*First Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.*

General Fund .....		56.00
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*Summit Mills Brethren Church,  
Meyersdale, Pa.*

Goodman Funds .....		601.66
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*First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.*

General Fund .....	941.71	
Teeter Funds .....	18.00	
Wagner Funds .....	20.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	16.00	
		995.71

*Laboratory Grace Brethren Church,  
Washington, Pa.*

General Fund .....		55.00
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\*See footnote at end of table.

East District		
Baja Calif. Special Fund	100.00	
France Special Fund ..	100.00	
		200.00

#### IOWA DISTRICT

	Easter	Fiscal
Cedar Rapids .....	\$545.70	\$562.70
Dallas Center .....	898.54	991.30
Garwin .....	811.73	883.16
Leon .....	675.93	703.08
North English .....	726.02	761.87
Waterloo .....	3,101.28	3,125.39
Iowa District .....	170.00	355.00
	6,929.20	7,382.50

#### Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

General Fund .....	495.70	
Baja Calif. General Fund	5.00	
France General Fund ..	5.00	
Goodman Funds .....	10.00	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	10.00	
Thurston Funds .....	10.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	10.00	
		545.70

#### First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa

General Fund .....	837.04	
Africa General Fund ..	10.00	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	20.00	
Brazil General Fund ..	10.00	
Teeter Funds .....	21.50	
		898.54

#### Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa

General Fund .....	25.00	
Thurston Funds .....	786.73	
		811.73

#### Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa

General Fund .....		675.93
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#### Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa

General Fund .....	401.02	
Byron Funds .....	25.00	
D. Miller Funds .....	200.00	
E. Myers Funds .....	100.00	
		726.02

#### Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Brazil General Fund ...	5.00	
Schrock Funds .....	3,096.28	
		3,101.28

#### Iowa District

General Fund .....	150.00	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	20.00	
		170.00

#### MIDWEST DISTRICT

	Easter	Fiscal
Albuquerque, N. Mex. ..	\$11.00	\$30.00
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.	36.50	36.50
Beaver City, Nebr. ....	195.50	210.50
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	50.91	115.74
Cordillera, N. Mex. ....	46.89	60.39
Denver, Colo. ....	76.60	81.60
Portis, Kans. ....	991.63	1,041.63
Taos, N. Mex. ....	108.81	114.81
Midwest District .....	25.00	35.45
	1,542.84	1,726.62

#### Grace Brethren Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

General Fund .....	11.00	
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#### Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church, Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.

General Fund .....	36.50	
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#### Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr.

General Fund .....	195.50	
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#### First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

General Fund .....	50.91	
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#### Cordillera Brethren Church, Cordillera, N. Mex.

General Fund .....	33.39	
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Teeter Funds .....	7.50	
Zielasko Funds .....	6.00	
		46.89

#### Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.

General Fund .....	76.60	
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#### First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans.

General Fund .....	866.86	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	7.50	
Cone Funds .....	117.27	
		991.63

#### Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.

General Fund .....	104.20	
Africa General Fund ...	1.61	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	3.00	
		108.81

#### Midwest District

General Fund .....	5.00	
Argentina Special Fund	20.00	
		25.00

#### NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

	Easter	Fiscal
Akron .....	\$2,500.00	\$2,729.00
Ankenytown .....	784.86	836.45
Ashland .....	4,427.20	4,427.20
Canton .....	1,463.20	1,496.20
Cleveland .....	254.16	254.16
Cuyahoga Falls .....	369.66	424.11
Danville .....	530.03	545.18
Findlay .....	80.56	80.56
Fremont .....	1,028.16	1,028.16
Homerville .....	634.20	1,649.20
Mansfield .....	6,238.51	6,346.21
Massillon .....	100.00	100.00
Middlebranch .....	1,185.81	1,246.81
Rittman .....	2,093.83	2,140.10
Sterling .....	1,543.17	1,543.17
Wooster .....	3,263.68	3,432.23
Northern Ohio District	300.65	671.69
	26,797.68	28,950.43

#### First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio

General Fund .....	2,500.00	
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#### First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio

General Fund .....	749.86	
Africa General Fund ...	25.00	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	5.00	
Bishop Funds .....	5.00	
		784.86

#### West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

General Fund .....	2,486.13	
Africa General Fund ...	20.00	
Africa Leper Fund ....	5.00	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	11.55	
Brazil General Fund ...	31.00	
Bishop Funds .....	762.50	
Hoyt Funds .....	884.02	
Inman Funds .....	30.00	
Munn Funds .....	79.00	
C. B. Sheldon Funds ...	59.00	
F. Taber Funds .....	10.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	49.00	
		4,427.20

#### First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio

Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	10.00	
Hoyt Funds .....	1,443.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	10.20	
		1,463.20

#### First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio

General Fund .....	230.30	
Byron Funds .....	4.25	
Maconaghy Funds .....	19.61	
		254.16

#### Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

General Fund .....	319.61	
Bishop Funds .....	36.05	
Teeter Funds .....	14.00	
		369.66

#### Danville Brethren Church, Danville, Ohio

General Fund .....	524.53	
Bishop Funds .....	5.50	
		530.03

Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio		
General Fund .....		80.56

#### Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio

General Fund .....	981.16	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	20.00	
Teeter Funds .....	27.00	
		1,028.16

#### West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio

General Fund .....	603.15	
Bishop Funds .....	31.05	
		634.20

#### Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio

Africa General Fund ...	12.00	
Brazil General Fund ...	9.00	
Brazil Special Fund ...	100.00	
France General Fund ...	6,037.36	
Foster Funds .....	65.15	
Teeter Funds .....	15.00	
		6,238.51

#### Grace Brethren Church, Massillon, Ohio

General Fund .....	100.00	
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#### First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio

General Fund .....	538.24	
Kliever Funds .....	574.00	
Robinson Funds .....	18.57	
Schwartz Funds .....	10.00	
Teeter Funds .....	35.00	
Tyson Funds .....	10.00	
		1,185.81

#### First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio

General Fund .....	1,870.67	
Byron Funds .....	19.00	
Dowdy Funds .....	176.88	
Maconaghy Funds .....	15.68	
Ruth Snyder Funds ....	11.60	
		2,093.83

#### First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio

General Fund .....	1,454.29	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	25.00	
Hoyt Funds .....	43.00	
Maconaghy Funds .....	6.88	
Teeter Funds .....	4.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	10.00	
		1,543.17

#### First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio

General Fund .....	2,989.67	
Africa General Fund ...	12.60	
Africa Leper Fund ....	20.00	
France General Fund ...	10.00	
Cone Funds .....	98.91	
L. Kennedy Funds .....	1.00	
Mishler Funds .....	5.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ....	126.50	
		3,263.68

#### Northern Ohio District

General Fund .....	5.00	
Bishop Funds .....	15.00	
Fogle Funds .....	105.19	
Foster Funds .....	100.46	
Jobson Funds .....	15.00	
Robinson Funds .....	15.00	
Ruth Snyder Funds ....	45.00	
		300.65

#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

	Easter	Fiscal
Albany, Ore. ....	\$673.39	\$775.84
Harrah, Wash. ....	1,397.05	1,402.05
Portland, Ore. ....	363.02	363.02
Seattle, Wash. ....	427.00	737.00
Spokane, Wash. ....	839.73	839.73
Sunnyside, Wash. ....	4,334.39	4,566.98
Yakima, Wash. ....	556.21	602.32
Northwest District ....	0.00	52.64
	8,590.79	9,339.58

#### Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Ore.

General Fund .....	617.39	
Africa-Bekoro—BYF		
Project .....	15.00	
Teeter Funds .....	16.00	
Wagner Funds .....	10.00	
Zielasko Funds .....	15.00	
		673.39



### Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

General Fund .....	1,235.40
Africa General Fund ..	28.15
Africa Leper Fund ....	15.88
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	28.50
Brazil General Fund ...	15.00
France Special Fund ...	25.00
Foster Funds .....	10.12
Hill Funds .....	15.00
Teeter Funds .....	4.00
Williams Funds .....	20.00
	<u>1,397.05</u>

### Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg.

General Fund .....	347.28
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	10.74
Dunning Funds .....	5.00
	<u>363.02</u>

### Seattle Brethren Bible Class, Seattle, Wash.

General Fund .....	397.00
Africa General Fund ...	25.00
Munn Funds .....	5.00
	<u>427.00</u>

### First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash.

General Fund .....	839.73
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### First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

General Fund .....	2,639.33
Africa General Fund ...	63.00
Argentina General Fund ..	25.00
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	41.00
Brazil General Fund ...	20.00
France General Fund ..	5.00
Bishop Funds .....	1,004.55
Dunning Funds .....	467.51
Foster Funds .....	25.00
Teeter Funds .....	43.00
Zielasko Funds .....	1.00
	<u>4,334.39</u>

### Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.

General Fund .....	531.21
Teeter Funds .....	25.00
	<u>556.21</u>

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

	Easter	Fiscal
Buena Vista, Va. ....	\$760.92	\$791.28
Covington, Va. ....	1,360.92	1,362.63
Hollins, Va. ....	578.86	984.16
Johnson City, Tenn. ...	144.17	144.17
Kingsport, Tenn. ....	0.00	6.70
Limestone, Tenn. ....	577.47	638.47
Radford, Va. ....	296.90	334.25
Roanoke, Va. (Cl'rbr'k)	197.50	319.48
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	3,132.99	3,316.55
Roanoke, Va. (Washing- ton Heights) .....	185.00	195.00
Southeast District .....	282.76	290.26
	<u>7,517.49</u>	<u>8,382.95</u>

### First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.

General Fund .....	713.29
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	47.63
	<u>760.92</u>

### First Brethren Church, Covington, Va.

Brazil Special Fund ...	300.00
Altig Funds .....	1,000.00
Inman Funds .....	60.92
	<u>1,360.92</u>

### Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.

General Fund .....	578.86
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### Johnson City Brethren Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

General Fund .....	139.17
Argentina General Fund ..	5.00
	<u>144.17</u>

### Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.

General Fund .....	532.47
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	10.00
Kliever Funds .....	4.00
Teeter Funds .....	31.00
	<u>577.47</u>

### Fairlawn Brethren Church, Radford, Va.

General Fund .....	266.90
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	20.00
Inman Funds .....	10.00
	<u>296.90</u>

### Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

General Fund .....	194.50
Inman Funds .....	3.00
	<u>197.50</u>

### Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

General Fund .....	3,057.06
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	32.33
Inman Funds .....	32.60
Teeter Funds .....	11.00
	<u>3,132.99</u>

### Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

General Fund .....	168.00
Africa-Bekoro-BYF .....	
Project .....	17.00
	<u>185.00</u>

### Southeast District

General Fund .....	5.00
Missionary Residence ..	17.25
L. Kennedy Funds .....	260.51
	<u>282.76</u>

### MISCELLANEOUS

	Easter	Fiscal
Honolulu, Hawaii .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
National Miscellaneous ..	911.50	1,088.25
National WMC .....	0.00	2,367.20
Rio Cuarto, Argentina ..	39.65	39.65
	<u>981.15</u>	<u>3,525.10</u>

### Grace Chapel, Honolulu, Hawaii

General Fund .....	30.00
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### National Miscellaneous

General Fund .....	650.00
Africa General Fund ...	90.00
Argentina General Fund ..	35.00
Baja Calif. General Fund ..	3.50
Brazil General Fund ...	50.00
Bishop Funds .....	10.00
Dunning Funds .....	50.00
Ruth Snyder Funds ...	20.00
Teeter Funds .....	3.00
	<u>911.50</u>

### Brethren Church, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Africa General Fund .....	39.65
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### SUMMARY OF OFFERINGS BY DISTRICTS

	Easter	Fiscal
Atlantic District .....	\$22,766.22	\$26,054.20
California District .....	62,135.21	73,382.82
Central District .....	33,681.37	36,927.73
East District .....	25,579.56	27,939.64
Iowa District .....	6,929.20	7,382.50
Midwest District .....	1,542.84	1,726.62
Northern Ohio District ..	26,797.68	28,950.43
Northwest District .....	8,590.79	9,339.58
Southeast District .....	7,517.49	8,382.95
Miscellaneous .....	981.15	3,525.10
Totals .....	<u>196,521.51</u>	<u>223,611.57</u>

### TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN 1952-53 EASTER OFFERING

1. Long Beach, Calif. (First) ...	\$21,874.48
2. Whittier, Calif. (First) .....	6,728.01
3. Mansfield, Ohio .....	6,238.15
4. Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ..	6,076.00
5. Johnstown, Pa. (First) .....	5,957.77
6. Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	5,559.10
7. Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ....	5,172.44
8. Winona Lake, Ind. ....	4,959.90
9. Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	4,724.22
10. Ashland, Ohio .....	4,427.20

\*The reports, listing donors and funds, had not been received from these churches at the time this report was prepared. Hence, the amounts have been temporarily placed in the General Fund.

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## GLIMPSES OF BAJA CALIFORNIA

One means of transportation.



A girls' Sunday school class.



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Pastor and Mrs. Paul Davis and five teachers conducted a vacation Bible school at Cainsville, Mo., with 265 in attendance.

Speakers at the Long Beach, Calif., Second church, pastored by George O. Peek, July 5 were Dr. Irving Ahlquist and Sayer Canova, and July 12 were Rev. Burton Hatch and Dr. Gerald Stanton.

District conference officers are urged to send to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company at once all material that should be included in the next Brethren Annual. Information cannot be printed that is not known or received by the editor.

The Winona Lake, Ind., church, pastored by Herman W. Koontz, for the year ending June 30 reported a membership of 114, with an average attendance of 189 in Sunday morning service, 176 in evening, 194 in Sunday school, and 81 in midweek prayer meeting. The gifts for the year totaled \$20,797, with 55 percent for works outside the local congregation.

Charles R. Angle, of the Hagerstown, Md., church and a faithful witness for his Lord throughout the city, died July 13.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Winona Lake, Ind., spoke at these Brethren churches in California during the first three weeks of July: San Bernardino, 1; Seal Beach, 2-5; Glendale, 5-8; Los Angeles Second, 9-12; Long Beach First, 12-15; Whittier First, 16-19; Bell, 19-22.

The Seal Beach, Calif., church recently called Rev. Jerry Yerian to be its pastor.

The Beaumont, Calif., church's young people, pastored by Gene Farrell, conducted the evening services June 28 for the Young Russian Christian Association in Los Angeles, and July 5 at their own church.

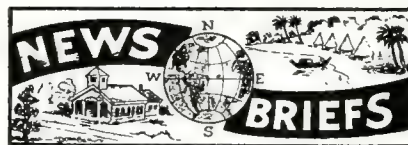
Roland Rasmussen was the speaker on both occasions.

An Elyria, Ohio, Brethren Bible class was started July 13 by Pastor Lester Pifer, Fremont, with 15 present. The class is slated to meet each Monday night at the John Herwig home, 353 Columbus Ave.

The Mansfield, Ohio, church, pastored by Bernard Schneider, had a 60-per-Sunday increase in June over June of 1952 for the morning services and 42 for the evening services. The average midweek prayer meeting attendance in June was 138, and 13 public decisions for the Lord were recorded during the month.

Speakers at the Osceola, Ind., church during July were Dale Cromley and Dudley Long, 5; Dr. Homer A. Kent, 12; Prof. John C. Whitcomb, 19; and Prof. S. Herbert Bess, 26.

Rev. Kenneth E. Richardson, professor at Westmont College, is serving the La Verne, Calif., church as summer supply pastor.



The Northwest District, in annual conference at the Portland, Oreg., church, voted to invite the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to Portland, Oreg., for 1954.

The Kittanning, Pa., First church at its recent business meeting raised Pastor Gordon W. Bracker's salary and decided to do some carpeting in the auditorium.

Dr. Paul R. Bauman, of Winona Lake, Ind., was one of the speakers at the Erieside, Ohio, Bible conference, near Cleveland, July 17-26.

While Pastor James Dixon is traveling in behalf of the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, the Washington, D. C., church heard Dr. Paul R. Bauman, July 12; Dr. Russell D. Barnard, July 15; Dr. George Miles, July 19; and is to hear Prof. Warren Tamkin, August 2 and 9; and Rev. Bruce Button, August 16.

Mrs. William (Leona Dawson) Cole, of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, died during the first week

of July. She was the mother of Sibley Edmiston. Mrs. Cole wrote many poems, some of which have appeared in this magazine. On page 504 is one of her poems, "Morning, Noon, and Night," that portrays her faith better than any words we could write.

The Sibley Edmistons write that the Lord has put His approval on their work in Laredo, Tex., by using them in saving one soul.

Pastor James Dixon has been made the pastor adviser of the city-wide Washington, D. C., Christian Endeavor Society for next year.

The Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church has 31 maroon choir robes for sale cheaply. Contact Pastor Clyde Balyo about them.

The father of Mrs. Hill Maconaghy died at Philadelphia, Pa., July 2.

The Philadelphia, Pa., First church has secured Rev. John Neely as supply pastor during the illness and recuperation of Pastor John M. Aeby. The Aebys are now vacationing in Minnesota and Brother Aeby expects to return to the pulpit after Labor Day.

The annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is set for August 24-30 at Winona Lake, Ind. Every member of the denomination who possibly can ought to plan to attend for spiritual refreshment and to help make decisions of eternal value.

The Lake Odessa, Mich., church called Rev. Robert Griffith, recent graduate from Grace Theological Seminary, to be its pastor. He moved to the field July 15, the same day the former pastor of the church, Lee Jenkins, moved to Winona Lake, Ind., where he will reside awaiting his call to the chaplaincy in the U. S. Marine Corps. Brother Griffith should be addressed at R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich., and Brother Jenkins at Winona Lake, Ind. (Make addition and correction in Annual, pp. 68-69). Just before the Jenkinsons moved the church gave them a farewell party and a generous gift.

Two Brethren young men, Alva Connor, of Roanoke, Va., and Jesse Deloe, Jr., of Winona Lake, Ind., are members of the Bryan University Gospel Messengers. The group is in the midst of a 10-weeks tour of the midwestern States, holding meetings in churches and youth rallies. The tour will end in Cleveland, Ohio, August 23.



## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the Christian Navahos that they may bear a testimony among their own people. Pray that children who will become missionaries will be directed to the Navaho mission school.

2. Pray for the DVBS in Phoenix, Ariz., August 10-21. Praise the Lord for the 1952 DVBS, for out of it has grown the present Phoenix church. Also pray about the financing and construction of the new church there.

3. Pray for home mission churches such as Chico, Juniata, Denver, Cedar Rapids, and Harrisburg, where changes of pastors are being made, that it will in no way retard the spiritual and financial growth of the churches.

4. Pray for the annual board meeting of the directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council as it convenes August 17. Plans in home missions will be made for the year 1954.

5. Pray that every Brethren will get a vision of the needs in Brethren home missions, and that each one will know the Lord's will in what He would have them to do about it.

6. Pray for the NFBC conference August 24-30.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Praise the Lord for His goodness in supplying the largest foreign mission offering in the history of our society—\$223,611.57. Pray that the foreign board may have wisdom from the Lord in the handling of these funds.

2. Pray for the Hill Maconaghys, now en route to Argentina for another term of service. They sailed from New York on July 23, having been delayed by the death of Mrs. Maconaghy's father.

3. Pray for the Roy Snyders, now on furlough from Africa, that they may have a time of rest and that Mrs. Snyder may be fully restored to health. Pray also for the other missionaries on furlough.

4. Continue to pray much for the work in Brazil, especially for the two new missionary families, the Zielas and Teeters, as they learn the language and take on heavy responsibility. The work in Brazil is a

growing one and the demands on our missionaries are tremendous.

5. Pray for those who found the Lord as Saviour during the recent trip of the Haags into Baja California. Also pray for the Roy Howards, who are now visiting along the Sonora coast of Mexico.

6. Pray for the Albert Balzers, who will be returning to Africa at the end of August. Pray for the Charles Sumeys and Miss Clara Schwartz, who are preparing to leave Africa on furlough in September.

7. Pray for the work in Honolulu, that the Lord will lead adults of His choosing to join with the Tresises in a strong gospel witness. Remember to pray for the Tresises as they support themselves.



8. Pray for the Sibley Edmiston family, whom the Lord has led to locate at Laredo, Tex., where they expect to serve as self-supporting workers in witnessing to the Spanish-speaking people of that border area.

9. Pray for the annual meeting of the foreign board, beginning August 17 at Winona Lake, that the board may be definitely led of the Lord in the many decisions which must be made.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Pray that God will send to the seminary just the students He would have there this coming year.

2. Pray that the Lord will lead in the establishment of the new dormitory for single college students. Pray also for a proper supervision of this phase of the seminary's work.

3. Pray that God will supply the financial need of the seminary, especially during the months prior to the lifting of the annual offering in December and January.

4. Pray for the success of the plan to establish a four-year college curriculum in connection with the seminary.

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray for Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum as he assumes the office of editor and business manager of this company beginning September 1. Pray that the days of transition will be orderly and profitable to all parties concerned.

2. Pray that the offerings being sent in will be sufficient to care for all the needs of the company and that the Lord will direct in the use of every cent given.

## WMC—

1. Pray for a good representation from each district at our national WMC conference.

2. Pray for especial wisdom and divine guidance for the cabinet members as they meet prior to conference.

3. Pray the Lord's blessing upon every session, that we all may receive much inspiration and a great vision for this coming year.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the national Sisterhood board members as they meet the week end before national conference.

2. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of the national officers.

3. Pray that each SMM girl might be willing to be used of the Lord in the salvation of precious souls.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the young people who are making decisions for Christ at camps will have the grace and strength to keep them.

2. Pray that those making decisions concerning school this fall may have wisdom, and may find the Lord supplying every need.

3. Pray that the financial needs of the Youth Council may be met.

4. Pray that many of our young people may be able to enjoy the blessings, inspiration, and instruction of Camp Bethany.

# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART I: THE SETTING OF A PRECIOUS TREASURE.

*This is the first of a series of brief devotional and inspirational articles by Brother Whitcomb on one of the richest chapters in the Old Testament Scriptures.—Editor.*

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psa. 119:18). This may have been David's prayer as he prepared himself for the study of God's Word, but it *must* be our prayer if we expect the Holy Spirit of God to draw aside the veil that covers the holy place of divine revelation, and to reveal to our astonished eyes the priceless treasures of His Word.

### A Comparison

If the Bible may be compared to the ancient Jewish temple, with its various courts and chambers, then surely the 53d chapter of Isaiah is in the very holy of holies of the temple of Scripture, where the Spirit-led believer may gaze into the face of the Holy One of Israel as in no other place. Dare we approach our blessed Lord as revealed in this passage, without "a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water"? The very first phrase in this exquisite chapter (which we shall consider as beginning at Isaiah 52:13), is an invitation by God to "behold, my servant." Let us pray, then, with David, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold"—**THY SERVANT, THE HOLY LAMB OF GOD!**

### Two Ways

There are at least two ways in which God has indicated to us the supreme importance of this chapter. The first is by way of New Testament *quotation*, and the second is by Old Testament *location*. With regard to the first of these, it is astonishing to discover that parts of Isaiah 53 are quoted in Matthew 8, John 12, Acts 8, Romans 10 and 15, and I Peter 2! Thus, the Spirit of God, as it were by the force of quotations and repetitions, would draw our attention back, back, back to this mar-

velous prophecy of Messiah's Person and work.

Secondly, we find that the *location* of Isaiah 53 is an indication of its importance. Isaiah was the prince of writing prophets, and his heavenly, God-glorifying passages become almost poetical in the last section of his prophecy (chapters 40-66), which is considered to be the highest and richest portion of Old Testament revelation. It begins where the New Testament begins—



Prof. Whitcomb

with the ministry of John the Baptist (40:3), and ends where the New Testament ends—with a new heaven and a new earth (65:17; 66:22). These last 27 chapters of Isaiah are divided into three equal parts of nine chapters, each one ending with the solemn pronouncement that "there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (48:22; 57:21; cf. 66:24). Now consider the location of Isaiah 53: it is the central *chapter* of the central *section* (52-54) of the central *division* (49-57) of the *heart* of Old Testament prophecy! And the central *verse* of our passage is 53:5—"He was wounded for our transgressions." This verse presents the doctrine of substitutionary atonement, which is the theme of the chapter, and the key to the problem of how Israel's iniquity is to be pardoned (40:2). Is all of this mere chance, or does it unveil the marvelous providence of our God, in placing the atonement in the very heart of Old Testament prophecy?

### Its Context

Let us now see how Isaiah 53 fits into the context of Isaiah 40-66, that

we might understand fully its significance in relation to the rest of the book and to Bible prophecy in general. David Baron, in his very helpful exposition of Isaiah 53, called "The Servant of Jehovah," points out that "one great line of thought unfolded in the whole prophecy is the development of evil and the final overthrow of the wicked, who are excluded from the blessings of Messiah's kingdom; and the sufferings but final glory of the righteous remnant, who are the subjects of that kingdom, and whose King is described as leading the way along the same path of suffering into glory." The purpose of Isaiah 53 is not simply to present an unanswerable example of predictive prophecy, but rather it is to show that all the eternal hopes of a believing remnant are based solely upon the substitutionary atoning sacrifice of a Person who is known to God as "My Servant," who shall be stricken "for the transgression of my people."

### "Behold This Lamb"

Someone has said that with this chapter, "all Hebrew prophecy as a divine revelation stands or falls." But it is even more true to say that with the Person of this chapter, the Servant of Jehovah, all of God's promises must stand or fall. For apart from the willing sacrifice of the Holy One of Israel upon the cross of Calvary for the sins of men, God's justice could prevent no sinner, however loved by Him, from escaping the consequences of his sins in the lake of fire forever. Little wonder, then, that God calls upon sinners and saints to **BEHOLD** this Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world! If you have not beheld Him as the Substitute for *your* sins, dear friend, your condemnation continues steadfastly onward, despite all refinements and religious rituals. For we cannot escape this word from God: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

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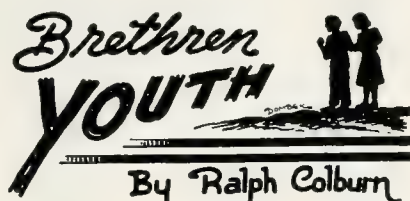
# ACTIVITIES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION

## BBC PRESIDENT ACTIVE FOR THE LORD

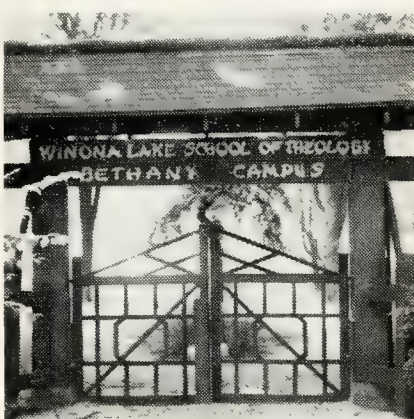
Arthur Martinez, national BBC president from Taos, N. Mex., is still very much on the job for the Lord in Korea, and recently had the privilege of leading a couple of guards to Christ. He has also been attending and assisting in services for ROK soldiers, witnessing through an interpreter. He has used most of his service pay for tracts, Testaments, Gospels, etc., in Korean, for distribution among the spiritually hungry people there. Remember to pray for Arthur and for the other boys like him who are on the job for the Lord while in service.

## PHOENIX BYF LEADER ENTERS CAP

Patricia Mary Hendricks, past president of Senior BYF and recent high-school graduate, is now a Civil Air Patrol cadet in the New Mexico-Arizona area. Pat is a good flier, and also an active leader in our new church at Phoenix, Ariz. And we hope her testimony for the Lord will always be as strong as her enthusiasm for the air!



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**(Total Cost, \$20.00)**

## KAMP KEYSTONE CLOSES GOOD YEAR

One hundred twenty-five juniors the first week and 59 seniors the second week kept Kamp Keystone humming with activity near Somerset, Pa., recently. Good weather prevailed most of the time, though it did get a little chilly the second week.

A new way of handling decisions, with the cards marked by the campers themselves, brought good re-

sponse, and there were a total of 19 in the two weeks who indicated that they were accepting Christ as Saviour, or making sure of salvation. Forty-nine renewed their vows with the Lord, 29 gave their lives for full-time Christian service, and 39 covenanted to read their Bibles and pray daily—seems to run to “9’s,” doesn’t it? We praise the Lord for these wonderful blessings in camp, and look forward to others.



*Junior Camp Group—Kamp Keystone*

## THREE GIRLS AID IN KENTUCKY DVBS

Joan Stuiber, from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Helen Bothwell, from Philadelphia, Pa., Third church; and Lucile Leichty, from Cleveland, Ohio, recently spent two busy weeks helping in DVBS at Clayhole, Ky. It was the first time for a long time that DVBS has been held there, because of the lack of help, and Pastor Sewell Landrum hardly knew how many to expect. He certainly didn’t expect the more than 100-average attendance that was reached.

Helen spent her two weeks vacation from a busy office in Philadelphia assisting in this work, and the other two girls postponed the starting of jobs until the work there was



*(Left to right) Joan, Helen, Lucile*

finished. Their sacrifice and service were certainly appreciated by the pastor and people at Clayhole, and we know the girls had a great time in the service of the Lord there. And they’ll have some real firsthand missionary experiences to tell the home folk concerning this fine home-mission work.

## CONDEMNED

A “Lutheran Pastor Schumann” was sentenced to six years in prison by an East German Communist court because of a sermon illustration. The pastor had cited an example of a wealthy Englishman donating his entire fortune to a Christian youth movement. A Communist court ruled the story “a glorification of capitalism,” found the pastor guilty of “agitation against . . . the Communist government,” and sentenced him to six years.—*Gospel Herald*.



**Willis Witzky Dies**

Bro. Willis Witzky, of Mansfield, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 23, 1953. He was buried from the Grace Brethren Church on June 26. The large crowd present for the funeral service testified to the love and esteem which he enjoyed among God's children in his home town.

Brother Witzky attended Bryan University and spent one semester at Grace Theological Seminary, preparing for the ministry. However, lack of good health forced him to give up his earnest hope of serving the Lord in the pastorate here on earth.

Though the last seven months of his life were spent in almost continued physical suffering, his faith and personal testimony continued to grow, and became a source of great blessing and spiritual inspiration to many people. At the time of his homegoing he was a deacon and the much-loved teacher of the young people's Bible class in the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield.—*Bernard N. Schneider, pastor.*

**Mrs. D. W. Early Dies**

Mrs. D. W. Early passed away at Yakima, Wash., April 13, 1953, at the age of 88 years. She was born in Ogle County, Ill., June 1, 1864, and moved to Oregon in 1877 where she was united in marriage to Jacob H. Flory, June 22, 1882. Mr. Flory passed away October 26, 1905. To this union six children were born.

She moved to the Yakima Valley of Washington the year of 1902, where she spent the rest of her life. She was united in marriage to Daniel W. Early November 3, 1907. She was a member of the Sunnyside and Harrah churches and a charter member of the Yakima church.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, D. W. Early, of Yakima; one daughter, Mrs. E. E. Harter, of Yakima; three sons, Thurston and Jess Flory, of Grandview, and Clarence Flory, of Prosser; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Kurnow, of Seattle, and Mrs. Estella Lytton, of Riverside,

To those who have been keeping up with the activities of the Young Russian Christian Association, we know you will rejoice with us in the news concerning our proposed work among the Russians in Guadalupe, Mexico.

We have been plugging a drive for funds so we could have a "lump sum" with which to start building there. Last night, July 12, was "Guadalupe Day," the day that we were to take a special offering for that purpose.

It was the hottest day of the year; many went to the beaches; there was a big wedding in one of the Molokan churches—how disappointing it was to have such a small crowd when we had advertised quite extensively concerning this project. The program was presented; Al Samarin, the worker-to-be in the colony, told how he felt that God had led him into the work.

Then, after showing colored slides taken on the field, the offering was received. For every \$10 that came in a brick was added on a black-board prepared for that purpose. Brick by brick the structure began to grow. Then, when the whole offering was counted and the bricks built, the amount came to \$735, and that from about 50 young people and

a few friends. The Lord did certainly work and is still working. Phone calls have come in telling us that even though they could not come to the meeting they were sending offerings and pledges for monthly contributions for the missionary endeavors of the YRCA.

Pray for us. The Rogoff family and I are heading for Mexico City to visit Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, an ex-president of Mexico, and present the work to him and get all the necessary permits, etc., for the work. Also we will be taking one of our boys, Al Gussiff, down to Chiapas, where he will be teaching English for six months near the Wycliffe jungle camp. Al is a member of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach.

The YRCA missionary endeavors have been quite extensive the last six months especially. Approximately \$800 has been spent—the money or equipment going to Bill Samarin in Africa, Marj Trulin in Mexico, Earl and Betty Adams under Wycliffe in Guatemala, the work in Guadalupe, and small offerings to various other works. We hope to get a missionary budget real soon that will include the above works and also half support of our member, Vera Bukan, who will be going to the Indians of Mexico under the Wycliffe Translators.—*Jack Green, director.*

Calif.; one brother, Elmer Forney, of Addy, Wash.; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; one stepson, Ed Early, of Mabton; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Roy Perry, of Yakima; eight stepgrandchildren; nine great-stepgrandchildren; and one great-great-stepgrandchild.

She was buried in Sunnyside.—*Russell L. Williams, pastor.*

**Artesia, California**

Greetings in Jesus' precious name!

Here is a brief report concerning the Lord's blessing on His work here in Artesia. During the last two months we had eight baptisms and eight new members were received into our fellowship. In our meetings with Bro. R. Paul Miller and Brother Pietropaulo there were 45 decisions, of which 38 were made as first-time.

On the Sunday of June 28 Rev. Carl Sisson spoke in the morning

service and the Men's Magnify from Long Beach First church conducted the evening service while we helped in the summer camp at Tahquitz Pines. We had 16 young people at camp from our church.

Our daily vacation Bible school will begin Monday, July 20, and continue for two weeks.—*Adam Rager, pastor.*

**Additions to Membership**

Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	5
Washington, D. C. ....	5
Wooster, Ohio .....	12

**Public Confessions**

Ashland, Ohio .....	1
Wooster, Ohio .....	6

**Dedication of Babies**

Seattle, Wash. ....	1
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## SOUND TRUCK GOES TO KOREA

A one-ton Chevrolet panel truck, equipped with modern sound devices, was presented to the Pocket Testament League for use in gospel witnessing in Korea—a gift of two New York Christian businessmen.

In a dedicatory ceremony at the Brookdale Baptist Church of New York City, May 17, Mr. Alfred A. Kuns, executive director of the PTL, christened the truck "The Tutson," and said:

"These sound trucks [one already in use there] are indispensable in getting the Gospel to the Korean people. They enable our evangelists to reach literally thousands of people daily. We feel that every minute counts—the time for preaching the Gospel in Korea may be short. Please continue to support this gospel ministry with your prayers."

## ZEOLI COMPLETES MISSION

Evangelist Anthony Zeoli, widely known as "the walking Bible" because of his rapid-fire use of hundreds of Scripture verses in his dynamic preaching, conducted Crusade Campaigns in Rome and Florence, Italy; Geneva, Switzerland; Paris, France; Glasgow, Scotland; Belfast, Ireland; and London, England.

Thirty-two years ago Zeoli was converted in Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia. His remarkable testimony of salvation from a life of crime, coupled with his phenomenal memorizing of the Bible, has caused him to be in demand as an evangelist throughout the United States and Canada.—*Gospel Herald*.

## A THOUSAND TINY DEMONS

A thousand tiny demons!  
They level hills of faith,  
And cover vales of love;  
They break the boughs of peace,  
They waste the breath of hope,  
They scorch the leaves of joy;  
Until there seems to be  
No consecration left.

But, ah! they can't destroy  
The Mount that towers above  
All hills, all vales, all things;  
That watches fatherly  
Lest anyone should fall,  
To pluck him up and out,  
And stand him firm and strong  
On Christ, th' eternal Rock!

—Charles Bergerson.

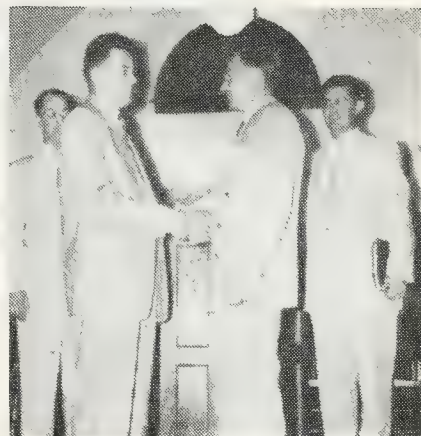
## Robert Griffith Ordained by Pike Church

The Pike Brethren Church, of Conemaugh, Pa., ordained one of its own young men, D. Robert Griffith, to the ministry of the Gospel in an impressive service in the auditorium of the church house July 12. This followed an examination by the ministerial examining board of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Scripture was read by Pastor Clair Gartland, of the Pike church, and Pastor Kenneth B. Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, preached the sermon. Brother Ashman was a former pastor of the Pike church.

This was followed by the authorization by Pastor Gartland, the Scriptures that pertain to the elder or bishop were read by Pastor Gerald Polman, brother-in-law of the candidate for ordination, and the questions and vows were read by Pastor Ashman. The three pastors took part in the ordination prayer. Brother Gartland gave the charge to the new elder and he in turn gave the benediction.

During the service Pastor Polman sang two special musical numbers,



Participants in ordination service (left-right)—Pastors Kenneth Ashman, Robert Griffith, Clair Gartland, Gerald Polman.

and Miss Patricia Griffith, sister of the candidate, was the pianist for the service.

Brother Griffith began his ministry as pastor of the Lake Odessa, Mich., church July 15, and has moved to that community.

## MRS. GRIFFITH THOMAS DIES

Mrs. W. H. Griffith Thomas, 89-year-old widow, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer H. Gillespie, at Lafayette, La., June 13.

She was the widow of the well-known English clergyman and writer, Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas, one-time vicar of St. Paul's Church, London, England; principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; professor at Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada; and author of many books on the Bible and the Christian life. The family moved from England to Canada in 1910 and to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1919, where Dr. Thomas died in 1924.

Mrs. Thomas, Alice Monk, was born March 3, 1864, and was soon afterward baptized and confirmed in the Church of England. It was not until she was 21 years of age, in an evangelistic meeting, that she received the Lord Jesus as her Saviour. She was married to Dr. Thomas August 2, 1898.

Two funeral services were held, one at Lafayette and the second at Philadelphia, where the body was laid to rest by the remains of her

husband. The Philadelphia service was conducted by Dr. Charles Ernest Scott and Dr. Edwin A. Bustard. Mrs. Richard Bolton sang the first two stanzas of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and was joined by Mrs. Thomas' daughter in singing the third stanza as a testimony.

Dr. Bustard explained that according to Mrs. Thomas' wishes her body was not to be viewed, for she did not want friends to see her face, but rather to look into the face of Christ and behold the glory of the Lord, according to II Corinthians 3:18.

## NO BROTHERHOOD?

Columnist Pegler is a good deal of a meat-ax artist, but he often is right. "I am sick," he says (and who isn't?) "of the awkward triumvirate of rabbi, priest, and minister, constantly in the [theater] wings to whip on the stage, singing, 'God Bless America.'" Then he adds, "Our religions are neither similar nor reconcilable."—*Sunday School Times*.

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## Introducing a New Brethren Pastor

Robert William Markley, at the request of the congregation, assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church of Berrien Springs, Mich., May 1. He and his family moved to Berrien Springs from Hanover, Mich., where they had resided since his graduation from Huntington College, Huntington, Ind., six years ago.

Brother Markley is a native of Constantine, Mich., where he was a member of the Florence Church of the Brethren. This church had licensed him to the ministry in 1942. He attended Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind., for 18 months.

In 1944, Brother Markley was convicted of sin and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He followed this with a transfer to Huntington College, from which he received a Master of Arts degree in 1947.

During this time of study in Huntington, Brother and Sister Markley united with the Grace Brethren Church of that city, under the ministry of Pastor H. Leslie Moore.



Pastor Robert W. Markley

Since leaving college and while living in Hanover, Mr. Markley taught school for five years and also pastored the Hanover Gospel Center the last two of those years.

## YFC HAS GREAT CONVENTION

Youth for Christ International held its ninth annual convention at Winona Lake, Ind., June 28-July 12. During the 15 days of 14 sessions per day more than 750 public confessions were made, many of them for salvation.

Delegates and directors came from 38 States, six Canadian Provinces, and 12 foreign countries. The night services averaged better than 5,000 people a night, with the 7,500-seat Billy Sunday Tabernacle filled several times.

George Clunis, 18-year-old son of a Detroit, Mich., mortician, won the preacher's contest for teen-agers. Bill Nothelfer, 15-year-old son of missionaries to Japan, from Turlock, Calif., won the song-leading contest. The national Bible quiz was won by a five-person team from California.

President Robert A. Cook was reelected for his sixth term, and Evangelist Billy Graham, who missed his first convention, was reelected as vice president. Dr. Robert A. Pierce was elected second vice president, Ed

Darling was elected secretary, and Dr. Frank Phillips was given the office of treasurer.

The 10th annual convention is slated for July 4-18 at Winona Lake again. The 1955 World Congress on Evangelism was awarded to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for February of that year.

The chorus choir under the leadership of Don DeVos was described by Mrs. William A. (Ma) Sunday as being "the largest choir we've ever had on the platform."

## ENJOYS THE HERALD

"I am enclosing a check for my subscription. I certainly wouldn't want to miss a copy. I am so glad it is a weekly paper and I enjoy each one. I feel so much better acquainted with each branch of our work. . . . My issue is enjoyed by others as well as myself. (Signed) Mrs. R. M. Williams."

## MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT

By Leona D. Cole

When the outstretched wings of morning  
Are luminous with light,  
I wonder is He coming  
Ere the sun is high and bright?

When the breast of earth is mellow,  
At the noontide, lush and warm,  
I wonder is He coming?  
Shall I see His face and form?

When the sky with living coral  
Halos earth and rivers' deep,  
I wonder, is He coming  
When the world is fast asleep?

Seems that every waiting moment  
I am strangely made aware  
That the mansions now are ready,  
And the saints will soon be there.  
—From *Sonnets of the Ages*.

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We thank Him for our food.

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Thank you, God, for everything.

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For my food, my work, and play.

Thank you for the things we eat,  
Thank you for the earth so sweet.

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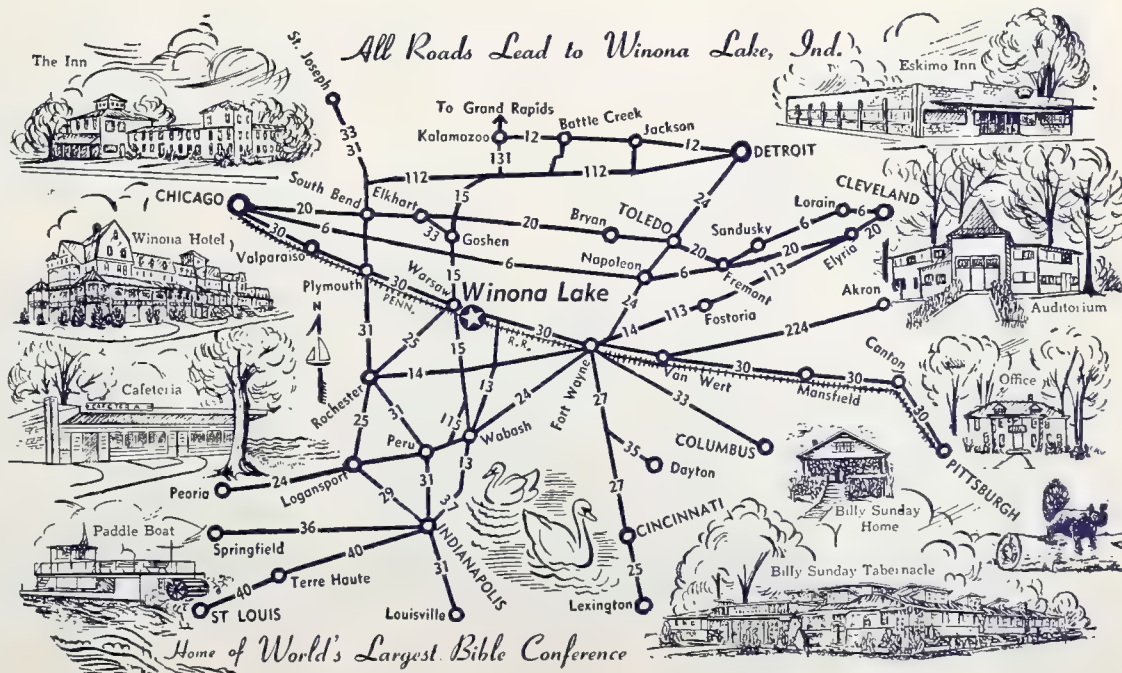
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*Bro. Earl Schrock*, lifelong Brethren and during the last few years a member of the La Verne, Calif., church, died at his Pomona, Calif., home July 15. He and Mrs. Schrock, Bible school superintendent of the La Verne church, had just returned from the midweek prayer meeting where he joined in singing, "It Is Well With My Soul," when he died. Brother Schrock had held many offices, being a deacon for a number of years, in local congregations in southern California and also in the district conference. Besides Mrs. Schrock he leaves behind a daughter and a son.

At the *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church, while Pastor Lyle Marvin was teaching in the young people's camps, Evangelist William Smith, of Washington, D. C., preached July 5, and Brethren John Sansom and Burton Larkey, of San Bernardino, preached July 12.

*Pastor Donald W. Rossman*, of the Kittanning, Pa., North Buffalo church, has moved to nearby Elderton, Pa. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

The *Leesburg, Ind.*, church, now engaged in a remodeling program, unanimously called Pastor Nathan Meyer and gave him a \$500 salary increase for next year. Editor Conard Sandy is preaching there while Pastor Meyer is spending six weeks in study in Bible lands.

*Miss Isobel Fraser*, missionary to the Jews, is living temporarily at 469 N. Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 42.)

The *East District Fellowship* held its annual conference at Meyersdale, Pa., July 20-23. It elected Pastor Clyde K. Landrum as moderator and

chose the Altoona, Pa., First church for next year's conference. It decided to continue its investigation of Cumberland, Md., as a possible place for another Brethren testimony.

*Pastor Robert W. Betz* concluded his ministry at the Camden, Ohio, church July 26. On July 17 the church held a farewell surprise on the Betz family and gave them a cash gift.

The *Tracy, Calif.*, church, pastored by William Clough, held a dedication service for the new Hammond organ July 19. Max Bashor, of Modesto, Calif., was the organist for the service and special music was presented by several churches of the area.

*Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum*, editor and business manager-elect of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, is moving to Winona Lake, Ind., August 10. (Change Annual, p. 69.)



The *Dayton, Ohio*, First church's bulletin for July 19 has this item: "The board of trustees announce that, as directed by the church body, and after many hours of study and prayerful consideration, they have unanimously accepted a 'Contract to Purchase' our church property at 1900 W. Third St. [present church location] from the Zion Hill Baptist Church of Dayton, and the matter is now in the hands of our attorneys who are starting the required legal proceedings to complete this sale." This congregation has already bought property in a newer residential section of the city for the erection of another church home, according to Pastor William Steffler.

*Mrs. Christina Kaltenbaugh*, an 82-year-old member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church living in Windber, Pa., died July 13.

*Pastor W. A. Ogden*, of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, is able again, following his accident at camp, to assume his pastoral duties and was able to attend district conference. Pastor Stanley Hauser, of Cone-

maugh, and Rev. H. Walter Nowag, of Johnstown, preached for him July 19.

*Rev. Martin Garrison*, of Fayette, Ohio, a retired preacher holding membership in the South Bend, Ind., church, is seriously ill in the Montpelier, Ohio, hospital.

*Pastor Phillip J. Simmons* now lives at 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 71.)

The *Glendale, Calif.*, church, pastored by Charles M. Underwood, had special programs July 19 with Singer Alan McGill and Speakers Ronald Rasmussen and Henry Robinson.

*Bro. Abe Bowman*, a long-time member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, celebrated his 92d birthday July 28. He has been confined to his home with illness for several weeks.

The *Middlebranch, Ohio*, church, pastored by Edward Lewis, had a full house July 17 for the closing program of the vacation Bible school. The school, supervised by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Ted Henning, averaged 117 in attendance, with a high of 126 present, and 16 children received the Saviour. The offerings totaled \$112.

*Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Sr.*, have returned from India and should be addressed in care of Mrs. C. B. Smith, 913 Boyd Ave., Fresno, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 75.)

*Pastor Edward Clark* has resigned as pastor of the Chambersburg, Pa., Pond Bank church effective August 23 so that he can enter Grace Theological Seminary this fall. Brother Clark is the founder and only pastor thus far of the Pond Bank church.

The *Charles Taber* family arrived in Africa July 15 and should be addressed at Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

The *Grace Chapel, Honolulu, Hawaii*, pastored by Foster Tresise, witnessed five dedications to the Lord July 15.

*Mrs. Laura Hollway*, faithful member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church since 1915, died July 11.

The *Findlay, Ohio*, church, pastored by Forest F. Lance, had 71 people in Sunday school, 65 in morning service, and 33 in evening service July 12.

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# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART II: THE MYSTERY OF JEHOVAH'S SERVANT

No less remarkable than the quotations and location of Isaiah 53 are the *divisions* into which it naturally falls. There are clearly five such divisions, which may be entitled as follows: The Mystery of the Servant (52:13-15); The Rejection of the Servant (53:1-3); The Atonement of the Servant (53:4-6); The Submission of the Servant (53:7-9); and The Exaltation of the Servant (53:10-12). Each part of the chapter fills in some of the lines in the portrait of our Lord. After the introductory section (52:13-15), which gives us an over-all sketch of Messiah's humiliation and exaltation, we trace His career from the root out of dry ground to the right hand of the Father. Each section is different, but each section fits perfectly into the whole, until we see the face of GOD OUR SAVIOUR stamped indelibly upon the completed puzzle.

Turning now to the first verse of our prophecy (52:13), we find the following points:

(1) The importance of the declaration is indicated: "Behold."

(2) The subject of attention is singled out: "My servant."

(3) The activity of this Person is characterized: "Shall deal prudently."

(4) The results are detailed: "He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high."

### *The Servant Is Christ*

The word "behold," often used by Isaiah (e. g., 42:1), calls our attention to something of supreme importance. In this case, we are brought face to face with a Person: "my servant." Now unbelievers, particularly Jews, would say that a person is not meant here at all, but rather the nation of Israel. This is a crucial point and must be settled clearly in our minds before we can understand the prophecy. It is true that God calls Israel "my servant" in several passages in Isaiah (e. g., 45:4), but that in no way proves that Messiah is not referred to in other places! The context must settle the matter, and it does so here! If you turn to 53:8 you will discover that "he" was stricken "for the trans-

gression of my people." Therefore the Person of this chapter must be distinguished from God's people, Israel. Another clear example of this distinction between Messiah and Israel is found in 49:5-6. No one can successfully deny the force of this argument. Isaiah 53 speaks of God's Servant: CHRIST!

### *The Successful Servant*

Now let us notice briefly what this Servant does, and what are the results of His actions. The phrase, "deal prudently," means to "deal wisely" or "act prosperously." The idea is that the Servant will perform with intelligence the great work entrusted to Him by the Father, and will bring it to a prosperous or successful conclusion. This same word is used at the end of Joshua 1:8—"then thou shalt have good success."

Was Christ successful in His work? Let the resulting events speak for themselves: "He shall be exalted [rise up] and extolled [lifted up], and be very high." Can you fail to find the New Testament fulfillment of this? Notice: He will rise (*resurrection*: commencement); He will be lifted up (*ascension*: continuation); He will be very high (*exaltation*: completion). What a proof is this that Calvary was a success! Franz Delitzsch says: "The Servant of Jehovah, rising from stage to stage, reaches at last an immeasurable height, that towers above everything."

### *The Suffering Servant*

After a preface of glory, which points to the conclusion of Messiah's

career, we now see a glimpse of the valley of suffering through which the Servant had to pass. This was the *mystery* of the Messiah to the Old Testament mind. In verse 13 we see someone "very high," but in verse 14 we see someone "marred" or disfigured. Can both verses refer to the same person? Not until the crucifixion could the problem be solved: The Servant had to suffer at His *first* coming in order to be glorified at His *second* coming!

Now notice, as we conclude this week's study, the picture of suffering presented in verse 14. In order to bring out the clear meaning of the original language, I want to paraphrase the verse: "Many individuals were petrified by paralyzing astonishment [same word as at the end of Ezekiel 26:16] at Thee, because His appearance was disfigured beyond human recognition [as a result of physical and spiritual sufferings on the cross], and His bodily or facial form was no longer like that of men."

Does *that* give you a hint of the cost of our redemption? When Pontius Pilate brought forth the Lord Jesus, clothed in a purple robe and crowned with thorns, he cried to the multitudes, "Behold the man" (John 19:5). Perhaps many in that mob were *astonished* at the contrast between His claims and His present appearance. But when Jesus cried out from the cross, "It is finished," and the Father shook the earth in reply, "the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, [and] they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

My friend, unless the thought of the crucified Christ strikes astonishment and repentance into your soul, there is little likelihood that you have seen God's Servant for what He truly is. Unless you believe in your heart that He is indeed the Son of God who bore your sins on the cross, then you are dead in trespasses and sins. Look on Him with faith today, and live!

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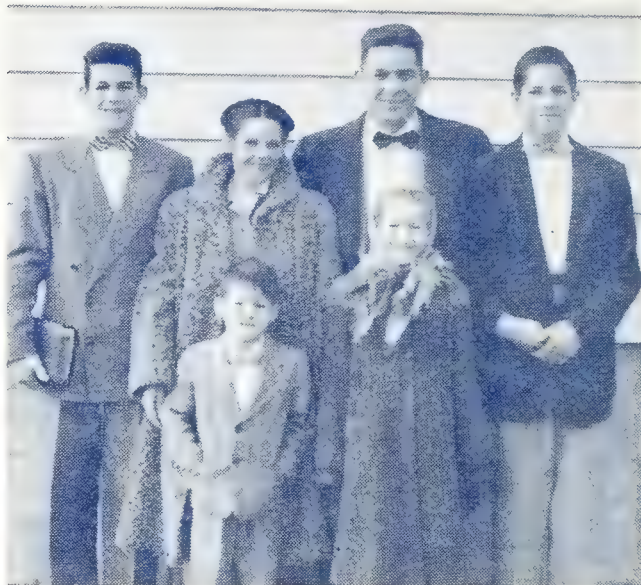




# ALTO, MICHIGAN, DEDICATES NEW BUILDING



Above is a picture of the new building of the Alto, Mich., Calvary Brethren Church. To the right is a picture of Pastor Earl O. Funderburg and his family.



## By the Editor

On Sunday afternoon, July 5, 1953, the congregation of the Calvary Brethren Church of Alto, Mich., dedicated its beautiful new church building unto the Lord for the salvation of souls and for the edification of the saints.

Following the singing of the doxology, the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Robert Griffith, then pastor-elect of the nearby Lake Odessa church. The congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation," and Rev. Robert Bates, of Jackson, read the devotional Scripture lesson. "My Hope Is Built" was sung by the congregation and Rev. Robert Griffith read Hebrews 5. The Conqueror's Quartet of the Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, sang two musical numbers.

Pastor Lee Jenkins, then of the Lake Odessa church but now living at Winona Lake, Ind., gave the message of the afternoon on "Going Forward With Christ the Lord." Dorothy and Verle Stahl, mother and son, sang an appropriate musical number. Rev. Earl O. Funderburg, pastor, and Rev. Conard Sandy, presiding elder, both spoke at this place in the program and then Brother Sandy led in the prayer of dedication.

The Conqueror's Quartet again sang just before the offering was received. The congregation joined in the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers"

and Rev. Robert Bates led in the closing prayer. Dean Geiger, of the local church, was the song leader for the service.

A very remarkable thing about this dedication was that the building was set aside unto the Lord free of debt. This church began September 1, 1950, when a group of believers separated themselves from the Church of the Brethren. The charter membership was 32 and it is now 57, two having joined recently. The church joined the Central District in July 1951.

The congregation met in the various homes of the members until June of 1951, at which time they were able to move into the basement part of the new building that was

started in November of 1950. Most of the work was done by the members themselves and they received no financial help from any outside agency. Yet the Lord blessed them with a debt-free building on dedication day.

The writer was privileged to hold a three-day Bible conference there July 3-5 in connection with the dedicatory services. At the close of the morning service two young couples publicly confessed Christ Jesus as Saviour and one young man presented himself to the Lord for His complete will in his life.

Indeed, this church is to be commended for its faith and faithfulness and in the progress it has made in the Lord Jesus.

## BAPTISTS REPORT INCREASES

The Conservative Baptist Association, composed of 739 churches, met at Portland, Oreg., June 22-28 with 1,279 delegates attending. The next conference is scheduled for Detroit, Mich., May 19-26, 1954.

The foreign missionary society of the association, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, received more than 1¼ million dollars last year and appointed its 301st missionary at the conference. The home missionary society, only four years old, reported 42.6 percent increase in monies it received during the year.

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The Martinsburg, Pa., church gave Pastor Gerald W. Teeter a unanimous call for another year.



# Thoughts for Christian Pilgrims

By Conard Sandy

## **Evidence of Perilous Times**

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, the young pastor at Ephesus: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (II Tim. 3:1).

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, recently declared: "In the United States, criminals force us to spend each year more than 4 2/3 as much on them as we spend on all forms of education, both public and private." How can God longer hold back His judgment on a wicked and godless world?

As evidence Mr. Hoover pointed out that 2,036,510 major crimes were committed in this country during 1952, an increase of 8 1/2 percent over 1951, and the highest yearly total in our history.

During the year 1,227,580 thefts were committed, 25,310 of them involving automobiles. There were also 442,760 burglaries, 17,240 rape cases, 12,860 felonious homicides, and 87,930 aggravated assaults with intent to kill or maim.

## **Desire to Live Is Gone**

James F. Silva claims he wants to die. When the 24-year-old San Quentin, Calif., convict was condemned to die, he smiled and answered the court with one word: "Fine."

While serving a life term for murder, he stabbed a fellow prisoner, though not fatal, and the death penalty was demanded by the law. To this assault Silva pleaded guilty, even ignoring his court-appointed counsel, and asked for the death sentence. He insisted he planned the assault and would do it again if given the opportunity, and therefore he deserves to die.

Deputy District Attorney Roger Garety said: "Maybe he wants to make peace with God."

He is too late to "make peace with God." That was done years ago by the Lord Jesus Christ who "is our peace . . . that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace"

(Eph. 2:14-17). All Mr. Silva needs to do to have this peace is to receive it by faith.

## **Fortune-Telling Is Big Business**

The Saturday Evening Post claims there are 80,000 full-time fortune-tellers in the United States, and the Better Business Bureau estimates they receive \$200,000,000 from customers who want "to know about the future." Think of it, this takes place each year in this so-called Christian nation.

The Lord Jesus Christ said to His followers: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matt. 6: 33-34).

## **Cigarette Industry Is Thriving**

Isaiah asked the people of his day a very important question, a question that should be asked of millions of people today: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?" (Isa. 55:2).

What answer can the "smokers" of the United States give to that question, when 394 billion cigarettes were "burnt up" during 1952? This is an average of 3,719 for every citizen over 15 years of age, or slightly more than 10 a day. This is an increase over the preceding year of 146 cigarettes for each person. But since many of us did not smoke any during the year the average for each smoker must run higher than 10 a day.

Indeed, dear "smoker friend," "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?"

## **Church Members Confess Drinking**

According to the Evangelical Press, a survey in a "typical Sunday morning congregation" of the Minnesota Methodist Conference disclosed that

the drinking of alcoholic beverages had become part of the pattern of living for 25 percent of its members.

The conference board of temperance, which gave the report, asked that the sociology department of a St. Paul, Minn., university make a spot check of the churches of the district and obtain accurate statistics on the drinking habits of the Methodists in the State.

The board further observed that the time had come when Methodism should ask itself if it is a "dry" church. "We feel it is necessary to keep our congregations aware of the traditional position of the Methodist Church regarding temperance," said the report.

Perhaps no denomination in our nation has given more time to the discussion of the use of and abstinence from alcoholic beverages than has this church. Yet there are now 25 percent of the members in one state conference given to the use of these beverages. Could it be that this denomination needs to return to first things, as the preaching of regeneration rather than reformation and the living of the new life rather than the seeking of new laws?

Solomon said: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

## **J. Edgar Hoover's Testimony**

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said: "Men who go to church on Sunday do not take their responsibilities lightly. . . . The man who reveals a sense of responsibility to his Creator will also be responsible to the people whom he serves."

This may account for the fact that most of the 6,046 men who are the agents of the FBI attend church regularly and engage in the active life of their local congregations.

The Spirit of God urges all Christians not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10: 25).



### Martinsburg, West Virginia

The Rosemont Brethren Church received 28 people into membership during the year ending June 30. During this time 126 public confessions were recorded, 36 of them being first-time decisions, and 27 people were baptized.

The average attendances for the second quarter of 1953 were 145 in morning worship, 123 in evening service, and 96 in prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.

Since the building was erected in October 1950 the morning service attendance has increased 68 percent, the evening service 77 percent, the membership 73 percent, and the offerings 186 percent.

The church gave the pastor his fifth consecutive unanimous call to serve here. He is to be choir chairman in a city-wide evangelistic campaign August 16-30 with Evangelist Eddie Martin. Two years ago in a similar campaign 1,300 decisions were made for Christ.

We have scheduled evangelistic meetings for our church with Evangelist R. Paul Miller September 13-27.—*M. Leon Myers, pastor.*

### Hagerstown, Maryland

On August 2 we finished our ministry in Hagerstown, Md. The past eight years and seven months have indeed been the highlight of our Christian experience and joy in the service of the Lord. Yet in spite of the fact that God has so marvelously blessed and given so many victories, our prayer for ourselves and for the church shall ever be, "Lord, lead us on to higher ground."

In presenting our final report to the church at the second quarterly business meeting it was our great joy to report as follows:

"In the great providence of God it is possible again, as it has been each year since we presented the first report in 1945, for the pastor to call attention to the fact that the church has grown in every activity during the past year. The quarter closed with the largest enrollment in the history of our Bible school, 498, as

### Additions to Membership

Bellflower, Calif. ....	1
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
Dayton, Ohio (No. Riverdale) ...	6
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	4

### Public Confessions

Conemaugh, Pa. ....	1
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ....	1
Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ....	2
Tracy, Calif. ....	3

### Dedication of Babies

Long Beach, Calif. (First) ....	5
Seattle, Wash. ....	1

compared to 150 in 1945. Average attendance for the past quarter: Bible school, 401; morning worship, 260; evening service, 180; prayer service, 118.

"Six precious souls confessed Christ as Saviour during the past quarter and six new members were added to the fellowship of the church.

"The daily vacation Bible school refused to be satisfied with past records as well, and new records were set in both enrollment, 351, and daily average attendance, 297. Adding the staff of 48 adults who faithfully taught and helped made the average attendance 345. Fifty-two boys and girls accepted Christ as their Saviour for the first time.

"The pastor appreciated the privilege of launching the Bible class in Chambersburg, Pa. The incoming pastor, Rev. Russell H. Weber, together with Rev. Dennis Holliday, of Waynesboro, Pa., will resume the class this fall.

"The highlight of the quarter was the launching of the Bible training school with 62 pupils registering. We firmly believe that great things shall result from this very humble beginning, and the day is not far away when there shall be a Bible institute in Hagerstown with Grace Church for its initial headquarters."

It is by no means easy to leave a growing church and a host of very faithful radio listeners and friends. It is our earnest prayer that we shall be able to share the great blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us and to challenge and inspire each church where the Lord may be leading us in the Crusade work.

The prayers of each reader will be appreciated in behalf of the church and its new pastor and for us too as

we launch out into what we believe is the greatest challenge we have ever faced. "Brethren, pray for us."—*Walter A. Lepp.*

### Elkhart, Indiana

Here at the Grace Brethren Church we have much to thank the Lord for. First of all, Rev. Lowell Hoyt has been called to be our pastor. He will be here, the Lord willing, September 6.

Bro. Archie Keffer, of Winona Lake, is filling in as interim pastor and is doing a very able job. Pastor James Young, Covington, Ohio, will be with us August 9 for both services.

Last but not least are the blessings we had today (July 26). All three services were record attendances, with 79 in Sunday school, 83 in morning worship, and 85 in evening worship. Last Wednesday night our attendance was 34, which is one below our record for the prayer-meeting attendance.—*Robert Schumacher, Sunday school superintendent.*

### South Bend, Indiana

During the week of special meetings July 12-19 with Evangelist Ding Teuling we saw our attendance increase 50 percent from the beginning of the week until the end. We counted 126 visitors outside of our own membership. The messages and pictures of Brother Teuling were excellent and two young men received the Lord.

These meetings created a new interest in the hearts of the members for the unsaved people of this community. The young married people's class, under the leadership of the teacher, Rev. Arthur Collins, are spearheading a visitation program as a definite result of the meetings. Pray for a spiritual harvest here.—*W. Russell Ogden, pastor.*

### REJOICES IN GOSPEL MESSAGE

"We surely greatly enjoy our Brethren Missionary Herald each week and rejoice in the pure gospel message it carries."

This is followed by a request for extra copies of the magazine and then these words: "We would be so happy to have them for house-to-house visitation. Anywhere from 10 to 100 we could use. Send the bill for them too and thanks very much. (Signed) Marion Thomas, Findlay, Ohio.



# NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## LAYMEN'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT WRITES TO EDITOR CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES FOR THE LORD

July 3, 1953.

Dear Brother Deloe:

As this is my first letter to you since we last met, I thought at least I had better write a little and let you know what has been taking place in the past few weeks.

For some time now I have been planning to try and visit as many of the churches as possible in an effort to meet the different laymen of the churches and also raise the money that was our goal. I am sorry that I have not had the time to do as much of this as I desired; however, in the meetings so far held the Lord has certainly blessed.

On June 5 and 6 I was to meet and speak to the laymen at the Northern Ohio District rally, but for some unknown reason I was notified that this meeting was canceled.

On June 21 I met with the Alexandria, Va., brethren and presented our goals and projects, giving the church an opportunity to give toward our goals. On the same date at the evening service I spoke at the Washington church and presented the same program to the entire church. At each of these meetings special laymen envelopes were given out. . . .

On June 27 I was invited to speak to the men of the Hagerstown, Md., and the Waynesboro, Pa., churches. Using as my message, "How to Organize Brethren Laymen's Groups,"



Mason Cooper

we had a very fine meeting, with everyone taking part in the discussion.

Sunday was Laymen's Day at the Hagerstown church. I met with all the men from 10 to 10:30 a. m. and presented the laymen's goals and projects and the need for greater cooperation among our brotherhood. At the evening service I brought an evangelistic message to the church as part of the Laymen's Day pro-

gram. The Lord blessed with four wonderful decisions. (How about other churches having Laymen's Day Sunday?)

At the 11 a. m. service at the Waynesboro church our goals and projects were presented along with a challenge. In that service we had two wonderful decisions for our Lord. The men of the church invited me to speak at their regular jail service about 30 miles from Waynesboro. We had a wonderful service there with the jailer being in our service. We had five first-time decisions. . . .

The Hagerstown church presented me with a check for \$102.04 for our National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen's work. They are really interested in the work. . . .

In His service,

Mason Cooper.

*This being the last Laymen's Page before national conference, I want to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to its contents from month to month.*

*In His service,*

*Jesse B. Deloe.*

### Questions on Personal Evangelism

*Question—"I have no feeling," says the one I am dealing with. Help me to deal with him.*

*Answer—What this class of sinners means is that they have no conviction. This is quite common. Therefore aim to bring conviction. The sinner must be shown that he is lost and needs salvation. Give some verses showing his state by nature—that all, including himself, have sinned, that he has broken God's law, and that a dreadful penalty awaits him. Pray for conviction while you use the Word. When he sees that he is lost, give and explain Luke 19:10; John 6:37 (last part); Ezek. 36:26-27; II Cor. 5:17.*

*(Quoted from personal evangelism course of the Washington Bible Institute)*

### JOTTINGS FROM VARIOUS LAYMEN'S MEETINGS HERE AND THERE

An entirely different spiritual program was given on July 7 when Joe Kemp, the "Gospel Magician," presented "The Gospel in Action" to the Brotherhood at Long Beach First church.

Rev. Russell Ogden, pastor of the South Bend church, spoke to the men at New Troy, Mich., at their June meeting. For the July meeting a group of men from Leesburg, Ind., accompanied their pastor, Rev. Nathan Meyer, who spoke to the combined groups, just prior to his taking off on a tour of the Holy Land.

La Verne, Calif., men have elected the following officers for the coming year: president, W. Keating; vice president, George Hay; secretary-

treasurer, Oliver Colburn. A recreational program is being planned.

Laymen at Wooster, Ohio, are making plans for their annual testimony at the Wayne County Fair and another Laymen's Revival.

On July 14 the Men's Brotherhood at the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., heard Rev. Murphy, an English evangelist, who reported on the great revival in the Hebrides islands.

On Tuesday, July 28, the men of the Second church, Long Beach, Calif., heard Stan Hill, a young man who is crippled for life from a hold-up, but who found Christ as a result of it.



## LOVE'S DELAYS

By James D. Hammer, Pastor, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Christians often ask, "Why doesn't God always answer my prayers?" The question centers around one or more of three problems. First, why doesn't God answer my prayers in the way I desire? Or, why does God delay the answer? Or, why does God allow prayers to go completely unanswered? These questions are especially puzzling when the child of God reads that Jesus said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do. . . . If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14). But let us ask ourselves some questions and see if God's Word will not give us the answers that will solve this mystery.

### *Lack of Faith*

We who pray "in Jesus' name," claiming the promise of an answer, must first ask ourselves, "*Do I really believe that God will answer my prayer?*" Many will hurriedly say, "Yes," and then with just a little more thought, be forced to change their answer to "No." Brethren, this is one of the biggest sins in the lives of God's children. Yet the Apostle James warns us in the first chapter of his epistle that the prayer which lacks genuine faith is the prayer of one who "is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" who shall not receive anything of the Lord (Jas. 1:6-7). Our Saviour Himself established this principle in Mark 11:24 when He said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

### *Lack of Proper Motive*

But if your prayers meet the test of "faith" and the problem still exists, a second question is in order. "*Do I pray for things that will glorify God or is my request based upon a selfish desire to gratify my own lusts?*" It is true that most of us can give a very rational series of reasons to prove that any particular prayer is uttered solely for the glory of God. Nevertheless, when this artificial screen of respectability is drawn aside and our prayer is completely exposed in the searchlight of God's Word, we must often admit that our own gratification was the real motive behind the prayer. This is especially true in those prayers which have to do with our health, our family, and our general economic well-being. Here again the Apostle James helps us to solve our problem when he tells us: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (Jas. 4:3).

### *Lack of Proper Home Life*

Do your unanswered prayers have to do with a wayward child or an unbelieving mate who simply will not

be moved by your earnest entreaties to allow the Lord Jesus Christ to become the Saviour and Lord of his life? If so, God's Word poses a searching question for you. "*Does my home life reflect the true spirit of Christ that should characterize every Christian?*" What about that nasty temper, Dad? Do you think it helps your wayward child to get a glimpse of Jesus sufficient to cause him or her to want to know your Saviour? How about that nagging disposition, wife? Do you really expect your husband to respond under such conditions? I Peter 3:7 teaches us that our prayers can be hindered when such conditions prevail.

### *Presence of Idols*

A further search for the answer to our problem leads to another question, "*Do I really expect the Lord to answer my prayer when I have allowed idols to take His place in my heart?*" Our Lord wants first place. No other place will do. Yet we place all manner of things ahead of Him and still expect to get answers to our prayers. In Ezekiel 14:1-3 God questions the right of certain elders in Israel to petition Him because they had set up idols in their hearts. How about it, puzzled Christian, does Jesus really have first place? Or have you given that cherished spot to your ambition or business, your family or sweetheart, your pleasures or habits—yes, even your church? This question will require considerable honest heart-searching before we can say that we have successfully passed this test.

### *Presence of an Unforgiving Spirit*

Several times our Saviour spoke about the matter which prompts our next question. "*Do I expect God to answer my prayers when I harbor ill will and unforgiveness in my heart?*" We approach God in prayer asking for His forgiveness for our sins. He forgives (I John 1:9), yet we continue to be so mean, and cheap, and contemptibly little as to refuse to forgive a brother or sister for an alleged wrong which probably wasn't nearly as big as our vivid imagination has led us to believe. Just a hurried reading of Matthew 5:23-24; 6:9-15; 18:21-22; and Mark 11:25-26 should send most of God's children scurrying to ask the forgiveness of some brother or sister whom we have been unwilling to forgive for some real or imagined wrong.

### *Presence of Secret, Unconfessed Sin*

If you have met all the other tests, just one more question remains, namely, "*Is there any secret, unconfessed*"

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*sin in my life?"* Psalm 66:18 says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Spurgeon, in commenting on this verse, says, "For God to accept our devotions, while we are delighting in sin, would be to make Himself the God of hypocrites, which is a fitter name for Satan than the Holy One of Israel." Need any more be said? If so, read Isaiah 1:15 and 59:1-2.

### *And Still the Problem Continues*

I can hear someone saying very earnestly and honestly, "Brother, I have to the very best of my ability sought to meet every one of these Scriptural conditions, and still there are many unanswered prayers." I believe the answer is to be found in our failure to give sufficient thought to our wonderful Saviour Himself in His all-wise ministry as our Intercessor at the right hand of God. In His great high-priestly prayer, our Saviour said to the Father, "I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me" (John 17:9). As our all-knowing Saviour carries on this never-ending ministry of intercession for us, He is not limited as we are. And, therefore, He intercepts our prayers with His own so that His perfect will, which He knows is best for us, might be carried out in our lives. Thus our unanswered prayers become the answers to His perfect prayers. May we be ever conscious that He prays for us in glory, as we pray on earth, with prayers that never fail. And with this knowledge within us, let us give ourselves to a deeper, stronger prayer life, unmarred by the many things that hinder prayer, fully trusting in Him whose love may cause delays in the answer to our prayers.

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### LETTER FROM DOROTHY MACONAGHY

Dear Sisters of the WMC:

As the day for our departure draws near, I want to try to express to you, through this medium, how much your love and prayers have meant to us during this year of furlough.

The opportunities we had for fellowshiping with you were times of blessing and spiritual refreshment, and we treasure the memory of many such happy occasions. As we use, in our home, the practical and lovely gifts that you have so generously given us from the missionary hope chests, we'll be reminded anew of your constant interest in our work. The birthday cards, with their cheery messages, have meant so much to us, too.

During the time of my operation, and the recent illness and homegoing of my father, we know that many of you were remembering us before the throne of grace, and we can say that the Lord has heard and answered. His grace has been, and is, sufficient.

As we return again to our beloved Argentina, it is with the confidence that He goes before, and with the glad realization that you are faithfully praying for us.

Our desire is that He keep us ever close to Himself, and in the very center of His will, that we may be useful instruments in His hands for the winning of precious souls for whom He died.

May each of you enjoy His richest blessings as you labor in your respective corners of the vineyard for Him. In His love,

Dorothy Maconaghy.

### KNOW YOUR WMC OFFICERS

By Althea S. Miller



### MRS. ROBERT E. A. MILLER

This little story is not intended as an introduction of your WMC editor but rather as her "swan song." During conference sessions in 1952 Mrs. Miller told the executive board that the year 1952-53 would be her last as editor of the WMC Herald. She has rounded out four years in this capacity and has thoroughly enjoyed every line she was privileged to write. It has been a challenge to plan and set up the WMC Herald each month and you readers have been most gracious in your spoken appreciation. God is good to let His children do some of the things they enjoy. Life is full of problems and tasks which are often not to our liking, so with humility your retiring editor praises her wonderful Lord for the refreshment of a ministry of writing.

This good-bye to the WMC editorship does not mean Althea Miller will no longer be working in WMC. The missionary interests of the Brethren Church have always been close to her heart. WMC is one way of serving the Lord as a missionary "helper" and she will be glad to continue in this service. She hopes to go on writing as God opens the doors. As the years of experience pile up she prays the opportunity will be hers to contribute some really worth-while work for the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ and the blessing of her readers. She covets your prayers for wisdom in a wider out-reach by way of the printed page as she starts a column for another Christian publication within the month.

From a little child, Althea Schwartz Miller, whose parental home is Philadelphia, was taught the things of the Lord. She was eight years old when she accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour at old 10th and Dauphin Brethren church in Philadelphia. But even before she took a public stand for Christ she remembers loving Him. And as she grew to womanhood that love for Him increased with an intensified desire to do His will for her life regardless of the cost. The years have served to prove God's faithfulness to His handmaiden. When wondering friends have asked how so much is accomplished the answer comes with conviction of heart: "How dare I do less? 'For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required' (Luke 12:48). God often takes the poorest stick to fashion a vessel of honor that through that vessel He might show forth His grace. God needs more sticks!"

God has entrusted eight young Millers to the care of the parents under this parsonage roof. They pray as do many other Christian parents that whether by life or by death all in their household will be an honor to the Lord who bought them at so great a cost. Parenthood is by far the most noble calling and important work entrusted to any individual. Though it is freighted with awesome responsibility there is always the rainbow of His promise to light the way: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24).

Mrs. Miller hopes to introduce your new WMC editor to you in September's Herald. She covets for her successor your prayerful cooperation, constructive criticism,



and loving understanding. No one individual can please everyone all the time. If you'll remember this and do your part to make the WMC Herald an ever better publication she will just naturally arise to the occasion and give her very best. No editor walks a path of roses if that editor has any courage or initiative at all. Your WMC Herald will be what *you* make it by way of prayer, news, and constructive criticism.

Au revoir, then, with love in and from our wonderful Lord. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:20-21).

## MAKING CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE WORK

By Althea S. Miller

How can Time be made a servant in the home rather than have the family its slave? How many harried, irritable Christians do you know who are ever flitting about or making nervous, unplanned, unnecessary moves simply because they are slaves to Time? Are you that kind of an individual? Does the family rather dread your appearance because of the pressure *you* put on them? Do you expect the family to run when you run and rest when you rest? You could be working havoc in your home and in the lives of your children if you are such a "driver." I know a person who most often waits until the last possible minute to get a given task done. Then he works at break-neck speed and expects the family to keep his path cleared. He becomes hard to live with as he completely sacrifices everyone and everything in his way until the job is done. When his job is done it is well done, but behind him is a path littered with misunderstanding, broken fellowship, and almost broken hearts. Perhaps you are one who works better under pressure, but *please* don't put your family through the same traces! It may be there are those in your home who work better at a slower pace but steadily each day. In the end they accomplish just as much, and often more, than the whirlwind worker, and with fewer casualties. BE CONSIDERATE of your loved ones as they utilize the 24 hours of time within each day.

TIME is a precious commodity. All too many Christians waste it, too. Someday there will be a reckoning before the Lord. All our flimsy excuses of "I have no time for teaching that Sunday school class," "I just do not have the time to spend in WMC," "My business takes too much time out of me so I just can't be the help to my pastor I know he needs," will never be uttered in His presence. Time is a trust from the Lord. Let's use it, not waste it or be its slave.

In order to make Time our servant so that we may accomplish more for our Lord there are several principles worth noting. First, there should be a definite family and individual schedule. The person who works and lives in a hit-or-miss spirit *never* accomplishes as much as the one who has disciplined himself to a schedule. Of course, you must not be a slave to your schedule. No schedule should be so rigid that it can't be bent or made workable in an emergency. But a schedule you must have if Time is to be your profitable servant. There are certain things you *know* for a certainty, such as: you have 24 hours in a day; there is so much work you are under obligation to do. On the basis of this knowledge work your schedule and you'll be surprised at the "extra" time for the emergencies, the little pleasures, and the growth of your own soul.

There must be a workable system of accomplishment in the home for the common good. As a family unit, so much must be done with the 24 hours of a day. But

this system must allow time for learning and for the inevitable errors. As long as we are in the flesh we will make mistakes as we learn, and these take time. As other members of the family learn by trial and error the things we already know but which we learned the same way, let's be gracious and understanding. Give them some time to serve them as they learn.

Next, set your sights. Have a goal or goals both individually and as a family group. Plan your work. Don't expect to regiment your family into the path of attaining certain goals, do or die, while you sit back to boss and criticize from the sidelines. Time can only be your servant individually and for the family as you utilize it with intelligence.

Cultivate appreciation even for the necessary chores which may be distasteful. It's amazing how some of the dislikes fade into thin air when we really try to appreciate what the chore means or adds to the family and to us personally. And along this vein, remember that each member of the family should be allowed time for the cultivation of his own personal interests. Just as soon as we forget that individuals cannot all be successfully run through the same knothole of interests we start sowing discord in the family. Even little children have certain interests which they should be permitted to pursue as the parents lead and check on those interests unknown to the child.

Every member of the household should be expected to contribute time to general family needs and work. Many a husband would come to appreciate his wife as mother and homemaker if he would enter into the activities of keeping the household going. That doesn't mean he comes home from grueling hard work to wash or iron or cook or clean. These his healthy wife and youngsters should have been doing as their contribution toward keeping the home wheels in motion. But an occasional offer to do an errand, or take the baby for a walk, or sweep the porch, or take his wife out for a ride in the car so that they two can be alone for an hour or so, will put a new spring in his step and a fresh light in her eyes! TRY IT! Happy the wife who concocts a special "hubby" dish, or lays out fresh clothes once in a moon, or suggests that Daddy be left alone to rest an hour or two. Foolish the mother who is a slave to her children, never teaching or expecting them to take over their rightful share of responsibility in the home.

When the Christian family remembers to respect and appreciate the other members of the household and does all things as unto the Lord, home will be a foretaste of heaven on earth. Oh, for a little more of heaven until we really are there with Him!

You are only assured of Time at this moment. Make it your servant to more acceptably serve Jesus Christ. "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).



Philippians 1:3.

Dear Sisters of the WMC,

Thank you one and all for your interesting birthday letters and lovely cards. I am still receiving them. Birthday mail comes over a period of several months. That is really nice; I enjoy the letters and cards so much more than if they all came in the same mail. They bring to my remembrance the nice time I had attending your WMC meetings and visiting in the churches. It is always a pleasure to meet you face to face and get to know you better. I enjoy your fellowship and hospitality. There is nothing to be compared to Christian fellowship, and to know that you are praying for me.

I have been very busy since returning to my African home, busy teaching the children the way of salvation and to read His Word. Ten of the children in my school have accepted the Lord. Some come from Christian homes but most of them have heathen parents that are more anxious for them to work in their gardens than go to school.

I have a Sunday school class of teen-age girls. I am praying that I may soon have a Sisterhood for them. I told them about the Sisterhood girls in the homeland rolling bandages. They were quite impressed to know that girls their age are helping in this way. They have all had a sore that needed to be wrapped up at some time or other. Sometimes a bandage was the first piece of cloth they ever had. We just could not get along without the bandages.

This is the day that our four new missionary nurses arrive in Bangui. It is going to be grand to have them to help us. We have not had an honest-to-goodness nurse here at Bassai for a long time.

We are praying that all the missionary candidates that have been accepted will be sent out and that none shall be held back because of lack of funds. Communism is making its inroads. We are praying the Lord will keep the door wide open to the Gospel. Will you not join us in this prayer?

Yours in Him,

Grace Byron.

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## MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

### Africa—

James S. Beaver.....October 1, 1949  
John Wayne Beaver.....October 14, 1948  
Manya Samarin.....October 23, 1949  
Mrs. Harold Dunning.....October 29  
Nancy Jo Miller.....October 23, 1944

### Argentina—

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy.....October 18

### Baja California—

Mrs. Leroy Howard.....October 7

### In United States—

Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr. ....October 22  
Anne J. Goodman.....October 27, 1948  
Mrs. Roy Snyder.....October 20

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings from La Verne, Calif.

We are following as near as we can the projects of the national council. We are helping with the support of one girl in the Councillor Bible Institute as well as the usual boxes of clothing for Kentucky, Taos, and for the Navahos.

We have found our artificial birthday cake a good plan for the offering for the support of the missionary chosen by the national WMC. I am sending you a sample of the program booklet for the year and we are planning to do the same for the next year. We are very glad to help save expense and work for the council.

We have sent an offering to the Jewish work in Los Angeles to help them with the building of a room to be used for classes or handwork among the young people.

We also had a very interesting meeting in February, an evening meeting beginning with a fellowship supper and inviting our Delta Circle and Jr. WMC, which gave us a fine group.

After dinner Mrs. Balzer spoke to us, telling of the interesting way she and her husband work in Africa.

Mrs. Myrtle Fox.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour. This past year we women in the WMC of Camden, Ohio, have received many blessings from the Lord. We have an average attendance of 14 at our monthly meetings and we enjoy the fellowship and spiritual blessings. We rejoice that this year we are able to give a larger offering to foreign missions and Jewish missions.

Some of our projects were sending boxes to the Haags and Howards and clothing to Kentucky. The women made nightgowns and sent them to the Navaho mission for the Indian babies. At Christmas we drew names of missionary children in the homeland and sent them gifts. We are always adding things to our missionary box.

We painted the basement for the Sisterhood rally of the Miami Valley and held a clean-up day to get the church auditorium ready for services after it had been beautifully decorated.

These are a few of the many things we have done this year and look forward to doing greater things in the future. May the Lord richly bless each WMC as He has blessed us.

In His service,

Mrs. Robert Betz.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings to you from the Sr. WMC of Meyersdale, Pa.

We enjoy our meetings very much and are grateful for the wonderful Christian friends we have as we serve the Lord together.

We have a membership of 25. Our council has a missionary chest and when missionaries come to our church they are welcome to take what they like. We pack

boxes and send to several of our local girls who are on the mission field.

We support the child evangelism classes of our town, and several of our ladies are teachers of these classes.

In His name,

Mrs. Walter M. Fike, *secretary*.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings to all the WMC ladies from the WMC of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va. The Lord has given us many blessings and things to be thankful for this year.

We mended and sent used clothing to Clayhole, Ky. Thank-offering banks are being used by each lady. On the 15th day of each month we meet at the home of different members to pray.

For our Christmas project we collected and sent a love gift of money to Roy and Arlene Glass.

The boys club of the church meets twice each month and our ladies still continue taking turns in serving refreshments to them.

"Get Well" cards, fruit baskets, and flowers are sent to the sick. We have chosen for our present local project to buy baptismal robes for our church. Each month a birthday and anniversary offering is taken for the WMC missionary fund. Birthday cards are sent each month to the missionaries and their children. Gospel tracts were given to each lady to be used as she saw fit.

At present we have 28 members on the roll.

It is our prayer that each of our ladies, as well as all other WMC ladies, will strive to live up to our theme of the year and truly show our blessed Lord that we love Him. May everything done and every gift given be as unto Him.

Lovingly in Christ,

Mrs. Neva Huffman, *president*.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Just a note to send you greetings from our new WMC here in York, Pa. We were organized in September 1952 and already we have 10 members.

We have had just two projects so far. We packed a box for Kentucky and made curtains for our church windows. Each month we send birthday greetings to our home mission pastors. We hope soon to start a missionary chest.

Truly the Lord is blessing this work here in York.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lotty Meyers, *secretary*.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings from the WMC of the Troy, Ohio, First Brethren Church.

Our enrollment is 29 and the average attendance is 17. Our regular meetings are held at the church. Our workday is on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon from 1 to 5. This is also held at the church.

Our offering boxes are labeled "Local," "District," "National," "Love," and "Freight." The total amount received each month averages \$16. We have shipped mended clothing, freight prepaid, to the Navaho mission in New Mexico. We paid \$88 to the church to help purchase new chairs. We have also sent in rolled bandages and at the present time are collecting old shirts for converting into bed jackets for the leper patients in Africa.

A dinner and program was held November 7, at which husbands and invited couples were guests. The program consisted of an original play written by our president, Mrs. Hollingsworth, "The Women of the Bible," accompanied by special music sung by the women's chorus. A period of time was spent in devotions and also in fellowship and games.

Our Christmas program and party was on our regular meeting night, December 4. An inspiring and spiritual program of readings and special music was followed by refreshments and the exchange of Secret Sister gifts. A box supper was held in January.

At our regular meeting on February 5 we had "Guest Night." Each lady was to bring a friend or neighbor. There were 31 present. On February 25 we sponsored the showing of the film, "The Man Who Forgot God." A short program preceded the film: three hymns sung by the women's chorus, Scripture reading, and the reading of a poem written by Mrs. Hollingsworth, depicting the work of the WMC. Several rededications were made after the film.

We praise the Lord for what He has done and continues to do for us and pray that we may be more faithful to do the tasks He has given us.

In His service,

Lena Mae Gregg, *secretary*.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

The WMC of the Grace Brethren Church, Chico, Calif., held the March meeting in the auditorium of the church. Eighteen participated in the evening of Christian fellowship.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Roy Parsons, of Richvale, Calif., who portrayed very interesting verbal pictures to us as she showed color slides of the Holy Land, which she and her husband had taken while on a tour last summer.

During the brief business meeting it was reported that Chico WMC had sent 147 pounds of clothing to our Brethren Navaho Mission in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carl D. Brown, *president*.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

Just a bit of news from Johnson City, Tenn. As our treasury was at a low ebb we wondered how we could make up our district project offering. We had a potluck dinner, inviting our husbands and, as it was George Washington's Birthday, we had cherry pie. We had a devotional program and then played some games. We had 15 present and our offering was almost \$13.

In His service,

Inez Burns.

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Dear Mrs. Miller:

The WMC of the Glendale, Calif., First Brethren Church held a reception for mothers and daughters on Friday, May 22. Special recognition was given to the oldest mother, Mrs. Susie Newman, and the youngest mother, Mrs. Jack Kilburn. After the musical portion of the program, Mrs. Charles Underwood presented the guest speaker, Mrs. Armin Gesswein, who gave a won-

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## BEAUTY OF COUNTENANCE

By Mrs. Robert Miller

Did you know you can be BEAUTIFUL? No, this is not an impossible attainment for you. This beauty is within the reach of every Christian girl. As a matter of fact, every Sisterhood girl owes it to her Lord and to herself to be beautiful.

Down deep within the heart of every normal girl there lies the desire to be lovely. Most of us have not been endowed by nature with all the physical features which make for beauty according to the standards of the world. In order to make up for this lack all too many girls and women put on a "drug-store" type of beauty which usually fails in its purpose. Now this desire to look and be lovely is perfectly fine for Christian girls to have. But what every Sisterhood girl should keep uppermost in her mind is that true beauty comes from the inside. One starts off on the wrong foot to try to develop beauty from the outside first.

The Word of God tells us: "For as he [the individual] thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). *What* you think and *how* you think are bound to reflect in your face. No matter what you may put on your face you can never hide the real YOU. It has always been my firm conviction that the girl or woman who uses cosmetics indiscriminately is questioning God's wisdom in making her thus. Why apologize for your physical looks? If you are not satisfied with your looks, get busy and improve them by starting on the inside first.

Perhaps you are asking in your own mind now: How can I start to cultivate this genuine beauty? Open your Bibles with me to the 34th chapter of Exodus. Here is the story of Moses' 40-day communion with God on Mount Sinai. All the solemn holiness of God and the warm effulgence of His love were portrayed before the wondering eyes and heart of the man Moses. So absorbed was he in God's graciousness and glory that he literally went without food for his body all those days he was in God's presence. But one cannot live always on the mountain top of special spiritual fellowship. Such times but serve to strengthen God's child for the work to be done down in the valley among the people. Read verses 28 to 33 together. Strengthened in spirit, Moses now descends to the people with the two tables of testimony from the hand of God. But when the people saw him they were afraid because his face shone. Please notice that Moses *did not know*; "he wist not" that his face shone. The people knew he had been with God. The Christian girl does not have to advertise the fact that she goes faithfully into God's presence each day. Her communion *shows* alike on her countenance and in her conduct.

There is much that Sisterhood girls can learn from

the life of Moses. He was a man of vigorous spiritual stature because he put the matters of the spirit first. Moses and Job agreed that the things of the spirit are far more important than any matter pertaining to this life. Remember what Job said: "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). It is very important that every girl eat a balanced diet in order to maintain physical health and vigor. It is *just* as important that her spirit be fed a *daily* balanced diet of prayer and Bible study in order that her spirit be vigorous and thus able to throw off the diseases of sin to which Satan daily exposes her. Are you well-fed as to the spiritual you?

Let us note again that Moses was not conscious that his face shone. He did not have to proclaim that he had been with God. Goodness, or spirituality, which has to be impressed upon others by our telling them how good we are is not genuine. Oh yes, we must witness and seek to win others to our wonderful Saviour, but there is no boasting in that. As we go quietly about the business of building and maintaining a vigorous spirit our BEAUTY OF COUNTENANCE, the only kind of beauty which really counts, will be evident to all.

Do you want to be really beautiful? Then "give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29).

### PROGRAM GROOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

(Leader—See "Beauty Hints" No. 3)

**PRAISING VOICES**—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

**SWEET SAVOR**—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

**CLEANSED HEARTS**—Read Scripture, Exodus 34:1-8, 27-35.

**GLOWING LIVING**—Seniors study "Beauty of Countenance."

Middlers study "The Revelation of a Shining Face."

**SPARKLING TALENTS**—Give special number.

**BEAUTIFUL FEET**—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeating year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**

**SMM BENEDICTION.**

How many times have you heard the saying, "Beauty is only skin deep"? We often say this without realizing the truth that is involved therein. In our topics for the coming year we are trying to show the girls of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha how they can have real beauty—beauty that is from within.

Have you ever seen a woman or girl who was not particularly beautiful as to features and form, but who fairly radiated with beauty from the shine on her face? I know in these days it is not considered good grooming to have a shining face, but real beauty comes from a face that shines with the happiness and love that is within.

Once there was a young girl who saw an old lady sitting on a park bench, whose face was the loveliest she had ever seen. She was curious to know her beauty secret and asked the old lady who her beautician was. The old lady surprised her by answering: "The Lord Jesus is my beautician; I have an appointment with Him every day." The Bible tells us that Moses had been with the Lord and when he came down from Mount Sinai his face shone (Ex. 34:29-30). Why? Because he had been with the Lord and had spoken face to face with Him. We too can have the shine of God's love on our face if we take time to be alone with Him. We can

cover up the scars or marks on our bodies elsewhere, but our faces are almost always seen. Is it not a good testimony to the outside world when the faces of Christian girls are beautiful without the aid of all the cosmetics on the market today?

As Sisterhood girls we are to observe the Quiet Time each day. Time spent with the Lord will bring greater beauty than all the time and the money spent on "good grooming," as the term is used today. I believe that a Christian girl should be well-groomed—don't misunderstand me—but we should think on things of the Lord as well as spend hours before the mirror. Proverbs 23:7 tells us that as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he." Our thoughts are bound to show up on our faces. Our theme verse for this year is I Chronicles 16:29. Let us not forget that there is beauty in holiness and that holiness comes from worship of God, not only in our private devotions but in public worship as well.

Remember, a shining face is a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour. Our faces are revelations of our love for Him. He is the best beautician we can recommend, but you must make an appointment with Him every day—and you must keep it.

## ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass (Outlined by Mrs. Herman Koontz)

(Notice: You will need a copy of the book, "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil," by Frederick C. Glass, for your SMM group. Order it from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Cost, \$2.)

During the coming year we will study incidents from the life of that great missionary to Brazil, Frederick C. Glass, as told in his book, "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." An outline follows which is to be used as a pattern for the first lesson which includes the introduction and the first chapter.

### INTRODUCTION

#### Brazil and the Brazilians

- IA. The history of Brazil.
  - 1a. Discovery and first colony (p. 9, par. 1).
  - 2a. Nationalities and rule (p. 9, par. 3).
  - 3a. The rules of Dom Pedro I and II (p. 9, par. 4; p. 10, par. 1).
  - 4a. Brazil as a republic.
  - 1b. Reforms and progress (pp. 10-11).
  - 2b. Population and area (p. 11, par. 2).
  - 3b. Description of land and climate (pp. 11-12).
  - 4b. Important cities (p. 12).
  - 5b. Industries and minerals (p. 13, pars. 2-3).
  - 6b. Religion (p. 13, pars. 4-5).
  - 5a. Description of the people (p. 14, pars. 2-3; p. 15, par. 2).
  - 6a. Food and cost of living (pp. 14-15).

#### Chapter I—Reminiscences

- IA. Our author's first experiences in Brazil.
  - 1b. A night in jail (p. 17, par. 2).
  - 2b. His first job (p. 17, par. 4).

- 3b. His conversion (pp. 18-21).
- 4b. His call to Christian work (pp. 21-23).
- 1c. His lack of qualifications for missionary work.
- 2c. His refusal to do God's will; illness and surrender
- 3c. His God-given ability to sell Bibles.

### DO GOD'S WILL

God has a pattern for your life—  
A plan for you to fill—  
A path for you to walk upon—  
But you must "do God's will."

Don't mar the pattern He has drawn—  
Don't spoil His perfect plan—  
Don't wander from the path He's made—  
Please Him! You know you can!

Don't run ahead! Don't lag behind!  
And when your path is dim  
Just follow close behind your Guide  
And keep your eyes on Him.

For if you live within His will  
He'll mark the path ahead;  
He'll close some doors—He'll open doors;  
But you will know He's led.

Do God's will! Yes, Christian friend,  
God has a place for you!  
Perhaps it's great—but if it's small,  
Rejoice His will to do.

—Written by Geneva Showerman for her local Sisterhood of Whittier, Calif.



# FABLES FROM AFRICA

By Marybeth Munn, SMM Missionary

## THE SNAKE AND THE BIRD

They tell a fable here about a snake and a bird. Once a prairie fire swept over the land burning all the small animals with its fury. A snake was trapped and knew that he too was doomed to die like the rest, when he saw a bird flying safely in the air. He called to the bird to rescue him. "How can I rescue you? I have no hands to hold you and you are too large to hold in my claws or my beak," called the bird. But the snake said, "If you come down I will curl around your body and we can go away in safety." So the bird dropped down to the ground, the snake swiftly entwined himself around her body and they flew away to the safety of a tree. When they arrived, the bird said, "We are safely here now; you may let me loose." "But I am so hungry," replied the snake; "you saved my life from the fire, you can now save my life from starvation." With those words the snake devoured the bird.

The Word of God warns us continually that if we love and serve sin, one day it will destroy us, too. See Proverbs 11:3.

## THE CROW AND THE PARTRIDGE

Once a partridge was cutting sticks to make herself a nest in the trees when a crow came by. "What are you doing?" asked the crow. "I'm preparing to build my house in the trees," replied the partridge. "Oh, I wouldn't do that if I were you. Look at me; my legs were as big as elephant's legs when I started building my house. But it was such hard work that now my legs are skinny and weak. It isn't worth it just for a house," warned the crow.

The partridge looked at the crow's skinny legs and decided that the crow was right. Building a house was not a good thing; she would just live on the ground. So now when it storms the foolish partridge sits in the rain while other birds are cozily protected in their nests. The partridge is in constant danger of animals and snakes, but the other birds are safe in the treetops.

You know, unsaved people are always trying to tell us that we are foolish to be looking forward to a mansion in heaven. They say we are working for Christ in vain. But Jesus warns us about them when He says, "Take heed that no man deceive you." And Paul tells us that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

## NOTICE: JUNIOR SMM

The program material for the Junior SMM will not appear in the Brethren Missionary Herald pages. Instead we have prepared a packet containing the Junior material. These packets will be given out to those at national conference, and then those not picked up there will be mailed out. If you want to be sure to have the material for your group, be sure to send in a statistical blank to the general secretary.

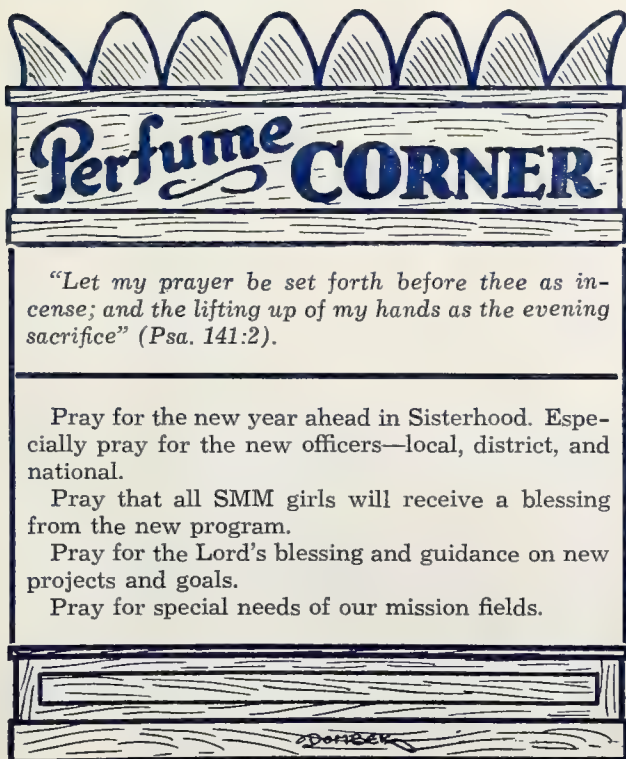
Theme for Junior SMM: "LIVING FOR JESUS." The program material for the whole year will be included in the packets.



Hint 1.—**MATERIALS:** If you did not receive your materials yet, you may get them by sending to the literature secretary for them. We did not send out materials unless we had a statistical blank.

Hint 2.—**FALL CABINET MEETING:** Don't forget to have your fall cabinet meeting to make your plans for the coming year. This is very important and also one of your goals, so you'll not want to miss it.

Hint 3.—**LEADERS OF THE PROGRAM:** To add spice and attraction to your meeting, work out some original ideas in presenting the program. The material this year lends itself very easily to a good discussion. Ask the girls what they think of the ideas in the study or if they agree and why or why not.



*"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).*

Pray for the new year ahead in Sisterhood. Especially pray for the new officers—local, district, and national.

Pray that all SMM girls will receive a blessing from the new program.

Pray for the Lord's blessing and guidance on new projects and goals.

Pray for special needs of our mission fields.

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Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## Fashion News of Sisterhood From the Past Year

*Beautiful rainbow colors* was the theme to make a lovely setting for the mother-and-daughter tea of FORT WAYNE, IND. They carried the theme for the whole program: lovely formals, colored whipped cream on the cake, colored water for flowers, shaded nut cups, and beautiful corsages for each mother and daughter. A wonderful message by a former missionary to Africa added to the spiritual beauty of each one present.

*An added attraction* for the Sr. SMM of DES MOINES, Iowa, is the missionary to Ethiopia who has been adopted by these girls. They have happy times doing things for her—they write a chain letter every month; for gifts they give her film for her camera and flannelgraph. The girls enjoy other projects also, such as making scrap-books for hospitals and homes for the aged and leprosiaries. They are starting a new project, decorating aprons and scarves with textile paint. A new idea for missionary gifts comes from them. They write a personal letter to missionaries and enclose two packages of garden seeds—one vegetable and one flower.

*Birthdays* are happy occasions, and the Sr. SMM of CANTON, OHIO, enjoyed a lovely party given for them by their WMC. As birthday gifts they received a Christian novel and a carnation. Later the girls had an opportunity to give a gift to one of their patronesses for her new little baby.

*Precious jewels* for the Lord are souls won for Himself. The Middler SMM of OSCEOLA, IND., is only a young group but through them two souls were saved. They are finding rich times in serving the Lord through SMM—sending gifts to the Navahos, boxes to young people away at school, cards to servicemen, making garments for missionary patients. They gave a skit to show the people of their church their need for sheets for bandages.

The Sr. SMM of JOHNSTOWN, PA., had an "extra-special" SMM meeting away back in March. Thirty young people attended the meeting, including "honorary members" (boys) invited by the girls. The idea was to have help to rip, sew, and roll 225 bandages. After the work and "polishing off" an enormous pot-luck supper, the boys were invited to sit in on the regular SMM meeting. A real blessing was received by all.

*Busy hands* are accomplishing much in TROY, OHIO, by the Jr. SMM girls. They have to have two meetings a month to get it all done. They sent a box of clothing and toys to Miss Evelyn Fuqua, and made stuffed animals to be used by missionaries. The Sr. girls of this church are now reorganized and are hoping to grow to match the Jr. girls.

*Surprises* are always nice so the Jr. SMM of WINONA LAKE, IND., had a surprise "hanky" shower on their

derful testimony. Tables were decorated with bouquets of garden flowers. The WMC colors, blue and silver, were carried out in the nut cups and programs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. L. Oliver, *corresponding secretary.*

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Greetings from Listie, Pa., in the name of our precious Lord. We have been trying to honor our Lord in our work as we go along from month to month with our regular programs.

We have had a few special things also. Last fall Mrs. Ayers, a native of Listie, visited us. She is now from California. It happened we had a sewing day while she was here so the ladies surprised her by each giving her a nice "hankie." We had a lovely day of fellowship and sewing for our mission points.

At Christmastime we called the attention of our Sunday school to the blessing of giving a small gift to our Spanish-American children. As a result we had four boxes of gifts to send there.

In January we had a day of sewing at which time we prepared and sent eight large boxes of clothing to the needy Christians in Korea. It was wonderful how the Lord directed here, for the clothing received for this need was all such good warm clothes needed by these people.

This spring we have had a day of sewing in which we made quilts to send to our Navaho mission, also packed clothing for needy mission points. We have been adding gifts to our missionary hope chest, especially at Christmastime. When we packed clothing, the items not good enough to send were gathered together and one of our ladies made rugs from them for the hope chest.

We have been trying to interest the younger women of the church in the WMC and we covet your prayers for this as well as for some of our women who are no longer faithful that they might put first things first and get back on the job for the Lord. We are seeking to do the Lord's will and ask you to pray with us to this end.

In His name,

Mrs. Mae Williams.

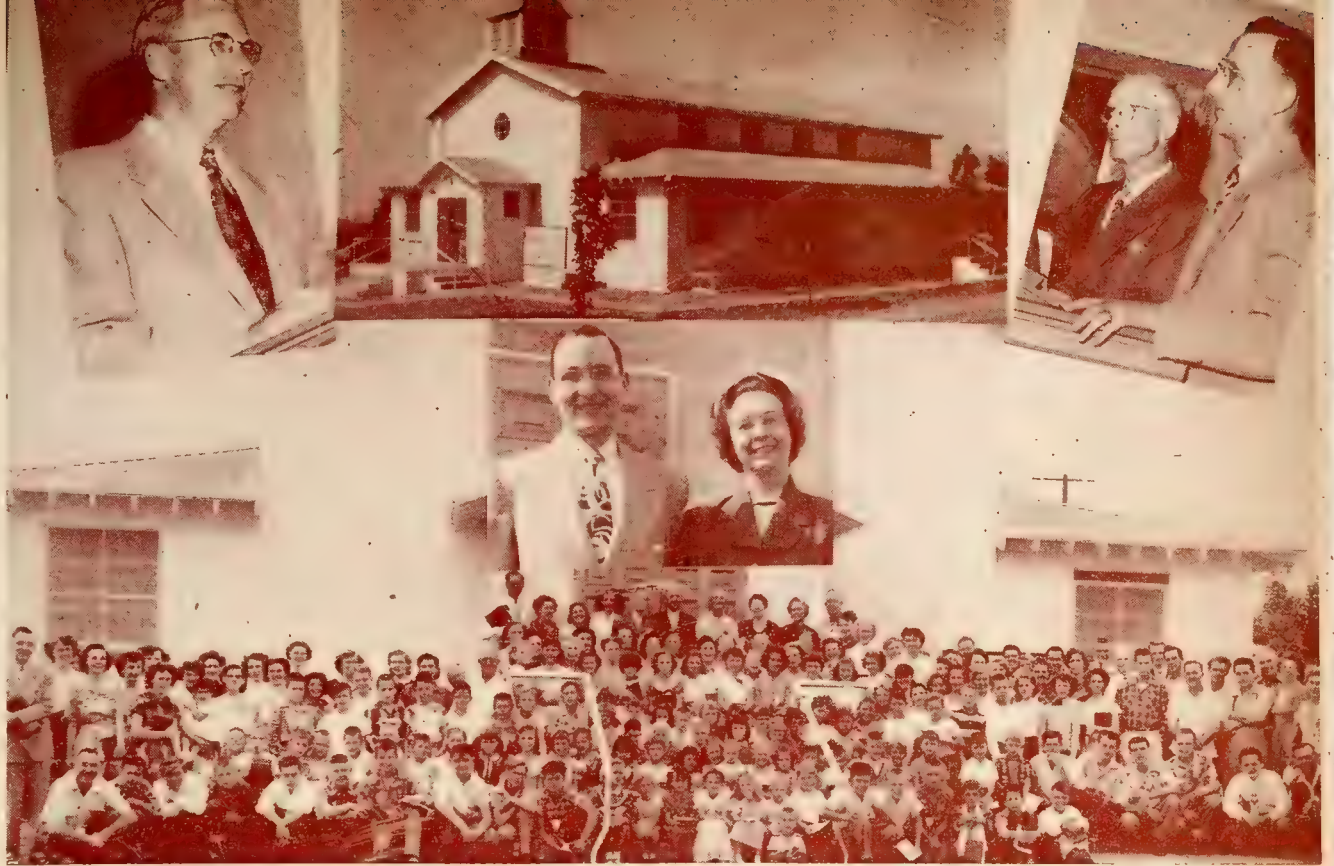
patroness. The Jr. WMC had the girls as their guests at a picnic recently.

*Cooky-baking* is fun and it is a real way to do service for others. The Middler SMM girls of MUNDY'S CORNER, PA., sent boxes of cookies away and also gave some to local shut-ins. They had a nice idea for a local project—giving toward the building fund of their church and also to another local mission church.

*Sewing* has been a project of the Jr. SMM girls of CANTON, OHIO. They made hot-pads and towels for their missionary chest. They also rolled 100 bandages with the help of their WMC. They made and sent stuffed toys to Miss Evelyn Fuqua.

An idea for really being helpful comes from the SR. SMM of Winchester, Va., who acted as baby-sitters during their revival meeting. The patroness, Mrs. Paul Dick, challenged her girls by memorizing the book of I Peter.





## Cherry Valley Brethren Church Dedicated July 19, 1953







# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## REACHING THE LOST IN AMERICA

Do you love America?

"Of course I do," you reply. "I am a loyal American. I shall do everything within my power to see that my nation continues to be 'the land of the free and the home of the brave.'"

Well said! This should be the determination of each American citizen, for each of us has been enjoying the benefits of living in a free nation. Any other attitude would be traitorous and wicked.

Yet, are you like millions of others who fail to see that steadily we are in more serious danger of losing these freedoms of supreme value? Have you recognized that there are subversive and wicked forces at work which will certainly wreck the framework of our nation unless they are curbed?

Such talk sounds strange to a people who have never known anything else but freedom. It carries little weight for those whose armies have always been victorious on the field of battle. How could America ever be anything else but a free nation?

This attitude is even more dangerous than the forces which are gradually undermining the social and religious culture of our nation. If one realizes his danger he will do something to protect himself. But most Americans work and sleep blissfully on giving tacit and daily approval to conditions in government and public life which will ultimately bring complete disaster.

Of all those who should be awake to these alarming conditions the saints of God with a knowledge of His Word and discerning spiritual senses should head the list.

## ALARMING INCREASE IN CRIME

America was more criminal last year than any year in her history. Crime increased 8.2 percent over the previous year. Increases were noted in every major category: murder, rape, manslaughter, robbery, etc.

Over two million major crimes were committed, bringing this upswing in each category.

In the under-25-years-of-age group the largest number of arrests were in the 15-years-of-age-and-under group.

It is not necessary to amplify this report in all of its gruesome details to prove to wide-awake, discerning, spiritual Americans that, if continued, this trend will lead to national disaster. Even now many law enforcement agencies are virtually helpless in curbing crime because of the high efficiency of its organization and public officials who are willing to accept a bribe. Unless the pendulum swings the other direction the time may come when the United States Army may be forced to clean up crime under martial law.

## SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM AT WORK

Even though different in some respects these twins of Satan are eating at the vitals of our national economy. Both break down free enterprise. Both ignore God and

the religious approach. Both place the government in the seat of absolute power ultimately. This leaves the way open for graft, the playing of power politics, and ultimate dictatorship.

## SWEEPING TIDE OF IMMORALITY

The sordidness and filthiness of this sin is not fit to print or speak of in public.

Immorality has moved out of the "red-light" district into the hotels, motels, and night clubs of the nation. Some cities have done a fine job in cleaning up their disorderly and bawdy houses, but the prostitutes have now become "call girls" available through a bellhop or some syndicated crime organization.

It is this sin which has been responsible for much of the breakdown of American home life and the increase in divorce. This vicious cycle throws children into the streets to fend for themselves and entire lives of crime.

Far from being Christian, America now finds itself in the throes of a spiritual battle for its very life.

## ONLY ONE REMEDY!

Everything else has been tried and has failed. Christ is the only answer to our problems! Each difficulty we face can be traced to its source in a spiritual problem deep in the heart of man—an utterly depraved nature.

Proved in the pages of history and today in thousands of conversions is the fact that only the power of God through Jesus Christ avails to change the hearts of men and transform their lives.

## WE HAVE THE ANSWER

We have the answer in our own hearts and lives. As Brethren we love Christ and His Word. We have the remedy to meet the desperate spiritual needs of our nation. All that is necessary is application to the task.

During the next four months, beginning with August, we stress Brethren home missions in our churches. This means *evangelizing America!* Millions of souls have never heard the plan of salvation and never will hear it unless we get to the business at hand.

## NEED GREAT—OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

The need is staggering in its proportions. By next year there will be 160 million people in America. More than half of these have no connection with any church. Many more than this are not saved because of the apostasy so rampant in the modern church.

Opportunities to establish and build new Brethren churches are coming to us from all directions. Groups of gospel-hungry people all over the nation want a Brethren church. We need money and men to enter these new fields which are ripe for the harvest.

As the Lord has laid this challenge upon our hearts we are giving it to Brethren people. Increase your home mission offering at least 25 percent this year. Pray before you give! Give each week throughout the season.



# Beaumont Brethren Dedicate New Church Building

We could refer to the wonderful things which have happened at Beaumont, Calif., as "a saga in Brethren church building." The amazing grace of God has never been more operative than here.

Beautiful and spacious, this church stands at the crossroads where hundreds of vehicles travel each day. It is a symbol of what the Brethren believe and teach from the Word of God.

Even though the building is worth \$55,000, it is dedicated practically free of debt. Prayer, hard work by the local people, discounts, liberal and sacrificial giving have all brought the multiplied blessings of God to produce this monument to His grace.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is honored to present to all of our home mission friends this splendid new church with its great potential for the future work of Christ.

As we give all the glory to our Lord for what has been accomplished we also honor His choice servants, Pastor

## THE COVER PAGE

The pictures appearing on the cover page were taken on dedication day at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif. The upper section includes the following: Dr. C. W. Mayes, the dedication speaker; a view of the completed church; Mr. Dwight Liggett, treasurer, and Rev. Gene Farrell singing, "Got Any Rivers You Think Are Uncrossable"; Pastor and Mrs. Gene Farrell, and the entire congregation. The lower section includes the presentation of the keys by Stewart McClellan, building committee chairman; the official board; and Rev. George Richardson reading the Scripture during the program.

and Mrs. Gene Farrell, and all the faithful folks who served beside them. Our congratulations are for all of those who had any part in this project.

It pays to support Brethren home missions!

## TO THE GLORY OF GOD

By GENE FARRELL

As I was about to write this dedication article, the telephone rang and a voice—coming from the first convert of the work, by the way—said: "Pastor, I have a problem. I received your card, asking for a testimony for the Brethren Missionary Herald in 300 words. Now I've just done this, but lo and behold! what I've written comes to over 800 words, and even then I don't feel that I've said scarcely anything. What am I going to do?"

You can imagine my reply, for my problem was one and the same, namely: "How to boil down a whole book full of heaven-sent, home-mission victories that they might be shared in article form with our Herald readers! And I have no doubt but what my problem has been that of every home-mission pastor who, after dedication, has tried to do justice to God's faithfulness and that of His children in the work with which he was associated.

Perhaps this could best be done—at least as I feel led—by directing your attention to a certain feature of the work here. Everyone who has ever attended the services in our basement auditorium (we met there for over two years) could not fail to be attracted by it. Its unusual beauty and message has drawn many a comment and query from visitors. It has always added mirth to our services—so much so, in fact, that it has been moved to our upper auditorium. As before, it will continue to capture the attention of every attendant as it occupies a place of prominence above the rostrum.

We refer to a large, 15-letter wall plaque, the letters of which were cut out of beautifully grained Arkansas cedar and cunningly framed upon a background of ply-

wood. The letters read, "To the Glory of God"—a real work of art to be sure, but of even greater importance, of course, they are a constant reminder to all who enter that our goal, as in the past, must always be that "He must increase, but I [we] must decrease."

In addition to the constant challenge of these words, this plaque is representative of the work in other ways. *First of all, it reminds us of the need for home-mission churches.*

As all know who are acquainted with the one who made this plaque, there is a story behind it, a story of overwhelming need and miraculous conversion. The sudden loss of an only 12-year-old daughter through an overdose of anesthetic left the parents literally paralyzed with grief. At this time the Adversary made a determined bid for their souls, but ultimately the Gospel of the grace of God won out, and they have been rejoicing for several years now in Christ Jesus. "We praise the Lord," they recently wrote, "for places like Cherry Valley Brethren, where hungry souls can go and hear the true Word of God. It was there we found hope and peace in a very critical time in our lives. We pray that other churches will have as great a burden for souls." To God be the glory!

Other stories could be told of overwhelming need and miraculous conversion. We think as we write of the Meyer family, whose thrilling testimony will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Herald; of the Allens with their five girls, who were saved out of Mormonism; of Mrs. Kenneth Boland, saved out of the Jehovah Witness

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cult, and now one of our faithful Bible teachers; of Art Sharp, saved out of alcoholism and now our faithful milkman for the past four years; of the O'Neals, a fine young couple who were saved out of worldliness; of 71-year-old Mr. Montgomery, saved, and baptized with his wife, just a year before he went to be with the Lord; of his daughter and son-in-law, who came to Christ just prior to his conversion; of the Daggetts, who were marvelously reclaimed in the early stages of the work, and used of God to lead their two granddaughters to Christ, both of whom are entering Christian training this fall; of the Hitsches, brought out of lukewarmness into places of real leadership in the church; of the Evanses, who came to Christ through the Hitsches' testimony. And time would fail me to tell of LeRoy Hammond, a young man in the service; the Whalens, Walradts, Handlys, Betty Miller, Dolores Sharp, Ann Gerhart, and many others who do not come to our mind just now, all of whom could testify of the need for the fundamental testimony of Spirit-led Brethren home-mission churches.

*In the second place, this plaque speaks to my heart of God's supernatural supply in the building program.* Certainly it was an Ephesians 3:20 answer to our prayer request for another banner with which to replace the flimsy paper one which was used when we first entered the building on Easter Sunday in 1950.

This is symbolic, too, of the unnumbered host of other ways in which the Lord has worked here to enable the Brethren to dedicate a building and furnishings ap-

praised at \$55,000 on a practically debt-free basis. (With yesterday's fine dedication offering to the building fund of \$532.08, our indebtedness, which is on the carpeting and upholstered chairs, has been reduced to around \$2,400.)

The first evidence of His Ephesians 3:20 supply came when He moved the flinty heart of a Cherry Valley property owner—adamant for over a year—to sell a very choice location at half price.

None of us will ever forget the perfect timing of our Lord in excavating the basement. It so happened (?) that the Riverside County Road Department was making a fill on a nearby bridge in Cherry Valley at the time and needed some topsoil. They literally "jumped at the chance" to do the excavating (and it took them three and one-half days!) free of charge, using a large bulldozer, a skip loader, and several trucks to complete the job! How this did encourage our hearts to keep "waiting on the Lord" (Psa. 130:5).

Again, as in the case of the "living stones" which were mentioned first in this article, because we feel they are of primary importance, time would fail us to tell—that is, in detail—of the countless other things: the gift of 2,600 feet of hard maple flooring; the gratis backfill of the basement excavation by the Soil Conservation Bureau; a \$500 check, a little over a tithe, from a couple who themselves had received a surprise benefit; the timely arrival of a check for \$400 and another for \$356 (other smaller ones, too) from an absentee member of the flock; two \$250 gifts that came in through the regular offerings from unknown donors; a goodly number of \$100 gifts; a beautifully made birch pulpit, worth around \$300, and given to us by two members of the church; the baptistry painting, exquisitely done by a Christian artist at a greatly reduced price, and purchased for us by a couple who had been saved through the work; a public-address system with amplifier, record player, microphones, speakers, tower chimes, records, hearing aids, etc.; lovely drapes; a large electric clock; all of our trees and shrubs; all of our welding; a portion of the wiring; two pianos; a 100-year-old church bell, weighing 677 pounds; a desk and swivel chair for the study; a number of solid-oak primary, and wooden, folding chairs; three gas, steam radiators (these were used prior to the installation of a circulation unit, which fans heat throughout the building); a kitchen range; upper auditorium fixtures at a 50-percent reduction—just to mention that which comes to mind as we write this. (And may we say here that not once did we solicit help from the community or from business firms—it was only as the Lord touched hearts.)

We might conclude this section relating to God's supernatural supply by including the following letter:

"I occasionally drive by on the Oak Glen Road, and have watched with interest and admiration the progress you are making on your church building. I know each one of you have received untold joy and spiritual satisfaction for the sacrifice you have made to accomplish this. This is a worthy cause, and your church will live through the years to serve the spiritual needs of the community, and lead them to the One who gave His all for us. I'm enclosing a check to be used in your work as you see fit, and pray God's blessing to abide with you and bless your work in this field."

The check was for \$500 and was dated May 5, 1952. Since that time this almost unknown donor (he came to

## SAVED AND SERVING AT THE CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth O'Neal

We thank the Lord that He saved us three and one-half years ago, after living for the Devil as a young couple in our 20's. Sometimes we look back on those years in which the Lord spoke to our hearts many times, and we wish we had answered His call then that we might have been serving Him all of our married life. But God tells us to forget "those things which are behind," and to reach "forth unto those things which are before" (Phil. 3:13). Now our united prayer is that we might always press toward that mark—toward "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We thank God for Cherry Valley Brethren, and for what it has meant in our lives. We watched the work grow both physically and spiritually. We give the Lord the glory and praise for its influence in our personal lives, and in the lives around us. God has taken worldly desires away and replaced them with the desire to do things for Him. Anything that separates one from the sweet fellowship of Christ, even for a little while, is to be considered of the world, and is not for a true born-again Christian who wants to grow in grace. Through this growth in grace I can truly say with Paul, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16).

We praise the Lord, too, that we can give our three children a Christian background, and raise them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Our two eldest children have already confessed Christ as their own Saviour, and the Lord led us to have our nine-month-old baby dedicated on July 19, our dedication Sunday.



one service and lives in a distant city to the east of us) has given three other checks, perfectly timed as was the first one, amounting to an additional \$800, making a total of \$1,300 in all! To GOD be the glory!

*Last of all, our wall plaque speaks to my heart of the spirit of sacrifice which has characterized our building program.* It is an ever-visible symbol, as we sit in our services, of the generous outlay of time and substance which many have made that the work might be completed. Truly, in many cases, as Paul said, this people have taken "joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that they have in heaven a better and an enduring substance" (Heb. 10:34). A total of over \$24,000 has been given locally to the building fund. With the work at a standstill until the funds were in, the people gave many times beyond their ability to give. And yet, no one was made poorer by his giving. All can now testify that God has made it up to them and more beside—spiritually and materially—for their sacrifices, if it could be called that when we look to Calvary.

Furthermore, the giving of this people has not been to the local work alone. God has taught us—and is still teaching us—that "them that honor Me, I will honor." While going down the home stretch toward dedication this spring the Lord laid it upon our hearts to raise \$1,000 for Brethren foreign missions. That didn't make sense in the natural, but it did to God. We firmly believe that the marvelous things which took place prior to dedication could be traced to that bit of missionary concern on the part of God's people. To God be the glory!

We recall, too, an occasion last winter, when the need in the building fund was great, that the Lord burdened us to take an offering for a widow in our midst, a member of the flock who had been suffering much. "Pure religion," James said, is this, "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" (Jas. 1:27). God convicted us of the fact that we were neglecting our duty. The offering was taken and came to around \$45. But, beloved, you can't beat God giving. Imagine how we felt when a few weeks later God undertook for this same widow and she laid a check in our hand for \$100 for the building fund! How it pays to obey God! As someone said, "The bread had come back to us as cake."

And while on the subject of sacrificial giving, we certainly should mention the timely gifts of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The gifts that have come to us from the Brethren people around the nation have helped "tide us over" many a difficult place in our building program. We praise the Lord for your gifts, prayers, and vital concern. We don't know many of you, but God does, and you share with us in this victory at the corner of Beaumont and Vineland Avenues in Cherry Valley (Heb. 6:10).

Furthermore, what applied to the offering of material substance certainly could be said of volunteer labor. Too often we forget that, as God's people, we are stewards of time as well as money. We have kept no record of the hours invested, but I believe that all would agree in this area that this building has been constructed largely by the congregation. Seeing the need before them each Lord's Day, God has given them "a mind to work."

This has resulted in many blessings: Fellowship of the most intimate type, an increased interest in the work—yes, even in physical increase for themselves.

A good example of this occurred following the initial work on the upper auditorium. This man, a filling station owner, took five or six weeks off while his wife and family operated the station. Help had to be hired, too, from time to time while he was away working on the church building. "Lube" jobs, etc., had to be turned down at times because of insufficient help. It certainly looked as though his receipts would suffer greatly. But God . . . And later on, in a testimony meeting, he stood to his feet and declared that his receipts during the time that he had worked on the building were the highest he had yet experienced in his business. To God be the glory!

Then, too, it might be said that some men and women, because of impaired health, have not been able to work on the physical building, but what a help they have been in prayer (we have a 9-to-12 period of prayer each Tuesday morning, at which time our missionaries are remembered by name), and in performing those necessary "helps" to a pastor which free him for the work of the ministry. These, too, will share alike in "the spoil," for "though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold" (Psa. 68:13). These, as Dr. Mayes said in his dedicatory message yesterday (July 19), are the "hidden stones," not in a place of public prominence as the pastor and others, but well-known to God. Like some of the stones in the actual building, they are out of sight, but important to the work.

Continue to pray, if you will, for the work in Cherry Valley that this dedication may be accompanied by new dedication of our hearts to His work—that this may not be considered the end, but only the beginning of a new opportunity to win souls for His glory.

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## THE CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN ENCOURAGED US TO OBEY, "GO YE . . ."

By Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer

Church workers, are you sometimes tempted to give up? If you are, take heart! We are so glad the Cherry Valley Brethren didn't give up encouraging us. Patience has had her perfect work in us. We're rejoicing, not boasting, for trials and testings may be ahead because God is leading us into foreign missionary work.

Right now our ready cash is gone. Once we were unduly concerned over economic security, now we have security in Christ. How wonderfully God supplies our needs. It is a strange thing when we direct our efforts toward the mission field things work fine, but when we direct our efforts toward other fields they always fail. This is how we know His will for our lives.

He will finish the good work He has begun in us, which began at Cherry Valley Brethren. We thank God for a Spirit-filled church and for a table spread bountifully midst a craving and spiritually starved human race.

Oh, that more people could know the joy and satisfaction of finding the peace for which men seek. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever" (John 6:51). We used to wonder if it was really as good as some Christians said. We used to wonder what they had that we did not have, but not any more, for we also have that joy. This is happiness which transcends all worldly pleasure. We didn't find it in things, but in the Lord Jesus.



## OUR BOYS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL—LATER ALL ACCEPTED CHRIST

By Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knowles

When the Cherry Valley Brethren pastor invited our two boys to their Sunday school, I agreed to send them because it was close by. We were new in the valley, and I was not interested because I wasn't well. We didn't know what it meant to know Christ as our Saviour, but we felt the boys should attend some church.

Soon I was helping the boys to learn their memory verses and it was then I realized that John 3:16-18 and Romans 10:9 were for me also. I began taking the boys to Sunday school instead of just sending them, and before long our entire family was united in Christ. How thankful we are that the pastor urged us to *take the boys—not send them* to Sunday school.

We are also thankful that our faith is in God. We had nothing before, materially speaking, and now we have everything, spiritually speaking. My husband had to undergo a serious operation on his spine, I was unable to accept gainful employment, and payments had to be made on our home; these were a few of the trials that God used to test our faith. The pastor and members of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church gave us loving encouragement and held us up in prayer. This helped us to sustain our faith and kept us from succumbing to Satan's efforts to discourage us.

Certainly the Scripture passages of Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:31 and others were fulfilled for us before our very eyes, and this has helped us to walk by faith and not by sight.

Praise the Lord for establishing the Cherry Valley Brethren Church and its testimony for God!

## I WAS SAVED BECAUSE A YOUNG PERSON INVITED ME TO THE SERVICES

By Leroy Hammon

C. V. B. C. has meant the opening of my eyes to the glorious truths of Christ's Word, the Holy Scriptures. There I first heard of Jesus Christ and God's plan of salvation by grace . . . I, who had been raised in a home which scoffed at God in His very existence. His Spirit opened my eyes on the first day that I attended the services. Praise God! It was not the pastor who asked me to come to his church, but it was one of the young people, and I had never heard of this before. There I met old and young alike who stood up and acclaimed the Word to be true. They believed and practiced what they believed. There was a spirit of friendliness that broke down any private wall of isolation I had built up.

C. V. B. C. means more than a building to me, as wonderful as that is, but rather a congregation that is ever joyous in the Lord, a place where souls are won, babes are fed, saints ministered unto, who in turn minister the Word to others. You folks are a constant challenge to me to be consistently attacking Satan for the glory of God. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to burden hearts for the home-mission fields that others might find Christ as I did, for I believe very seriously if it had not been for C. V. B. C. I would probably still be out in the world, lost in sin.

## GOD HAS BLESSED US SPIRITUALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND FINANCIALLY

By Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller

We praise the Lord for our salvation through the shed blood of our precious Saviour, the Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. We know the Lord led us here to worship where the whole Bible is preached. It has been a blessing to watch how God guided in the construction of the building, and we believe the Scripture in Psalm 127:1a, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

We praise the Lord for the way He sent in money for materials; also for the way He supplied our every need when we tested Him in tithing for the past three years. Now we are giving above the tithe—to the glory of God. The tithes and gifts come out of our check first. We tested our precious Lord for our seven-year-old son's healing. When he was five years old the doctor said he had a rheumatic heart. His health then failed so rapidly that we went to our pastor and asked him to come with the elders of the church and anoint him according to James 5:14-15. The Lord poured out a blessing from that moment that is still ours. We took our son back for a check-up by the same doctor, and he said to us: "If I had not examined this child I would say that nothing had ever been wrong with him." Other doctors have examined his heart and say that nothing is the matter. We do praise the Lord for His goodness and for the mercies He bestows upon us every day. We have two girls; both are saved, and all three of the children were baptized at Cherry Valley Brethren.

## FAMILY DECIDED ON CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN CHURCH AFTER ONE SERVICE

By Chet and Lois Handly

When we first moved to Cherry Valley we knew that one of the first steps was to find a church in which we could have fellowship. After attending a church in town we decided to try the Brethren church in Cherry Valley the next Sunday. There was no doubt that this was the place for us after attending one service, because it was there that we really heard the Word of God preached.

It wasn't very long before we realized the need for a closer walk with our Saviour, and within a few months our whole family felt that our lives should be dedicated to Him. We were all baptized and joined the church within six months from the time we first attended services here. We truly feel that the Lord could never have led us to a better community for such fellowship and opportunity for a deeper knowledge of the Bible.

We truly thank the Lord for the testimony that the church is to the community and that the desire to spread the Gospel is carried on with much prayer and waiting on the Lord—working together as one big happy family.

## WHAT GOD CAN DO

By Dwight W. Liggett

Usually the first step in building a new church is to arrange for the financing through some loaning institution, but we used a different plan of financing for the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. We were just a small



## CHERRY VALLEY'S GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL



*Shown here are the 13 Sunday-school classes of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. These pictures were taken the Sunday previous to the dedication, therefore the group of approximately 175 people represents a regular attendance. The average attendance for the fiscal year ending June 30 was 142, more than double the church membership. This is an ideal ratio for future growth of the church. The Lord has blessed in the Sunday school.*

flock with great confidence in the promises of our wonderful Lord. We started with little financially but with a lot of faith. Philippians 4:19 was our verse: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

The building committee agreed at the very beginning

not to borrow any money unless absolutely necessary. We also agreed to work until the money ran out and then we would let the Lord work.

Once we stopped work, because \$1,000 was needed, and started praying. It seemed to us like an impossible situation, but money started coming in even from un-



known people until we had more than we could use for a while. The Lord heard and answered prayer!

Another time money was coming in slowly, and we wanted to continue with more speed. Becoming impatient, we decided maybe we should try to borrow some money. We contacted a fine Christian banker and had the promise of the money needed, but when the building committee met in the evening a check for \$500 had just been received from a friend, and the loan was not needed. Then we knew we were to continue as we had started, by *just trusting the Lord*.

At times when our morale was low our pastor would sing this chorus:

"Got any rivers you think are uncrossable,  
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through;  
God specializes in things thought impossible  
And He can do what no other one can do."

We thank the Lord for our pastor's encouragement to us and his faithful preaching of the Word.

The Brethren Home Missions Council came to our rescue many times, for which we were indeed grateful. As the church treasurer I wish to echo the same gratefulness as the pastor in his article, "To the Glory of God," for every gift and every hour donated to building our church. Everyone of you working and giving as God directed you has made possible our \$55,000 plant with an indebtedness of less than \$3,000.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).

## THANKFUL FOR PLAIN PREACHING OF THE WORD

By Mr. Verner Allen

I can surely thank the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. We are all united in Christ our Saviour. I praise Him for the promises in John 1:12 and 6:37. I thank the Lord for leading me to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church where they preach the Word plainly enough so that everyone that hears may come to Him. The Lord has said, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Thank God for Brethren home missions. May the Lord bless the Brethren Home Missions Council and help them build more churches that are true to the Word.

## MISSION CHURCH HOST TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Grace Brethren Church of Portland, Oreg., held its first service in the upper auditorium when the 1953 Northwest District conference convened there during the first week of July. The building is rapidly nearing completion and represents both beauty and utility. Prior to this all the services of the church were held in the lower auditorium, but the men were busy working to finish the main floor during that time.

The spiritual atmosphere and messages of the conference were a great blessing to all. This district is unique in that it has four home-mission churches, and only three others. The home-mission activities continue to increase with a new church forming in the capital city of Salem, Oreg. Realizing that one of the greatest home-mission frontiers in America is the great Northwest, the churches are planning to go all out this year in meeting the challenge.

## DVBS AT JUNIATA, PENNSYLVANIA



This picture was taken at the close of the DVBS held at Juniata, Altoona, Pa., and represents the children and the staff. This will be the last DVBS at Juniata under the direction of Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, shown in the extreme left-hand corner. Brother Simmons will soon be serving the Lord in home missions at Chico, Calif., and Rev. Ward Tressler will be taking up the work at Juniata.



The Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg., with the following in the lower picture from left to right: Ned Collingridge, Glen Welborn, Thomas Hammers, Vernon Harris, L. L. Grubb, Harold Etling, William Schaffer, and Russell Williams.



## WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR HOME MISSIONS?

**Every Brethren and every Brethren church should have one for praying and one for giving.**

**Our goal is to encourage every Brethren to pray daily and give weekly. If we will do this we will reach the goal for a 25-percent increase in the Thanksgiving home mission offering this year.**

### MY PERSONAL GOAL

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

GOAL

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OCT. 25

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MARK IT WEEK BY WEEK!

REMEMBER THESE NEEDS DAILY IN PRAYER

THE FINANCING AND COMPLETION OF THE FINDLAY, OHIO, CHURCH.

THE FINISHING OF THE UPPER AUDITORIUM AT JENNERS, PENNSYLVANIA.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE, WORK.

THE FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, CHURCH.

THE BIBLE CLASSES IN SALEM, OREGON; ELYRIA, OHIO; DAVENPORT, IOWA; AND OTHER PLACES.

THE COMPLETION OF PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CHURCH AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

THE ACQUIRING OF LOTS FOR A NEW CHURCH IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.

THE PLANNING FOR A NEW CHURCH ON THE WHEATON, ILLINOIS, LOTS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, CHURCH, WHERE PLANS ARE COMPLETED.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR A NEW CHURCH IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

THE PLANNING FOR A NEW CHURCH ON THE NEW LOTS AT PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

THE NEW SPANISH-AMERICAN MISSION CHURCH PROPOSED FOR ARROYO SECO, NEW MEXICO.

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These pictures were taken during the 1953 Southeast District conference while it was in progress at the Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. The conference was timed perfectly to have as its guests Dr. Paul Bauman and the Grace Trumpeters, of Winona Lake, Ind. The Trumpeters are shown in action in upper left-hand picture, including Edwin Cashman, Eddie Smith, and Harold Westing. Their accompanist, David Halvorsen, cannot be seen. The upper right-hand picture includes the pastors of the district and Dr. R. D. Barnard, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society. The lower picture is one of the group representing the churches of the district. On the front row in the center can be seen Dr. Paul Bauman, president of the Brethren Home Missions Council, who was representing Grace Theological Seminary with the Trumpeters.

## How to Spend Your Vacation

By Sam I. Horney

Two years ago a Brethren young couple vacationed in New Mexico and visited our mission. During the few days at the mission they were able to help your missionaries in the summer activity of daily vacation Bible schools. So inspired by the tremendous challenge they had experienced, Earl and Betty Fiscus, of Kittanning, Pa., decided to return to Taos another year and spend all their vacation time there helping the missionaries teach in vacation Bible school.

Taking an extra three days off of a regular two-week vacation, Earl and Betty left their home in Kittanning and traveled some 1,750 miles to be ready to begin teaching on June 1.

Not being content with a regular half-day of Bible school teaching, they asked for an afternoon class also—and got it. Thus in two weeks of vacation (?) they assisted your missionaries in Bible schools at Taos and Ranchitos.

What would impel a young couple to drive 3,500 miles at their own expense, supply materials for two Bible schools—all for a vacation? If Earl and Betty would speak, I am sure that they would say, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Cor. 5:14). We can only say that such labor of love comes only from the Lord and we are deeply grateful to them.

So enthused and burdened for the missionary work among the Spanish-Americans, Earl and Betty "sold" the idea of their vacation to another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Smith, of Kittanning. Just a week later this couple followed in the footsteps of Earl and Betty

and helped us teach in our vacation Bible school at Llano Quemado, N. Mex. The love and fellowship of these good Christian people was a real uplift to the missionaries. Further, our missionary activity has been broad-



Mrs. and Mrs. Floyd O. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fiscus, of Kittanning, Pa., who assisted in the Taos DVBS work during their vacations.

ened because two couples caught the burden of the work.

Here is a unique and profitable way to spend your vacation. How about it? Does it sound good to you, too? Taos is a beautiful vacation spot and there is room and work enough for all.



# ISRAEL CALLS!

## IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER (Continued)

By Bruce L. Button

You speak of Russia and communism. It is the accepted method of the day to relegate those who fail to agree with one's view to "Russia and communism." I am sure you are *not* communistic, for in so relegating me and my belief you display an ignorance as to the teaching of communism and the teaching of Christianity. These two are as far apart as north from south. To inform you of their respective teachings I am enclosing the small pamphlet, "Karl Marx or Jesus Christ." Before you throw it aside as foolishness or castigate it as anti-Semitic, read it with a mind open to truth.

Do you know that communistic ideology is the result of a nation *rejecting* belief in God and in Jesus, the Messiah? It is the teaching of *natural* men, not of spiritual men. It is the ultimate end of most men who will not reason about God and their relationship to Him. Germany and her satellite countries were also the result of a national rejection of God and Jesus the Messiah. That which happened in Germany is beginning to happen in Russia and those countries following her lead, even now! And I tell you upon the authority of the Word of God, the Bible, that should I and others of like belief take your advice and leave *this* country, it would not be long before evil men would cause to happen here that which has happened and is even now happening in Europe. Belief in Jesus, the Messiah, is the *only* restraining influence *against* evil men that you will ever find in the world. Belief in Jesus, the Messiah, is the *only* restraining influence *against* anti-Semitism you will ever find in this world. Total nonbelief insofar as Jesus is concerned is the one way, the one sure way, to overthrow all beliefs, *and* our great freedom; it is the one sure way to cause another "time of Jacob's trouble," which I fervently pray will never again happen.

From the tone of your letter I suspect you class me as an anti-Semite. Lest you be under a false impression I am attaching hereto the material I give to those who castigate and slander the Jew. I doubt if you can find even in the material produced by the Anti-Defamation League, the Young Jewish League of Los Angeles, and other similar organizations, literature which better champions the Jewish cause. In fact, I doubt very much if you have ever realized just how much the Jewish people have meant to *your* welfare until you have considered these booklets. Be fair, my friend, read them! Throw them away if you must, but before you do, read them! Gentile people are reading them today and because of them they are turning to God through the greatest Jew that ever lived, Jesus, the Messiah, and thanking God for Him and for the Jewish people.

Should you or any other representative or representatives of the Young Jewish League of Los Angeles desire to discuss this matter further, I am at your beck and call. As to sensationalism of the type of which you hint, I doubt very much if this organization or you, personally, would stoop to such measures. In any event, I am not fearful of anything.

In closing, my prayer for you and yours is that you

will find spiritual prosperity, and I make it to God in Jesus' name. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Sincerely in Messiah,

Bruce L. Button.



ELYRIA, OHIO (Lester E. Pifer, former home-mission pastor)—

We met with a group of 15 people at Elyria, Ohio, on Monday evening, July 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lichty to investigate the possibilities of a new home-mission work in that city. We had a season of prayer and a Bible message, after which we had a period of discussion. It was during this time that we discovered there were 23 Brethren families plus two others who would be interested in a Brethren church. So intense was their desire to get started that a Bible class will be held each Monday night in the John R. Herwig home at 353 Columbus Avenue. I trust that this initial start may be the means of getting a fine testimony in this challenging field.

JENNERS, PA. (Victor S. Rogers, pastor)—

Our church is progressing along for the glory of the Lord. Last Sunday we had two young couples come out in the morning service; one was a rededication, the other three confessed Christ as Saviour for the first time. A few weeks previous to this another young couple accepted Christ and also two children. We had a baptismal service on June 7 for 12 at the Johnstown First church, and 11 of these joined our membership. Our Sunday school is also moving forward with our largest enrollment and an average attendance of 116 for the quarter. The building is being improved and finished as



rapidly as funds are available, and we thank God that our building-fund offerings are continually increasing.

**SOUTH BEND, IND.** (W. Russell Ogden, pastor)—

Our young married people's Bible-school class is spearheading a visitation program under the leadership of their teacher, Bro. Arthur Collins. Everyone is in contact at least one family a week that is not attending church and invite them to Sunnymede and, of course, try to win them for the Lord.

The church has established a budget of \$140 a month for building-debt reduction, and the offering is taken the last Sunday of the month. Yesterday (July 26) closed the first month under the new budget, and we went "over the top" to the joy of everyone, and with

praise to the Lord who has promised to supply all our needs.

**MODESTO, CALIF.** (Harold Painter, pastor)—

According to our last quarterly reports the Lord has been good to us and things look real good for the future. We have seen decisions of some kind nearly every Sunday—34 decisions were recorded during the period, with 5 new members added, 4 by baptism. Three new families have indicated their desire to join our membership which has increased 21 since January 1, 1953. The average attendance in the DVBS was 127 with several decisions for Christ made by the children. Twenty-five campers from our church spent one week at Camp Berea where I had the privilege of teaching two classes each day.

## "AN OPEN DOOR"—BUT A LOCKED ONE



*Rev. Sam I. Horney, Taos, N. Mex., with his class on the left, and Tony Luna with his class on the right as they continued the DVBS at Arroyo Seco under the sky, and under adverse conditions. The center group is receiving the Gospel from a phonograph record.*

**By Sam I. Horney**

For some months your Spanish-American pastors, workers, and missionary have labored to bring the Gospel to a village of some 1,000 souls at Arroyo Seco, N. Mex. All have had their share in witnessing to this churchless town—Tony Luna, Jake Maestas, David Toldardo, Arthur Martinez, and Missionary Sam Horney.

Services were held Sunday afternoons following regular services at our other missions. From all appearances there seemed a genuine interest in the Gospel and attendance at services ran as high as 27. A home had been opened to us for these services and since we were being received in the community we considered this as, "I have set before thee an open door" (Rev. 3:8).

But one Sunday a delegation visited the home where we had been holding services and the "open door" was slammed and locked. Those who had been attending services could no longer be located or were never at home when called on.

The home where we had been holding services had been promised to us for daily vacation Bible school. On the day when the first classes were to be held, behold, we found "an open door—BUT LOCKED."

Rather than admit defeat, your missionary, Sam Hor-

ney, your Spanish pastor, Tony Luna, and Miss Elaine Christy held the first day's classes in the shade of the home of the locked door.

The next day we found a sympathetic neighbor, a 19-year-old young man, who offered his vacant home to us for Bible school. The first day we had six in attendance. Some children came for a few days till their parents discovered they were attending "condemned" services. Our highest attendance was 14.

Next, someone locked with a chain the gate to the road that led to the house where we were holding vacation Bible school. Each day it was necessary for us to crawl through the barbed-wire fence, carry all our boxes of supplies to the house, as the road had been barricaded.

On the next to the last day of the second week of Bible school, the door to this home was locked and the key entrusted in the hands of a "devout" woman.

Again, rather than give place to the Devil, your missionaries decided to continue the school to the very end. Being Scriptural, we gathered the children together by the riverside and there for the last two days held our Bible school. See Acts 16:13.

Please pray that this "open door" may be an unlocked one.





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The Central District held its last conference at Winona Lake, Ind., July 20-23 under the moderatorship of Pastor James D. Hammer. Because of the geographical bigness of the district it was voted, subject to the approval of the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, to divide into these three districts:

The Southern Ohio District, organized under the moderatorship of Pastor Caleb S. Zimmerman, with next year's conference at the Dayton North Riverdale church May 18-19.

The Indiana Fellowship elected Pastor Ord Gehman as moderator and selected Berne for next year's conference at a time to be chosen by the executive committee.

The Michigan District chose Pastor Richard Jackson, Jr., for its moderator. Date and place of next conference not known to writer.

The Clayton, Ohio, church, pastored by Clair Brickel, has scheduled Prof. John Whitcomb, Winona Lake, Ind., for August 16, and Pastor Vernon J. Harris, Portland, Oreg., a former pastor at Clayton, for August 23.

The Northern Ohio District WMC rally was held at Fremont, Ohio, July 27, with Miss Angie Garber as the speaker.

Pastor William E. Howard, of the Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church, reports that Rev. Archie L. Lynn preached there July 26 and Rev. George Donahue July 29, while he was in Camp Grace.

The Philadelphia, Pa., First church, pastored by John M. Aeby, has scheduled Dr. O. E. Phillips as speaker for August 16 and Rev. William Simons for August 23.

The choir of the Long Beach, Calif., First church, pastored by Dr. Charles

Mayes, presented a special program July 26 and Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., of Winona Lake, Ind., was the speaker.

Bro. John McDevitt, Johnstown, Pa., First church, died July 30.

While Pastor Clyde Balvo was on vacation, the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church heard Bro. Clyde Caes and a gospel team from Bob Jones University on August 2, and Rev. George Kinzie on August 9.

Rev. Lee Jenkins preached at the Dayton, Ohio, First church, of which he is a former member, August 2, reports Pastor William Steffler. The church is going ahead with plans for a new building.

The Ashland, Ohio, church unanimously called Pastor Miles Taber for another year. Miss Angie Garber spoke there August 2. Two former pastors, Charles W. Mayes and Glenn O'Neal, are scheduled to preach there August 16 and 23 respectively.



Mrs. Elizabeth Dinsmore died July 10 and Mr. Wayne Johnson died July 14. Both were members of the Uniontown, Pa., church.

Bro. Charles C. Moomaw, member of the Wooster, Ohio, church, died July 13. His pastor, Kenneth B. Ashman, conducted the funeral service at the church July 15.

The Wooster, Ohio, church's young men's gospel team conducted an evening service at the Homerville, Ohio, church, where Robert Holmes is pastor, July 19.

The address of F. Archer Baum, new pastor of the San Diego church, is 4476 New Jersey St., San Diego, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 73.)

Scott Weaver, the new pastor of the Osceola church, has moved to 130 N. Oregon Ave., Osceola, Ind. (Change Annual, p. 72.)

Miss Helen Taber graduated from the nurse's training course of the Methodist Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind., August 2 and left the same day with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio, for a vacation trip to California.

Rev. C. A. Nicola preached at the Uniontown, Pa., church, pastored by

Clyde K. Landrum, August 2. This church has begun a remodeling program on its building.

The Compton, Calif., church called Pastor Norman A. Nelson for another year and is now engaged in remodeling the church basement. The church conducted a youth night June 28 with Evangelist Benny Bates as the speaker. Redd Harper spoke there July 19.

Credential blanks for the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, to be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 24-30, have been sent out. Any church not receiving sufficient lay or ministerial blanks should write immediately to the secretary of the conference, Pastor Clyde K. Landrum, 350 Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa. Please write "Credential Blanks" in lower left-hand corner of the envelope.

Prof. John Whitcomb preached at the Osceola, Ind., church July 19.

Bro. Walter S. Lee, Sr., of the Whittier, Calif., First church, died July 24.

The Whittier, Calif., First church, pastored by Lewis Hohenstein, had an average attendance of 140 in its two-week Bible school and an offering of \$58 to be used in Brethren missionary work.

During Pastor Charles M. Underwood's vacation, the Glendale, Calif., church has scheduled Dr. Paul Dewhirst as speaker for August 23, and former Capt. Louis Zamperini for August 30.

On dedication day, July 19, at the Beaumont, Calif., church, 220 people attended the morning service, 270 the afternoon service, and 133 the evening service, reports Pastor Gene Farrell. The vacation Bible school had an average of 76 for two weeks.

If you or anyone you know are moving to Wheaton, Ill., and would be interested in joining in the work of the Grace Brethren Church, please contact Mr. Clark C. Myers, 211 Ingaltion Ave., West Chicago, Ill., and he will be glad to help you in finding employment.

First Lieut. Wayne S. Flory has completed his five-week student chaplain officer's course at New Rochelle, N. Y., and has been assigned back to Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The Waynesboro, Pa., church, pastored by Dennis Holliday, was host to the Moody Bible Institute Melody-Aires, August 4.

# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART III: THE SERVANT'S SILENT GROWTH

The final verse of Isaiah 52 is an absolute contrast to the verses that immediately precede and follow it. Whereas, in 52:14, many *individuals* were astonished at the sufferings and disfigurement of the Man who claimed to be God, we find in verse 15 that many *nations* shall be astonished at the terrifying sight of this One whom they shall finally recognize as true DEITY, whose eyes are as a flame of fire, and whose countenance is as the sun that shines in its strength. And then again, in the first few verses of chapter 53, we are taken back to view the earthly career of our Lord as He quietly grew to human maturity, and was rejected by those who looked for a different type of Messiah.

The word "sprinkle" in 52:15 should be translated "startle," or "cause to leap." This word was often used in reference to liquids throughout the Old Testament, but here it is not water or blood, but *nations* that are caused to leap and tremble at the sight of Christ's unveiled glory. In Romans 3:19 the Apostle Paul says that every human mouth will be hushed into guilty silence before God at the final judgment. Even so, at the second coming of Christ, "kings shall shut their mouths at him." As one has expressed it, "They are struck dumb in speechless astonishment at One so suddenly brought out of the depths, and lifted to so great a height." If you want to know why kings will tremble at the second coming, read Psalm 2 and Revelation 19! To express it mildly, and yet Scripturally, they shall see and consider some things about Christ that will be far different from anything they had ever heard or been told!

### *Israel's Final Repentance*

Isaiah 53 is really the future confession of Israel's believing remnant, as they finally recognize in Jesus Christ their true Messiah, and lament that they had rejected Him for so long. To the gentiles, Christ's glorious appearance will be a startling surprise, but to the Jew it should have been a familiar and cherished hope, for it is woven into the very

fabric of Hebrew Scripture. Franz Delitzsch, himself a converted Jew, said that this chapter will not receive its complete historical fulfillment until Israel's remnant acknowledges with deep remorse that the gentiles accepted their own Messiah before they did.

Now let us look carefully at the first verse. The word "report" means "that which is heard," and "the arm of the Lord" means, according to Dr. Gleason Archer, the mighty power of God intervening in human affairs (in this case, referring to the appearance of God's only Son in the world), for the protection or chastening of God's covenant people. To bring out the full meaning of the verse, let us paraphrase it this way: "Who among us Jews actually believed the report or message which was heard among us (concerning Christ) and to which of us was the mighty power of God (in the person of Christ) actually revealed?"

Yes, the *message* of salvation was rejected, because Israel (and, for that matter, every last human being) rejected the Person of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is in verses 2 and 3 that this rejection of Christ's Person is more fully described, and the suggestive word pictures which are used in this description demand our careful study.

### *The Silent Growth*

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant." If the Jewish rabbis of Christ's time had only studied this verse of Scripture they might have realized that Messiah's appearance on the earth would not be sudden and spectacular, but rather by means of a slow, silent growth, from childhood to manhood. The point of the verse is this: the Servant's unspectacular *human growth* was the fatal stumbling block to Jewish leaders of that day. For example, they said concerning Him, "Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son?" (Matt. 13:54-55). The Jews were desperately seeking a Messiah who would throw off the hated Roman yoke, and give

to the Jews political and religious supremacy in the world. But they forgot that their political restoration had to be based upon their spiritual regeneration (Ezek. 37), and for *that* to be made possible the incarnation and atonement of the GOD-MAN had to occur *first!* In other words, the "form" and "comeliness" and "beauty" which the Jews looked for in their Messiah was not that holiness of character which pleases God, but rather the outward splendor of a military conqueror, who would make no demands upon his subjects, so far as repentance and personal righteousness are concerned.

### *Dry Ground*

"A root out of dry ground" may suggest Christ's virgin birth. Where there is no water, no plant can grow. But where there was no human father, the Christ-child appeared in the virgin's womb. Another possible meaning of this phrase is that Palestine was the "dry ground" out of which the Servant sprang. In the first century A. D. Palestine was an enslaved, degraded, downtrodden, and disheartened little nation in a corner of the mighty Roman Empire. Could it be possible that God's only Son would make His appearance on earth in *such* a place? Yes, and not only in such a land, but in an *animal stall* in little Bethlehem! That was being "a root out of dry ground" in the ultimate sense! And *that* is what God's Son did, when for our salvation He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant."

(To Be Continued)

### JESUS CHRIST IS THE LIGHT

When Jabez Bunting, one of the outstanding disciples of John Wesley, died, a minister speaking in tribute said: "When Bunting died the sun of Methodism set." A plain man at the funeral shouted: "Glory to God! That is a lie!" In those early days the Methodists looked to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Light of the world and not to any man, however great he might be.



# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## Northwest District Resolution

The following resolutions were among those passed in regular session of the Northwest District conference which convened in Portland, Oreg., July 6-9, 1953. It was the vote of the conference that these resolutions be published in the Brethren Missionary Herald at the earliest possible date.

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT . . .

1. We affirm our Biblical position regarding the Christian's attitude toward carnal warfare; the position being that of nonresistance.

2. We wholly reject the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the following reasons:

(1) It is the product of apostate leaders.

(2) It is copyrighted by the modernistic National Council of Churches and is made an article of merchandising.

(3) It subtly attacks many of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith "which was once delivered unto the saints."

3. We affirm our stand as a district that the qualifications for ministers, primary church leaders, and officers be as found in I Timothy and Titus, including those specifications dealing with divorce and remarriage.

4. We strongly urge every Brethren family to erect and/or maintain a family altar where the entire family shall worship our God and Saviour in spirit and in truth.

5. We affirm our Biblical position of separation of church and state, and that we encourage our President and Government to refrain from appointing a representative or ambassador to the Vatican State in Rome.

Mrs. Thomas Hammers,  
Secretary.

## Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)

The ladies' Bible class sponsored a program that resulted in the purchase and laying of carpet on the

## JOHN WHITCOMB, EDISENE HANSON WED AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Miss Edisene Marjorie Hanson and Mr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, June 7, 1953, in a beautiful double-ring ceremony at the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary, assisted by Rev. George O. Peek, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. Sibley Edmiston, brother-in-law of the bride, served as best man, and Alberta Hanson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Mrs. Whitcomb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Hanson, of Long Beach, and Mr. Whitcomb is the son of Col. and Mrs. John C. Whitcomb, of the United States Army.

Over 400 people attended the wedding, including the parents of the groom, who are currently stationed in Lima, Peru, and who came to the States by airplane for the occasion.

Following the ceremony, the bridal pair left by car for a tour through California, Oregon, Washington, and into Canada, visiting Victoria, Banff, and Lake Louise. They concluded their tour at Winona Lake, Ind., early in July, where they are now residing.

Prof. Whitcomb expects to con-



Mr. and Mrs. John C. Whitcomb

tinue his teaching work in Grace Seminary.

pulpit platform, a fine addition to our building.

Pastor Donald Rossman, of the North Buffalo church nearby, spoke on our radio program during the week of August 2, and on August 5 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Smith showed pictures and reported on their vacation missionary work on our mission station at Taos, N. Mex.

Virginia Hooks, of our church, and John Peterson, both 1953 graduates of Bob Jones University, were married in our church building August 8. The young couple expect to do home-mission work in Kentucky for the denomination of which John is a member.—Gordon W. Bracker, pastor.

## CHRISTIAN BILLS IN CONGRESS

On June 11, 1953, Hon. Ralph E. Flanders, of Vermont, introduced a "Christian amendment" resolution" (S. J. Res. 87) in the United States Senate. Hon. Robert D. Harrison, of Nebraska, introduced an identical

bill (H. J. Res. 289) July 2 in the House of Representatives.

The Mayflower Compact, the Compacts of the Colonies, the Articles of Confederation, and the Declaration of Independence acknowledge God and the Christian faith. But in the Constitution there is no mention of God, Christ, or the Bible. The "Christian amendment resolutions" are designed to correct this omission.

Three sections make up the proposed amendment. Section 1 states that "this nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

Section 2 safeguards the rights guaranteed in the First Amendment. Section 3 makes provision for citizens whose religious scruples prevent them from giving allegiance to the Constitution as amended.

The resolutions are now in the hands of the proper committees of the two houses of Congress and public hearings are to be held on them.

Rev. and Mrs. Elaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## CONFERENCE FEATURES BIBLE STUDY AND MISSIONS

"The Need of the Hour—Purity, Passion, Power" is the theme selected by the executive committee of the 64th annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 24-30. The conference text for this year is: "... Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:13-14).

Monday is to be Sunday School Day, with special sessions in the forenoon and afternoon relating to the development and effectiveness of the Sunday school in the local church and in the work of the denomination. The evening challenge hour is to be in charge of the laymen, and Pastor William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., will preach the vice moderator's sermon to open the conference.

Each day is to begin with simultaneous prayer meetings and auxiliary meetings at 8 o'clock. At 10 each morning there will be a Bible study and at 10:50 the business sessions will convene. Each afternoon at 1:45 one of the corporations will meet, to be followed at 2:45 by auxiliary meetings. At 7:15 each evening there will be a challenge hour and at 8:15 the message of the evening.

At the Bible hour Tuesday Pastor Arnold R. Kriegbaum, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will present the moderator's address. The Sunday School Board is to conduct the evening challenge hour, and the message, on "Purity of Life," will be preached by Pastor Thomas Hammers, Seattle, Wash.

The Wednesday morning Bible message will be given by Pastor Ward Miller, Whittier, Calif., on the theme, "Abraham." The challenge hour will feature home missions and Missionary Bruce Button, Los Angeles, Calif., will speak on "A Passion for Souls."

Pastor Joseph L. Gingrich, Seville,

Ohio, will speak Thursday morning on "Joseph." Grace Theological Seminary will sponsor the challenge hour, and Pastor Vernon Harris, Portland, Oreg., has chosen to speak on "Power for Service" for the final message of the day.

"Moses" is the theme to be treated Friday morning by Pastor George O. Peek, of Long Beach, Calif. The challenge hour will feature foreign missionaries home on furlough, and Missionary J. Keith Altig, on furlough from Brazil, is to present the evening message.

Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., is to speak on "Elijah" Saturday morning. The young people are in charge of the evening program, with Pastor Galen Lingenfelter, Buena Vista, Va., preaching the sermon.

The National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church will supervise the Sunday school on the Lord's Day. Pastor Russell Williams, of Yakima, Wash., is scheduled to preach the morning sermon, to be followed by the presentation and dedication of foreign missionaries. The afternoon service on Sunday is to be a rally featuring the missionary program and work of the Brethren Church around the world. The final evening message of the conference will be given by Pastor Raymond Kettell, Portis, Kans.

Pray for the conference daily and attend every session if at all possible. Make this the greatest conference we have ever held.

## IKE'S SHORTEST SPEECH

One of President Eisenhower's favorite stories is about the shortest speech he ever delivered. It was a long-drawn-out meeting. Five other speakers had preceded him. The audience was almost asleep. Finally, shortly before midnight, Ike was introduced.

"Every English discourse has punctuation," said Ike, "and in this instance I am the period."

Then he sat down. He got the biggest hand of the evening.



A. R. Kriegbaum

## GUIDANCE

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule" (Psa. 32:9).

We can have guidance either by the Father's eye or by the bit and bridle of circumstances. If, like the horse or the mule, we have no spiritual understanding, instead of guiding us with His eye, God has to curb us with His hand. There can, of course, be no guidance by the eye unless there is constant attention on the one side and constant superintendence on the other. The promise, "I will counsel thee, mine eye shall be upon thee" (marg), implies the existence of a disposition of watchfulness and of readiness to note God's hand in the manifest occurrences of life. God never curbs us with His hand unless He has failed to guide us with His eye. Where the look has been scorned, the bridle must be fastened. A look would be lost upon a horse or a mule. How often the look has been lost upon us because we have been out of touch with God; claiming to be His friends, yet following Him afar off; sad and depressed because of no perfect understanding; knowing nothing of freedom because under the bit and bridle; unable to sing because of the bit in the mouth.—J. Gregory Mantle, D. D.

## CFE PACKETS READY

Mr. Horace F. Dean, president of Christ for America, has announced that plans are being set in order for the second Christ for Everyone campaign to be held October 4-November 1, 1953, or at a time most suitable to the local church.

A packet including 16 different and effective helps has been prepared for the nominal sum of \$2. In this kit are pamphlets on prayer, visitation, follow-up work, and a guide for pastors. Also posters, automobile stickers, and a large banner are included. This packet can be secured from Christ for Everyone Headquarters, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

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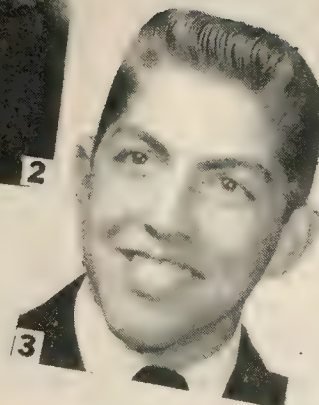
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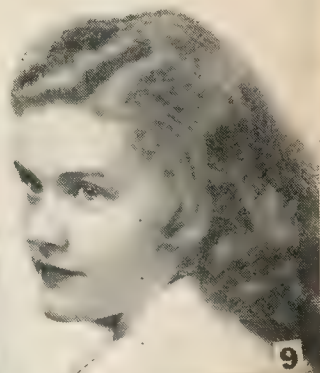
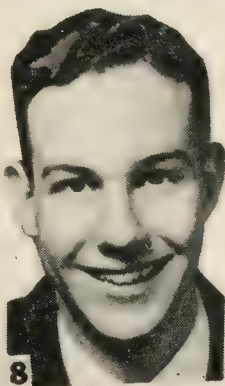
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## *Seventy-Three Students Already Enrolled*

If early applications are an indication, it is possible that the enrollment at Grace Seminary and College in September will set a new record. At the end of the first week in August 45 students had applied for admission to the seminary, and 28 to the college division of the school. Others have written for information, particularly concerning the college division. Many of our young people just now are facing decisions that will change the whole course of their lives. The world makes a tremendous bid these days for the best of our youth. Let us pray that not one of them may be permitted to make the wrong choice of a school. Grace Seminary and College wants only those young men and women who are directed there by the Lord Himself.

## *Wrong Choices and Tragic Results*

Several weeks ago while on the tour with the Grace Trumpeters it became necessary for me to become separated from them for a week to speak at the Gull Lake Bible Conference in Michigan. Twice during this conference parents came to me in tears as they told of sons who were brought up in their home churches and had been apparently interested in the things of the Lord. But each chose to attend a godless university, and each has returned home to scoff at the Bible and the faith of his parents. Now a Christian school cannot save any young man, nor can it keep him saved. Only the Lord is able to do that. However, it can fortify a student's faith by so teaching him that he can "give an answer to every man that asketh you [him] a reason of the hope that is in you [him]" (I Pet. 3:15). Many young people today are taught to believe, but few of them are given "a reason" for their faith. As a result, when their manner of life is falsely accused (see vs. 16) in the school-room, they find themselves utterly unable to answer the subtle arguments of unbelief. The great advantage of a Christian school is its opportunity in all its classes to give young men and women the tools to go out and meet the problems of life in a world that is no friend of God's, and to deal with them so successfully that "they may be ashamed that falsely accuse" their good manner of life in Christ (vs. 16). Parents should think a long time before they send their young people to schools in which the avowed aim of many a teacher is to attack the faith of any student who is old-fashioned enough to believe that the Bible is true.

## *American Scientific Affiliation to Meet on Campus*

Grace Theological Seminary will be privileged from September 1 to 3 to serve as host for the eighth annual convention of the American Scientific Affiliation, Inc. This organization is made up of Christian men of science in all parts of the United States. Many are professors

in well-known colleges, universities, and theological schools, and some are connected with the scientific departments of large corporations. It has been the writer's privilege to be a member of the organization for nearly a decade, and he is serving as chairman of the entertainment committee for the convention. While the sessions are intended primarily for members of the group, the affiliation is to furnish the speaker at the evening service of the Winona Lake Bible Conference, in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle on Wednesday evening, September 2. At that time Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., president of Shelton College, Ringwood Borough, N. J., will speak on the subject, "Science, the True and the False." The service will close with the showing of a film, very recently produced by the Moody Institute of Science, "The Prior Claim."

The American Scientific Affiliation is interested in the problems of modern science, particularly as they relate to the Bible. Several years ago they produced the well-known book, "Modern Science and the Christian Faith." The book is a symposium, treating such sciences as astronomy, geology, biology, psychology, archeology, etc., as they relate to the Bible. It is unquestionably one of the finest books available particularly for young people who face these problems in college and university life. It should be given a wide circulation. The price of the book is \$4.00, and it is available through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

## *Torrey Johnson to Conduct Opening Conference*

Something new is being inaugurated at Grace at the very opening of the school year. A highly interesting and challenging conference will begin with the annual convocation service of the school on Monday, September 14, and will continue twice each day through Friday. Dr. Torrey Johnson, of Chicago, founder of Youth for Christ International, and well-known Bible conference speaker, will address the student body twice each day. He will speak at the regular chapel hour, 9:25 a. m., and at 1:15 p. m. All who have heard Torrey Johnson will realize the rich treat in store for the students of Grace Seminary and College. All friends of the school who can possibly come to Winona Lake at that time are invited to attend any of the meetings.

## *Greetings to National Fellowship Delegates*

Grace Theological Seminary is again glad to welcome to Winona Lake some who will be attending the meetings of our National Fellowship for the first time. Do not fail to come and visit the campus. Inspect the building and the grounds, and ask us any questions you may wish answered about the school and its program. We want you to see what God has wrought during the past 16 years.

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# BISHOP OXNAM SAYS HE IS A SUCKER

The "Head" of American Protestantism Was Easy and Loose With His Name and Influence

By NOEL SMITH

*Editorial Note: The following article by Noel Smith, editor of the Baptist Bible Tribune, deals with the case of Bishop Oxnam, who for several years has been under suspicion as a sympathizer of Communist-front causes. According to many newspaper reports, Oxnam was completely vindicated in his recent hearing before the congressional Un-American Activities Committee. But Editor Noel Smith tells what actually happened, and he writes as an eyewitness. Since Bishop Oxnam has become virtually the high priest of modernistic religion in America, the article should be read by every member of our churches.—A. J. M.*

WASHINGTON.—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam admitted to the House Un-American Activities Committee that he probably was on the Communists' sucker list.

It was not a very pretty admission for the man to make who likes for everybody to believe that he is the practical head of American Protestantism, that he is the ablest, most brilliant Protestant leader since Luther and Calvin, and that he is a social statesman of world caliber. To his public the bishop's admission was like a sweet, romantic, sentimental thing finding dandruff on her hero's shoulder. The bishop's tense, touchy followers who crowded the House caucus room for the hearing never expected to hear their man admit that he was a sucker.

The bishop's extraordinary admission came after the printed record showed that G. Bromley Oxnam's name was associated with a long list of Communist and pro-Communist organizations. When he was asked about his name being publicly connected with these organizations, the bishop "didn't remember," or he had just "lent" his name to them. Rep. Clardy (R., Mich.) was trying to get the bishop to explain to the committee how a responsible man in public life could be so careless with the use of his name and influence. When the bishop became increasingly vague in his reply, Rep. Clardy reminded him that the Communists have sucker lists. "Could it be," asked Rep. Clardy, "that you were on one of these lists?"

The bishop replied: "It would seem to me that might well be the explanation."

The bishop showed up even worse when Rep. Clardy told him that he (Clardy) had been asked by some of the same organizations for the use of his name, and that in each case he had refused because he had had "no difficulty in recognizing them as Communist organizations."

It seems that about every informed person in the country knows the true character of the organizations which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has been and is encouraging but the bishop himself. If the bishop is telling the truth, the "head" of American Protestantism is not only a sucker, he is also a fathead.

Oxnam is bishop of the Methodist Church, Washington area, which includes Maryland, Delaware, central Pennsylvania, and part of West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia. The area has 1,691 churches. The bishop is a past president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. He is 61 years old.

## *The Hearing at the Bishop's Request*

Contrary to the popular notion, Bishop Oxnam was not subpoenaed to appear before the committee. He appeared at his own request. The House Un-American

Activities Committee is investigating neither Oxnam nor the field of religion.

The hearing was held in the House caucus room, the largest room in the House Office Building. It began at 2:30 p. m. and lasted until after midnight, with two recesses for House roll calls and a third recess for dinner.

Bishop Oxnam's theme was that the committee's files are damaging to his reputation, which is true; and that the committee keeps files "to pillory or intimidate" persons, which is false.

The bishop's position is that the House Un-American Activities Committee should retain in its files only such information concerning the public activities of G. Bromley Oxnam which Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam approves. Everything else should be junked. The bishop contends that the whole matter of investigating Communists should be turned over to the "church," and at the same time it is understood that in such case the chairman of all investigations would be no other than Oxnam himself.

## *Innocent by Association*

For weeks before the hearing Bishop Oxnam, who is known around Washington as a publicity hound who will bite in the clinches, had been softening up the psychological ground for his requested hearing. His propaganda department had seen to it that Methodist conferences and various Protestant organizations, including a bull pen of bishops, passed appropriate resolutions and formulated correctly worded statements to the effect that Bishop Oxnam and Protestantism were one and the same thing. A criticism of Bishop Oxnam was a criticism of Protestantism, the Bible, and the Government. This propaganda slyly hinted that only the Ku Kluxers in the South, the Roman Catholics in the East and North, and the Republicans in the West were against the bishop. To imply that the bishop was not the greatest Protestant leader in the world was to ipso facto place the critic in one of these three classes. The propaganda had it fixed so that nobody could criticize the bishop without at the same time criticizing everybody who is opposed to totalitarianism in religion and in the state. This propaganda made Bishop Oxnam the symbol of religious and civil liberty.

The bishop might smell of garlic, but he would become sweetened by association. The bishop would work the Communist propaganda technique (guilt by association) backwards.

## *But the Clutch Began to Slip*

The propaganda machine was running smoothly until the bishop took the oath and faced the committee. Then



the clutch began to slip. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam giving peremptory orders to Methodist preachers was one thing, but Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam facing his documented record before a congressional committee was another thing.

The hearing was opened by a statement by the chairman of the committee, Rep. Velde (R., Ill.). Then the bishop began reading his prepared statement. The burden of the statement was that the committee's files were irresponsible and were kept as a blackjack to be held over the heads of innocent people, especially over the head of Oxnam. In his printed statement, when the bishop refers to the committee's files he enclosed the word in quotation marks.

When the bishop had finished reading his statement, he was asked by the committee counsel, Robert L. Kunzig, whether he was once chairman of the Massachusetts Council of the American-Soviet Friendship. The bishop replied that he was—in 1942-43. His explanation was that the country was at war at the time and Russia was our ally. In reply to a second question, the bishop said that he had been a sponsor of the National Council of the Soviet-American Friendship.

"Who asked you to join the Massachusetts organization?" asked Rep. Walters (D., Pa.).

The bishop replied that he had been asked to join by Dirk J. Struik, a professor in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The bishop said that he had not met Struik and had his secretary check up on him over the telephone. The secretary had reported that Struik was a distinguished professor.

Oxnam was then asked what happened to Struik. He said he didn't know, but believed he was "indicted in Massachusetts in connection with some subversive matters."

"The fact of the matter is," Rep. Walters inquired, "the professor was a Russian spy, wasn't he?"

To this inquiry G. Bromley Oxnam gave this astounding answer:

"I do not know, and frankly I do not believe it."

As more questions were put to him about the long lists of Communist and pro-Communist fronts with which his name had been associated, the bishop became angry. On several occasions he cried, "I realize what you are doing to me." At other times he would try to evade a direct answer to a question by saying that he was fundamentally opposed to Communism.

When the bishop was shown documents linking his name with the Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council of Progressive Citizens of America, the bishop said, "There are so many of these organizations I can't keep track of them. I have no recollection of having been associated with that organization."

He was shown a newspaper statement linking his name with the American League Against War and Fascism. "I don't read the Daily Worker," the bishop quipped. "But it is also in the New York Times," replied the committee counsel.

It was when the bishop was shown documents linking his name with the American League for Peace and Democracy that the bishop settled the whole business by saying that he was on the sucker list.

Bishop Oxnam defended his connections with the long list of subversive organizations by saying that the Attorney General had declared them subversive after he had left them. "But weren't these organizations declared to



Student pastors appreciate the value of sharing experiences and problems in a weekly fellowship gathering at Grace Theological Seminary. Thursday noon hours are spent alternately between prayer and informal lunch meetings. Guest ministers assist in open-forum and discussion sessions.

be subversive for activities while you were connected with them?" asked the counsel.

This question brought another wordy explanation.

#### *The Bishop Was Not Acquitted*

Bishop Oxnam's propaganda machinery will of course pull out all the stops to make the impression that he was given a clean bill of health by the committee. This is false. The committee simply adopted a motion declaring its conclusion that the bishop is not affiliated with the Communist party. The committee divided on whether the bishop had given aid and comfort to Communism through association with Red front organizations.

The bishop has never been charged in responsible quarters with being a Communist. He has been charged with giving aid and comfort to Communists.

Bishop Oxnam nonchalantly admitted that he had lent his name and influence to almost any radical or pro-Communist organization that wanted to use it. He even made a joke of it, saying that in the future he may not join so many of these Red front outfits.

Yet when he is asked whether a man of his position and influence should be as loose with the use of his name and influence as a loose woman is with her virtue, he becomes indignant. "I realize what you are doing to me."

G. Bromley Oxnam reminds me of a billy goat in the stockyards in Fort Worth, Tex. This goat has been trained to lead sheep up a ramp to slaughter. The sheep get their throats cut. The billy goat goes his innocent way, lives off the fat of the land, and gets plenty of publicity.

#### SEMINARY STUDENTS TRAVEL TO BIBLE LANDS

On July 26 two students from Grace Seminary left Fort Wayne, Ind., by plane as a part of the "Flying Seminar" to Europe and Bible lands. They are Nathan Meyer, a member of the middler class, and Wayne Snider, a member of the 1953 graduating class, who will be returning for further study next year. Wayne was accompanied by his sister, Miss Alice Snider, a student at Wheaton College.



# MORE STUDENTS COMING TO GRACE COLLEGE

*Students are continuing to enroll in the college division of Grace Theological Seminary. On the front cover of the magazine again this month appear the pictures of 10 more students whose applications have been received and accepted by the school. Let us continue to pray for young people who are carefully weighing the matter of further schooling. Some desire to enter college but have financial problems. Others face the task of deciding which school they should attend. Grace College seeks only those young people who come because they are definitely directed of the Lord to do so. Pray that none may make a mistake in his decision.—P. R. B.*



## FROM FRANKFORT, IND.

I have attended Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pa., since birth. When I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour in 1944, I became a member of that church. Since that time I have felt a calling into the ministry. I have been seeking a school that would give me fundamental Bible training and still not be too far away from my present home in Frankfort, Ind. When I heard that Grace College was offering four years of college along with three years of seminary training, I immediately sent in my application. I know that Grace College has high moral and fundamental standards.

I am going to stay with the Brethren denomination, so I thought it would be good to be well-grounded in the doctrine. I have prayed about this matter and it seems that the door has closed on every other possibility. So I know it is the Lord's will that I attend Grace College. This is the greatest reason for choosing Grace College.—*Glenn C. Byers* (No. 1 on front cover).

## FROM DAYTON, OHIO

I chose to enroll at Grace College for several different reasons.

One is stated in I Peter 3:15—"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

The second reason logically follows the first: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

The last and most important reason is that I feel it is the Lord's will.

"Follow Me, and I will make you . . ."

Make you speak My words with power.  
Make you channels of My mercy,  
Make you helpful every hour.

"Follow Me, and I will make you . . ."

Make you what you cannot be—

Make you loving, trustful, godly,  
Make you even like to Me.—*L. S. P.*

I thank the Lord that the Brethren Church has a college of its own. We have needed one a long time, and I am proud to be called a student of Grace.—*Vivian I. Stewart* (2).

## FROM HUMMELSTOWN, PA.

It was not until the completion of my junior year at Pennsylvania State College that I found God's will for my life. Here I realized that, although I had received all of Christ, He had not received all of me, and I surrendered my life to Him.

I had been accepted at the University of Pennsylvania in the School of Veterinary Medicine, and I had to make the decision of full-time service for the Lord or continuing in my previous course of study. Since that time I have definitely felt led of the Lord to enter full-time service, and through the capable counseling of my pastor realize that Grace is one of the most outstanding colleges offering a Christian education.

At Grace I expect to find Christian fellowship that I have not experienced in the college attended previously.

I feel my spiritual life will be enriched and that I will be prepared to serve Him under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the fundamental instruction at Grace.—*R. Douglas Cassel* (3).

## FROM KITTANNING, PA.

In Ephesians 5:17 we read, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." After taking my first year of college at a fine outstanding interdenominational school, I began thinking and praying about transferring to Grace College. For me there were many rivers and rough mountains to cross in deciding what to do, but the Lord gave me an opportunity to hear the Grace Trumpeters and to talk to Dr. Paul Bauman. This opportunity to hear and to talk to these people encouraged me. However, it still took some more

thinking and praying about the matter to make me aware that Grace was the place for me. It is the place for me, I believe, because it is there that I will be able to prepare for the work the Lord has planned for me, whether it be in the homeland or the foreign field.—*Dolores Jordan* (4).

#### FROM HOPWOOD, PA.

A proper and adequate education is very important for those who have been called of the Lord into full-time Christian service. I recognized the need for further education when I was graduated from the Greensburg Bible Institute in May. Upon inquiring at Grace College, I found that I could be enrolled as a senior student and I felt that the Lord was definitely leading me there. Since arriving in Winona Lake a little over a month ago, I have come to realize more and more that this is the place where the Lord wants me to be. I have had the opportunity of visiting the school, and I have also had the privilege of meeting and working with many of the students at the job which the Lord so graciously gave me just a few days after I arrived. I am glad that the Lord has sent me to Grace College, and I am looking forward with great anticipation to the day when school begins.—*Genevieve J. Miner* (5).

#### FROM JACKSON, MISS.

During the time I was at Grace Bible Institute, there came representatives from Grace Theological Seminary to invite students to continue their education in Winona Lake. They gave me full assurance of honoring all possible credits. This was the first time that I heard about Grace College. Then in July 1952 we made a trip to Winona Lake to see the school and we liked the fine Christian atmosphere. Now we believe that the Lord wants me to continue my education at Grace College.—*Rev. Peter C. Quiring* (6).

#### FROM COVINGTON, VA.

The Lord hath given unto me a goodly heritage. "Unto whom much is given, much shall be required." I felt the compassion of the Lord for the lost when He said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few," and I answered the prayer, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Having graduated from Prairie Bible Institute, I looked for a fundamental college to complete my preparation for His harvest field. Grace College and Seminary offers the fundamental truths which I can learn from Spirit-filled teachers.

On June 27 James Arrington and I were married. My husband and I are looking forward to a blessed study at Grace.—*Helen M. Arrington* (7).

#### FROM ASHLAND, OHIO

I feel that the Lord has a definite purpose in calling me to Grace College. There were previous arrangements made to attend two other colleges, but the Lord finally led me to Grace. Grace has everything I want, and the Lord is definitely leading in that direction. I count it a real privilege and opportunity to be able to

## BLESSINGS AT GRACE COLLEGE

By Franklin Weaver

I received many blessings in my first year at college, and I am looking forward, the Lord willing, to the coming year. Among the many things with which I was impressed was the Christian fellowship of the students. Something else that I really enjoyed was that at the beginning of every class one of the students would lead in prayer.



I also have received many blessings from the practical work department. Under this department students witness in street meetings, nursing homes, hospitals, and railroad camps. Just last Sunday some of us fellows went to a hospital, and my soul was really thrilled to see one of the patients accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. I am thankful that the Lord led me to this school for my training.

start my college education at such a fine Christian school as Grace.—*Robert Messner* (8).

#### FROM STERLING, OHIO

After months of prayerful consideration, I feel that the Lord is leading me to enter the college division of Grace Seminary this fall.

As yet I do not know what my Lord would have me prepare for, but my desire is to be ready, and I believe that Grace College is the next step, for it will help me to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18a).—*Ruth Moine* (9).

#### FROM ASHLAND, OHIO

*Editor's Note:* Miss Helen Taber (No. 10 on front cover) was graduated August 2 from the nurses training course at the Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. As this material went to press she was on her way to California with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Miles Taber, and it was not possible to secure her testimony. Helen plans to complete her college work at Grace and is looking to the Lord to reveal His further plans for her life as she continues her training.

#### FROM COVINGTON, VA.

*Note:* James Hawkins' picture appeared in last month's Educational Number of the Herald (July 25). His testimony was not in our hands soon enough to include it in that number of the magazine, so it appears this month.

I have enrolled and will be attending Grace College this fall because I believe the Lord would have me get the best all-around education that it is possible to obtain. Grace College offers me both a good spiritual atmosphere and practical Bible teaching which I feel is much needed today. I have seen and heard graduates of Grace, and their preaching and testimonies speak loudly to me about the school. I am looking forward to rich blessing and fellowship with the faculty and students.—*James D. Hawkins*.





Opportunity for experience in leadership is just one of the advantages of a school like Grace Seminary and College. The Student Council, which is composed of the student body officers and the officers of the different classes, meets regularly to consider problems relative to the student program of the school. The picture shows the 1952-53 council. This year the group will be enlarged by the addition of two more years to the college division.

Seated: James Arrington, first-year collegiate president; Ivan French, student body president; Richard DeArme, student body vice president; Mary Dukeshire, student body secretary; Raymond Thompson, student body treasurer; Herman Hein, student body practical work director. Standing: Leonard Mezner, middle class president; Donald Locke, second-year collegiate president; William Short, senior class president; Joel Kettenring, student body activities director; Nathan Meyer, junior class president.

### GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR JULY 1953

Allentown, Pa. ....	\$10.00	Los Angeles, Calif. (2) ..	\$77.20
Alto, Mich. ....	16.00	Los Angeles, Calif. (3) ..	14.00
Altoona, Pa. (1st) ..	17.00	Middlebranch, Ohio ...	18.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	7.00	Mundy's Corner, Pa. ...	12.00
Ankneytown, Ohio ...	25.00	New Troy, Mich. ....	48.00
Ashland, Ohio ....	105.20	North English, Iowa ...	25.00
Bellflower, Calif. ....	21.00	Philadelphia, Pa., (1st)	104.50
Berne, Ind. ....	66.00	Portis, Kans. ....	31.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...	24.00	Portland, Oreg. ....	7.00
Clay City, Ind. ....	20.00	Radford, Va. ....	6.00
Clayton, Ohio ....	5.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	33.50
Compton, Calif. ....	31.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	102.64
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	36.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	20.00
Covington, Va. ....	13.00	Sidney, Ind. ....	86.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	7.00	South Bend, Ind. ....	34.00
Danville, Ohio ....	15.00	South Gate, Calif. ....	158.50
Dayton, Ohio (1st) ...	358.00	South Pasadena, Calif. ..	55.75
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.)	5.00	Spokane, Wash. ....	7.00
Denver, Colo. ....	6.00	Summit Mills, Pa. ....	7.00
Everett, Pa. ....	9.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	5.00
Flora, Ind. ....	56.00	Taos, N. Mex. ....	5.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	237.79	Uniontown, Pa. ....	20.00
Garwin, Iowa ....	17.05	Washington, D. C. ....	144.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....	87.50	Waterloo, Iowa ....	125.50
Harrish, Wash. ....	9.00	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	99.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	18.50	Whittier, Calif. ....	100.00
Hollidaysburg, Pa. ....	25.00	Special ....	9.99
Homerville, Ohio ....	11.00	Winchester, Va. ....	31.00
Huntington, Ind. ....	25.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	218.75
Jackson, Mich. ....	38.36	Special ....	8.53
Jenners, Pa. ....	28.90	Yakima, Wash. ....	2.00
Johnstown, Pa. ....	203.00	Yellow Creek, Pa. ....	22.00
Kittanning, Pa. (1st) ..	53.00	York, Pa. ....	29.00
Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	15.00	Miscellaneous—	
La Verne, Calif. ....	32.00	Central District WMC	
Leon, Iowa ....	51.00	Special ....	8.50
Limestone, Tenn. ....	7.00	Isolated Brethren	3.00
Listie, Pa. ....	28.25	Non-Brethren ....	261.50
Long Beach, Calif. (1)	40.00		
Long Beach, Calif. (2)	5.00	Total .....	3,773 41
Los Angeles, Calif. (1)	49.00		

### COMPROMISE, THE DEVIL'S WEAPON

Satan often tempts the child of God to sin by making the offense seem of small importance. Peter was led to deny his Lord because the way was made so easy. In the Gospel of John (18:15-27), the account as preserved in the Greek original reveals how subtly Peter was trapped. The first question put to Peter by the maid made it easy for him to deny, for she said: "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" (literal). She expected him to say, "No," and he took the easy course. The second question was much the same: "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" Again Peter took the easy course, rather than contradict the questioner. But when Peter had thus started his course of compromise, Satan prompted a third question. Malchus' kinsman said: "I saw you in the garden with him, didn't I?" Here the answer expected was "Yes," but Peter had become so enmeshed in his web of denials that he could no longer take the easy course. Instead of giving the "Yes," which the questioner expected, Peter made a categorical denial of his association with Christ. What had once begun perhaps as a mumbling "No" to avoid suspicion soon became an outright refusal to acknowledge his Lord. Compromise with sin is one of Satan's most effective weapons.—Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.



## EDDIE SMITH IN JAPAN

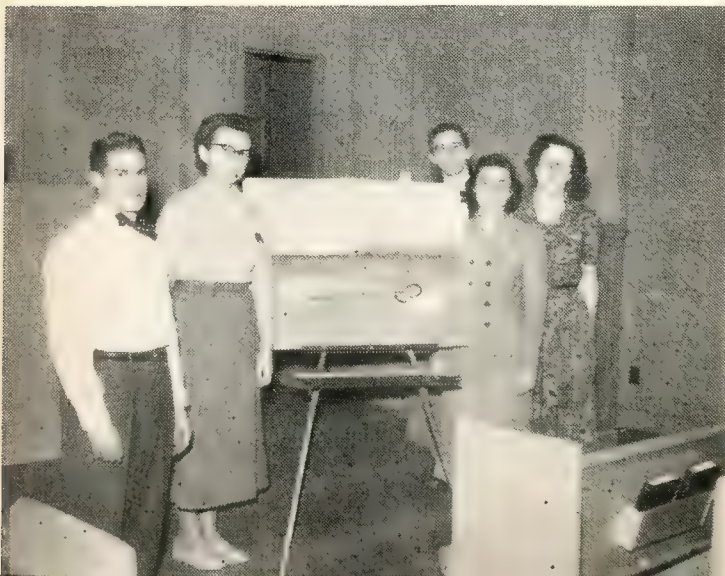
Eddie Smith (pictured), a member of the Grace Trumpeters and a senior in the college division, left on Thursday, August 6, for Japan with the great Youth for Christ evangelistic team. The entire group consisted of approximately 100 men from all parts of the country. They left by plane from Vancouver, Canada, and expect to return to the United States about the 6th of September. In Japan the group is to be divided into approximately 30 teams, and they intend to conduct evangelistic campaigns in various parts of Japan. The work has been carefully planned, and regular missionaries now in the Japanese islands expect to follow up their work and the openings created by the Youth for Christ groups.



Eddie is working as a member of a television team and will devote a part of his time and talent to that type of work. While television is new in Japan and not yet so widespread in its coverage as in the United States, it is said that the Japanese are tremendously enthusiastic about it and will gather in large groups around a single set. Let us pray for Eddie and for the entire group as they near the conclusion of their work. Grace Seminary is proud to have one of its students numbered among the team carrying the Gospel to Japan.

## A MOST ILLOGICAL EXCUSE

The man who says he is kept away from a church by hypocrites is not influenced by them elsewhere. Business is full of them, but if he sees a chance to make money he doesn't stop for that. Society is crowded with them, but he does not become a hermit. Married life, in many cases, is wrecked by them, but he does not remain a bachelor. Hell is full of them (or will be) and yet he is doing nothing to keep from that end. He wants you to think he is avoiding hypocrites, yet he takes no steps toward the only place where no hypocrite can go.—*Selected by S. Herbert Bess.*



## GRACE TRUMPETERS CONCLUDE TOUR

During the period of May 31 to July 31, the Grace Trumpeters covered over 7,500 miles, which took them into nine States and the District of Columbia. In addition to their 52 regularly scheduled services, they took part in a variety of other types of meetings. They took part in a total of nine meetings during the time spent at the Southeast and East District conferences, 10 services in visits to four camps (Buckeye, Keystone, Grace, and Rural Bible Crusade Camp, near Story City, Iowa), and three services at the Youth for Christ conference at Winona Lake, Ind. During the regular part of the trip they participated in seven young people's services, seven radio programs, two daily vacation Bible schools, one Sunday-school picnic, and the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Sunday-school unit at the Clayton, Ohio, church. This totals 92 services held and participated in during the 61-day duration of the trip.

In addition to accompanying the Trumpeters throughout most of the tour, speaking at most of the meetings, and holding numerous conferences with prospective students, Dr. Paul Bauman spoke 12 times at the Gull Lake Bible Conference in Michigan, and eight times at the Erieside Bible Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. There was also a trip to Martinsburg, Pa., for the seminary. These side trips involved another 2,500 miles by plane, train, and automobile.

## NOTICE TO ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

All single students in the college division, unless living at home, are expected to live in the new dormitory units and board with the other dormitory students. Each



student should bring sheets (for double bed), pillow cases, blankets, bedspreads, dresser cover, and towels. If further information is desired, write to Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, immediately.

## CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP

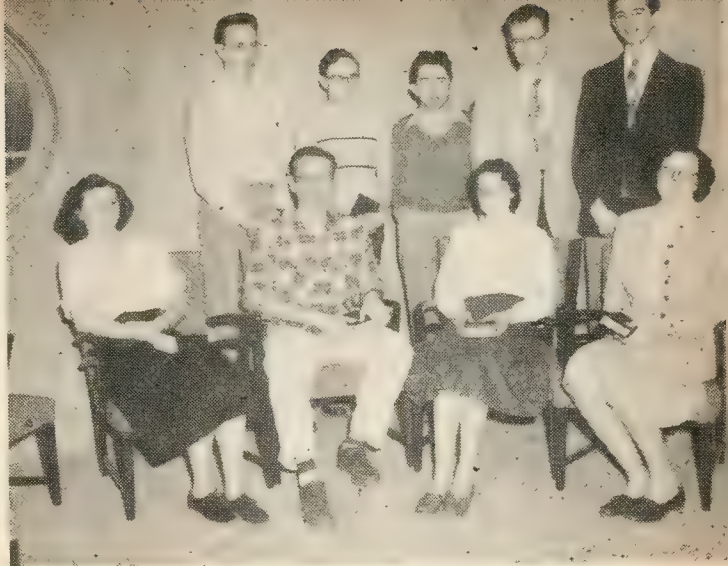
Students at Grace may volunteer to be teachers of Good News Clubs with the Kosciusko County Child Evangelism Fellowship. About 300 children were reached with the Gospel each week last year. Pictured left to right are Robert Fetter, Dorothy Toirac, Robert Milliken, Mary Dukeshire, and Rosella Cochran. Mrs. Dorothy Toirac was the assistant director of the county organization. She is now serving with her husband, Florent (also a student at Grace last year), as a missionary in Europe.



## FOREIGN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP

*The Foreign Missions Fellowship is an agency of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship operating on college campuses. The aims and activities include holding weekly prayer meetings, arranging for missionary speakers and films, providing prayer literature for the tower prayer room, and promoting interest in missions among the students. More than one student has received the vision of fields white unto harvest through these meetings.*

*Seated: Eva Godfrey, Tom Inman (chairman), Audrey Byers (secretary), Rosella Cochran. Standing: Russell Irwin, Ernest Lee, Donald Girton, Dalmain Congdon, Robert Milliken.*



## THE SIGN OF GRAY HAIRS

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Concerning the nation of Israel in his own day, the Prophet Hosea had to say a dreadful thing: "Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not" (Hosea 7:9).

In his sermon on this text, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan points out some interesting things. He says that in the physical realm it is entirely contrary to nature to be ignorant of the appearance of gray hairs. Some may try to pull them out, or even dye them, but their presence is keenly felt! In the spiritual realm, however, such ignorance is all too common.

It was said of Samson that "he wist not that the Spirit of God had departed from him." How tragic! We can thank God that since Pentecost the Spirit departs from no believer. But in many a Christian believer there has set in a process of gradual spiritual decline which is tragic because it is unconscious and unnoticed. Perhaps, in the round of daily plans and activities, we may not realize that, spiritually speaking, gray hairs are here and there upon us, but our closest friends will notice it and, what is most important, GOD sees it. It must have been rather shocking for the church at Ephesus to be told by God: "Thou hast left thy first love."

How can we, as God's children, avoid this tragedy of unconscious spiritual decline in our lives? Here is the answer: Look upon the Lord Jesus in all His glory and grace. In the flawless mirror of God's Word, the light of His glory will clearly expose the flaws in your life. That is not a tragedy. That is the first step to victory and restoration. To remain ignorant of those gray hairs is the tragedy. Why not come to Jesus your Lord *today* and say to Him, "Lord Jesus, show me myself in the light of Thy glory. Help me by Thy grace to walk in Thy strength today." And then the gracious Lord will speak to your heart these words of comfort: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

## INTEREST SHOWN IN SEMINARY BOOKLET ON RSV

As a result of favorable reviews printed in such magazines as the Sunday School Times, the Christian Beacon, the Sword of the Lord, and others, the seminary's 40-page booklet, "Which Version?" is being ordered from every part of the country. Hundreds of orders have come to the office, and many, having ordered a single copy, are reordering in quantities. The booklet is a critical evaluation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Eleven members of the seminary faculty participated in writing it. Read it yourself. Secure extra copies for your friends. The price is 15c a copy; eight copies for \$1.00.

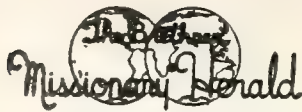


## GRACE TRUMPETERS RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Recently at the Rodeheaver Music Studios at Winona Lake, the Grace Trumpeters made recordings, and a phonograph record (78 RPM) is now ready for distribution. The record contains three of the numbers heard by thousands during the summer tour of the Trumpeters. Included are "Wonderful, Marvelous, Yet True," "Jesus Saves," and "Saved by Grace." The record may be secured by sending \$1.05 to the seminary, together with your name and address. Or if you prefer, you may order it sent c. o. d. The latter will involve a slight collection charge. We are sure that many who heard the Grace Trumpeters during the summer will want a recording, and many others into whose churches the men could not come will appreciate hearing them for the first time.







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*Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum* has moved to Winona Lake, Ind., and should be addressed at Box 14. All personal mail intended for him or his family should be sent to this address, but mail for Brother Kriegbaum in relation to his new duties at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company should be sent to him in care of the company.

The address of *Rev. Walter Lepp* is now Box 265, Winona Lake, Ind. (Change Annual, p. 70.) Brother Lepp closed his ministry at the Hagerstown, Md., church August 2, with nearly 1,000 people attending the services of the day, and important decisions for Christ were made. The congregation and auxiliaries presented gifts to the Lepps.

On July 30 the *Lake Odessa, Mich.*, church gave a welcoming reception and presents to Pastor and Mrs. Robert Griffith. Evangelist William Smith, Washington, D. C., preached there August 9.

The *Winchester, Va.*, church, pastored by Paul E. Dick, has scheduled Rev. Godfrey O'Rear for August 23 and Bro. Robert Kerns for August 30. Bro. Kenneth Armstrong was the preacher August 16.

*Camp Grace*, near Woodstock, Va., sponsored by the Atlantic and Southeast Districts, had 326 campers in its two-week camp period.

Pastor *Henry G. Rempel* was called unanimously and given a 10-percent salary raise, plus traveling expenses, to continue as pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., Second church. He was elected moderator of the California Conference of Brethren Churches for next year.

The *South Bend, Ind.*, church, pastored by W. Russell Ogden, plans to enter simultaneously the Christ for Everyone campaign and the Chris-

tian Life Sunday school contest October 1.

The *Sharpville, Ind.*, church has called Russell Konves, a member of the Mansfield, Ohio, church and a middler in Grace Seminary, to be its pastor effective August 1.

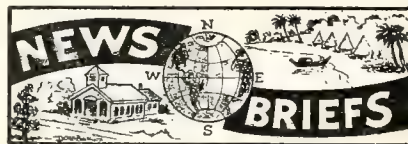
The *Modesto, Calif.*, Brethren Christian Center has secured Rev. Robert Cover as supply pastor.

Pastor *Russell H. Weber* has moved to 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md. (Change Annual, p. 72.)

The *Conemaugh, Pa.*, church has secured Rev. H. W. Nowag as supply pastor for August while Pastor Stanley Hauser is on vacation.

The address of *Rev. Robert Bates* is in care of Mr. L. H. Bates, 4630 Live Oak St., Bell, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 67.)

Rev. C. A. Nicola preached at the *Uniontown, Pa.*, church August 2, according to Pastor Clyde K. Landrum's report.



The new address of *Curtis C. Mitchell*, interim pastor of the Bellflower, Calif., church, is 9302 Flower St., Bellflower, Calif.

Miss *Elna Fisher*, of the Long Beach, Calif., Second church, and a 1953 graduate from the Long Beach Brethren High School, was awarded a six-week scholarship to study piano this summer at the Institute of Music, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Sunnyside, Wash.*, church accepted Pastor Herbert E. Collingridge's request to be released September 1, as he had already accepted the pastorate of a church at King's Gardens.

The *San Bernardino, Calif.*, church, pastored by Lyle W. Marvin, held a vacation Bible school July 20-31 with an enrollment of 102, an average attendance of 78, and with 138 people at the closing program. The offerings totaled \$75. Ten children received Christ as Saviour and 25 made other decisions during the two weeks.

The *Fremont, Ohio*, church called and gave a salary increase to Pastor Lester E. Pifer for next year. Prof. John Rea and Dr. Russell D. Bar-

nard, both of Winona Lake, Ind., preached there July 19 and 26, respectively. The church is broadcasting its morning services during August.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church, pastored by Miles Taber, set a new high with 94 people in prayer meeting July 29. During July the morning attendance averaged 347, evening 137, and prayer meeting 82, each of these being a very sizeable increase over July 1952.

Mrs. *Leah Harrison*, member of the Middlebranch, Ohio, church since 1896, died late in July and her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Edward Lewis, at Hartville.

Bro. *Dallas K. Smith*, of the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church, died July 22.

Miss *Lucille Liechty*, of the Cleveland, Ohio, church, and Miss *Joan Stuibier*, of the Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, church, spent their vacations June 22-July 3 helping with the daily vacation Bible school at Clayhole, Ky., where Sewell Landrum is pastor.

Rev. Gerald Smelser, of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, was the speaker at the *Wooster, Ohio*, church August 2, according to a report from Pastor Kenneth Ashman. The average attendance during the April-June quarter was 248 in morning service, 163 in evening service, 62 in prayer meeting, and 220 in Bible school.

Bro. Lon Karns preached August 2 at the *Clayton, Ohio*, church, of which Clair Brickel is pastor.

The *Everett, Pa.*, church voted a salary increase and car-expense allowance for its pastor, Homer Lingenfelter. On August 2 there were 102 people in Sunday school and 101 in the morning service.

Pastor *Edward Lewis*, of the Middlebranch, Ohio, church, conducted a Bible conference at O'Dell's Lake, Ohio, July 19-25.

Chaplain (Major) *Donald F. Carter*, who received his commission in November 1943, graduated from the associate chaplain officer advanced course at the Chaplain School at New Rochelle, N. Y., July 30.

Rev. *Edward C. Bowlen*, a member of the Los Angeles, Calif., First church and pastor of an independent church at Summerland, Calif., requests that it be announced that he is available for a Brethren pastorate. His address is 2230 Harding St., Summerland, Calif.



# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART IV: THE SORROWFUL AND SMITTEN SERVANT.

In our previous study we saw how the silent and quiet growth of Jehovah's Servant was in itself a stumbling-block to Jewish leaders. They had an entirely different conception of what the Messiah should have been like. Now in verse 3 of Isaiah 53, we find a graphic description of the positive aversion and hostility which the nation in its former ignorance manifested toward the Lord Jesus, Jehovah's righteous Servant. Such hostility finally led to the crucifixion of Christ, thus accomplishing God's eternal plan for the redemption of believing sinners.

### *Despised and Rejected*

Verse 3 contains some interesting words that invite our attention. The word "despised" (*nivzeh*) carries with it the idea of bitter contempt. In Daniel 11:21 it is translated "a vile person," referring to none other than Antiochus Epiphanes, the most hated person in Jewish history, who is set forth in Scripture as the foreshadowing of Antichrist! Does this give you some conception of how the Jews felt about the Lord Jesus? The phrase "rejected of men" contains a special word for "men" which means men of rank and prestige. With a few feeble exceptions (Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Joseph of Arimathea), our Lord was totally rejected by the very class of people that should have recognized His claims. When some temple officers were once astonished at the matchless words of Christ, they were crushed with the statement: "Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?" (John 7:48).

### *The Sorrowing Servant*

Now let us glance at that phrase, "man of sorrows." What a contrast to Isaiah 52:13, where Christ startles the nations with His glory! No self-appointed prophet could have imagined such a strange Messiah, and when Isaiah wrote down this Spirit-directed statement, he probably pondered it with wonder and amazement (I Pet. 1:11). Jewish rabbis and modern liberals attempt in vain to identify this person with Jeremiah

or Hezekiah or the personified race of Israel. It is in the four Gospels that we find the Person who fits this title: Man of Sorrows. Did Christ ever laugh? Hardly. But He often wept in the presence of sin and its awful results. "We have all seen grief and sorrow in our time; no one can live long without doing so, God knows, but it is not one sorrow or two that makes one 'a man of sorrows,' nor one meeting or two with grief that makes him the acquaintance of it."

Verse 4 begins a new section in the chapter, in which repentant Israel confesses that the sufferings of Jehovah's Servant were altogether of a different character from what they had supposed. To consider the last part of the verse first, they "did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." Like Job's friends, they concluded that His awful sufferings were the results of His own awful sins of blasphemy and Sabbath-breaking. They measured the sin of this Person by the sufferings He endured. They thought that He had been "stricken" in the sense of being afflicted with a hateful, shocking disease like leprosy, even as King Uzziah was "stricken" (same word) with leprosy when he presumed to approach the temple altar as a priest (II Chron. 26:20).

### *The Disease-Bearer*

But how utterly different are men's thoughts from God's thoughts (Isa. 55:8)! Christ said that "that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15). When we come to the Scriptures, we must be prepared to have our natural view of things destroyed and built anew. So far as Messiah's sufferings were concerned, the true situation was as follows: "He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." The word "griefs" in this verse (as in verse 3) really

means *diseases*, and is so translated in Matthew 8:17. Now Jesus did not come to the world to show men how to cure sickness without medicine (as some cults claim), but rather to demonstrate by His healing of men's bodies that He was competent to heal men's souls. The final proof of this statement is to be found in Matthew 9:6. Thus the physical healings of Christ's ministry were outward pledges and tokens of the full results of Calvary. Someday the body of every believer will be raised incorruptible (I Cor. 15:52), but now physical healing is only temporary and occasional, according to God's will (Jas. 5:15). Permanent *soul-cure* is the order of this age for those who believe on Christ; permanent *body-cure* is yet ahead for those whose sins are being forgiven now, by the grace of God. In both cases Christ is the Great Physician, and the cross is the place of curing.

### *The Sinner's Substitute*

The word "borne," as used in this verse, is very important. Christ did not merely enter into the fellowship of our sufferings and pains, as modernists would have us believe, but He took upon Himself the judicial sufferings which we deserved to bear, and therefore not only took them away, but bore them in His own Person, that He might deliver us from them. This is what is meant by *substitutionary atonement* as the Bible teaches it. These three verses of Isaiah 53 (4, 5, 6) contain one of the clearest expressions of this truth in all of Scripture. This proves conclusively that *your sins and mine* were the real answer to the cry of our Saviour from the cross: "Why hast thou forsaken me?"

All of us have experienced a B. C. (before Christ) period in our lives, when indeed "we esteemed him not," or reckoned Him as having no real importance in the scheme of our lives. But every one of us, as believers, can now rejoice in the fact that He "hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

(To Be Continued)



# Evangelistic Crusade Sends Second Team Into Field at Once

By Rev. R. Paul Miller

The second team is led by Rev. Walter A. Lepp as evangelist. He is in charge of the group. Bro. Frank Coffin will be the song leader and Rev. Charles B. Bergerson will be the pianist-organist. Brethren Coffin and Bergerson will care for the children's work, youth work, and radio programs. Following is the schedule for the coming season:

September 6-27.....Uniontown, Pa.  
 September 29-October 11...Riverside, Johnstown, Pa.  
 October 13-25.....Leamersville, Pa.  
 November 3-15.....Leon, Iowa  
 November 17-29.....Garwin, Iowa  
 December 1-13.....North English, Iowa  
 January 3-17.....Dallas Center, Iowa  
 January 19-31.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
 February 2-14.....Berne, Ind.  
 February 16-28.....Camden, Ohio  
 March 7-21.....Osceola, Ind.

This second team is now signed up through the summer and fall of 1954, and applications are now coming in for 1955. All requests for meetings with either of the teams should be sent to the office of the Crusade, Box 28, Berne, Ind.



## First Crusade Team Closes Five Months of Work in the West

The first team began meetings in March at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., followed by campaigns in South Gate, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; the Brethren Christian Center, Modesto, Calif.; Artesia, Calif.; Temple City, Calif.; and Imperial Village, Calif.—a total of seven meetings.

The meetings at Phoenix, Temple City, and Imperial Village were held in the tent. All were new fields except Long Beach and South Gate. Artesia has a location right next to a day school that the Lutherans or Roman Catholics would give anything to get. It is great. The Temple City congregation made decision during the meeting there to go ahead at once with their building program. Bids were already agreed upon. This is a marvelous field with limitless possibilities.

Imperial Village is a new section near the First church of Los Angeles, and the tent campaign there was launched by this congregation. The tent location was right in the midst of a fast-growing section where

thousands of homes have no church at all. Thousands are under course of construction right now. A new church will undoubtedly result from this effort. The Sunday school had already started before the meeting closed. We found the most outstanding group of soul-winners here of any of the meetings. Many decisions were made. God really glorified Himself. Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has a great vision of this opportunity.

## God Provides for Return of the Tent From California

Bro. Kenneth Peters, of Covington, Ohio, very generously hauled our tent out to Phoenix. Bro. Oscar Rewh, of Artesia, hauled it from Phoenix to Temple City. We were stumped as to how to get it back to the East, where it was scheduled for the summer of 1954. Then our next-door neighbor, near our home in Berne, Ind., Wesley Amstutz, a very fine Christian man, has offered to haul it free of cost back to Berne in September. This was a real answer to prayer, weeks of it. We praise God for His gracious working for us.

## A Farmer Said to Me the Other Day—

"Brother Miller, I like the spirit of the Evangelistic Crusade, which doesn't hunt the easy places, but goes out where it is hard, and where the need is greatest and works there for Christ. I am selling some hogs next week and want to help you. What do you need most?"

## This Is What I Told Him—

"We need \$450 for our new Crusade songbooks. (We use these for our tent meetings where there are no others.)

"We need \$150 repairs on the car.

"We need \$50 repairs for the tent.

"We need a car for the second team.

"We need \$250 for advertising, signs, etc.

"We need a P. A. system for the second team.

"We need \$250 for soul-winning literature.

"We need \$2,000 for each team to make up the deficits from evangelizing new fields where offerings fall short."

BUT FAR MORE THAN MONEY, WE NEED THE POWER OF GOD TO WIN MEN FOR CHRIST! If you cannot go, then pray for and help those who do go.

PRAY FOR THE CRUSADE.

PRAY FOR LOST SOULS.

PRAY FOR A GREAT REVIVAL.

## Fall Schedule for the First Team

Sept. 13-27...Martinsburg, W. Va.  
 Oct. 4-25.....Hagerstown, Md.  
 Nov. 1-15.....New Troy, Mich.





# THE BRIGHT SIDE OF A PREACHER'S LIFE

By Rev. Walter A. Lepp, Winona Lake, Ind.

*(This is the farewell message delivered by Pastor Lepp at the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md., August 2. This service was also broadcast over the same radio station on which the Family Altar broadcast has been presented for the past 11 years.—Editor.)*

In Philippians 4:1 we read: "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

This is what Paul said as he expressed his love for and confidence in the people to whom he had ministered at Philippi. But I feel that it is just as appropriate for me to express this sentiment as I look back over the past eight years and seven months of labor in your midst.

The great cry in all denominations today, including our own, is: "God, give us men, God-called men, men with broken hearts for the lost, and yet men with stout hearts who will be faithful witnesses for Christ." But very few respond. I believe that one of the reasons for this may well be found in the fact that the life of a preacher is usually pictured as dull, filled with abuse, neglect, and starvation. Now all of these things may well be true of some preachers and their ministry. However, there is a bright side to a preacher's life, and more must be said about the joys and blessings and rewards that belong to those who enjoy the highest calling in this whole world, namely, that of proclaiming the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Forgetting then the sermons you may have heard on the hardships of the ministry (and they may well be), the privations of the ministry (and they may well be), and the sorrows of the ministry (and without a doubt there are plenty), let me tell you of the joys of the ministry.

## I. IT IS AN INTERESTING WORK.

### 1. In Digging Into God's Word.

The boys and girls give us a good example of this in the chorus they love to sing, especially at daily vacation Bible school, and they manifest real interest in the Word of God as

their teachers do some real digging as well.

"Digging, digging, Hallelujah!

Happy miners we.

Ever digging for the treasure

In God's Word we see;

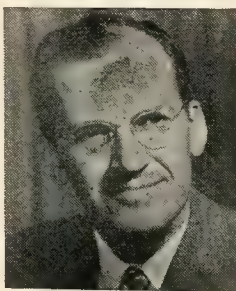
Hiding nuggets in our hearts,

Mining precious Gold,

Ever storing up the wealth,

The Bible does enfold."

This world has no thrill that can begin to compare with the thrills that await the one who digs into the Book. How can it be otherwise when the answer to every problem is found



Rev. Walter A. Lepp

right in the Book. It was Jeremiah who said: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts" (15:16). He found it most interesting to dig into the Book.

### 2. In Prayer Fellowship.

It is most interesting and profitable to share our burdens and joys, our defeats and victories with others. What cause for rejoicing there is when pastor and people have prayed earnestly and then God answers their prayer. United prayer provides some interesting manifestations such as the shaking of the meeting place (Acts 4:31). We have not witnessed the actual shaking of the building, but time and again we have been shaken out of the rut of indifference, carelessness, and coldness. Indeed it has been interesting to fellowship with you in prayer.

### 3. In Ministering the Word.

Our work here has been especially interesting in that we have been

privileged to minister to such a large variety of people. The radio ministry daily has provided one special interest after another. A letter from a radio friend illustrates this: "My husband and I began the day arguing. By breakfast time the atmosphere was frigid. However, we did declare an armistice until the Family Altar broadcast went off the air. That very morning you said: 'Christians are best known, not by the way they act at the Lord's table, but by the way they act at the breakfast table.' Needless to say, the argument was settled right then and there. Thank you so much for having us in your mind that morning."

## II. THE JOY OF SEEING SOULS CONVERTED.

Bishop Oxnam, under fire for his communistic associations, said before a special hearing recently, "I am one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches, perhaps the highest honor that can come to a clergyman." Bishop Oxnam is welcome to his worldly honor, but I would not exchange places with him for all the offices whereof he may boast. There is no greater joy on earth, besides being saved ourselves, than to see souls saved. No wonder Paul said, "My joy and crown." "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:6). We shall rejoice throughout the countless ages of eternity for the more than 300 souls we have had the joy of kneeling with and pointing to the Saviour while here in your midst. Seventy-five percent of them are in the fellowship of the church, manifesting a changed life and busy for their Lord. Only eternity will reveal how many others we have helped by radio who never informed us. The bright side of the preacher's life reaches its peak at this very point. God give us more preachers with a passion for the lost. Such preachers will rejoice now and forever.

## III. THE JOY OF PROGRESS.

We will say very little here, for the facts speak for themselves. But God delights to give preachers the joy of seeing their work grow. There is

something wrong with a preacher who is willing to go along at the same dying rate. Nothing would kill this preacher more quickly than to have to shepherd a flock of people who all served as brakemen. It has been a joy to serve a congregation that has had vision and real workers. The total attendance for all services on the first Sunday we ministered here in 1945 was less than 300. Today a few less than 1,000 people will worship here, and how we praise God for this.

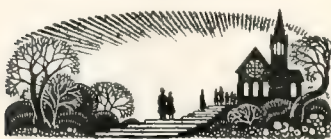
#### IV. THE JOY OF COMFORT-BEARING.

Without this balm of heaven, the ministry would be unbearable. After all, what can man say to those in sorrow except what God hath said. To be able to say to the one who has just lost a loved one, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord," and then to present that bereaved one to the Father; yes, usher him into the very presence of the God of all comfort—that is joy unspeakable. To be able to point the sorrowing one to the blessed hope found in I Thessalonians 4:13-18, plus many other passages, that is the bright side of the preacher's life.

#### V. THE JOY OF A CHURCH'S SYMPATHY.

Paul called attention to the fact in Philippians 4:10 that the people to whom he had ministered had wonderfully cared for him. A preacher who has been faithful to God and to His Word, will have 10 members sympathetic and understanding to every one that is not. This congregation has been most sympathetic, most thoughtful. There have been but few who have not held up the preacher's hands. This congregation has been a modern-day example of the great truth found in Hebrews 13:17—"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

You are my joy and my crown. Stand fast in the Lord.



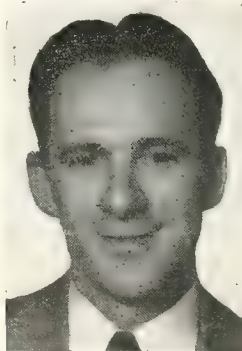
## I WALKED THE STREETS OF SODOM

By Rev. Nathan M. Meyer, Winona Lake, Ind.

*(Brother Meyer is pastor of the Leesburg, Ind., church and a middler in Grace Theological Seminary. At the time this article was written he was a member of the Flying Seminar of the Winona Lake School of Theology, traveling through western European countries and Bible lands.—Editor.)*

Paris is a beautiful city. It is a city of miles of tree-lined boulevards, unnumbered stately monuments, and shady flowered parks. Here memories of the glory that is past dominate the atmosphere.

There is much drinking, but we saw no drunkards. We are told



Rev. Nathan Meyer

when a drunkard is seen it will probably turn out to be an American.

Paris is a city of gracious people, very courteous and polite. The people appear gay, laughing, and happy. They told us, "We are like the Americans; we like to have a good time."

This is no compliment to us, because their idea of a good time involves a life of sensuality and lust. One cannot be in Paris half an hour without seeing the proof of this fact on every hand. Large billboards all over Paris display all-but-nude females openly and without shame. Parks and museums are dominated by nude statues of both sexes. It is virtually impossible to visit any of the public monuments or parks without being solicited to purchase obscene pictures. At night richly dressed Parisian girls openly and boldly solicit men to visit their dens of iniquity. Be assured of one thing:

Paris is a 20th-century Sodom. She can no more avert the judgment of God without repentance than could the wicked Cities of the Plain.

Greater Paris is reported to have nearly 6,000,000 people. Among all these people there are apparently only eight small evangelical churches—four Baptist, one semi-Pentecostal, two Plymouth Brethren (one closed), and two Reformed. Yet Paris is a city that is famous the world around for its churches. But these are Roman Catholic, where a dead Christ and his dead mother are worshipped. The result is a "dead Christianity." The renowned Cathedral of Notre Dame has kept its vigil by the Seine for 800 years. Its cool, dark interior is symbolic of the spirituality of those who call it sacred. Its 13-ton bell peals out an empty message and leaves the people in dire need of the gospel story.

Really only a small part of the French population is Catholic by the claim of the Catholics themselves. The rest of the people live in spiritual darkness and worship the gods of the flesh.

Oh, for a modern Jonah to preach to this city! Paris needs Jesus. Without Him they will go communistic. The hour is late.

[For this reason every member of the Brethren denomination ought to pray and give that the testimony the Fredrick Fogle family is giving in this country will be greatly blessed and used of the Lord Jesus for the salvation of souls and for Christ's eternal glory.—Ed.]

*Next week: What fatal mistake did France make which set the forces in motion that have brought her today to the brink of destruction?*

#### BE OF GOOD COURAGE

Let us not give heed to gloomy and discouraging remarks. In the name of our great Commander, let us march on to battle and victory. Be of good courage and let us behave valiantly for our God; and let the Lord do that which is good in His sight.—Dwight L. Moody.





## Middlebranch, Ohio

Rev. Don Bartlett, member of this church, but a resident of Sharpsville, Ind., conducted a very profitable Bible conference here, closing August 9. The attendance averaged more than 80 people a service.

During the week the church observed the wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife, and on Monday night (August 3) the congregation surprised Brother Bartlett with cards and money in observance of his 50th birthday anniversary.

The highlight of the week was the ordination service for Brother Bartlett on Friday evening, August 7. Pastor Charles Ashman, of the Rittman, Ohio, church, presided over the service; Pastor Russell M. Ward, of the Cleveland, Ohio, church, delivered the sermon; and Pastor Harold H. Etling, of the Akron, Ohio, church, questioned the candidate and gave the charge.

On August 11 Mrs. Bartlett presided at the installation of the new officers of our Women's Missionary Council.—*Edward Lewis, pastor.*

## Long Beach, California (First)

The daily vacation Bible school of this church this year, July 20-31, under the direction of Mrs. Julius Levering, enjoyed the largest enrollment in history, which was 571. The average attendance for the two weeks was 427. Special features included films, talks, and stories.

The offerings totaled \$275, of which \$185 was designated for the building of a new chapel on our mission field in Brazil.

There were 46 people who helped in the school as teachers, helpers, story-tellers, and bus drivers. Many decisions were made during the sessions of the school and by the time it had ended some teachers reported that every pupil in their rooms had received the Saviour.

Prior to taking a few weeks' vacation, the chancel choir presented a series of numbers demonstrating "Our Musical Heritage Through the Centuries," under the direction of

Paul Wohlgemuth, last Sunday. The series of numbers, including music from the 16th to the 20th centuries, Negro spirituals, and a gospel song, and climaxed with the American anthem, "The Beatitudes," was most enthusiastically received.—*Gleaned from Fifth and Cherry Light.*

## Sunnyside, Washington

During the quarter that closed June 30 the average Sunday-morning attendance was 304 as compared with an average of 266 for the previous quarter. The average for the year closing June 30 was 271, as compared to an average of 230 for the previous year.

The average evening attendance for the quarter was 266, as compared with 205 for the previous quarter, and the average for the year was 192, as compared with 160.

There were 50 confessions of faith in Christ Jesus during the past year and 21 baptisms. During the year six people were lost from the membership and five were gained. There are now 391 members of this church, according to Pastor Herbert E. Collingridge's report.

The church conducted a missionary conference, July 16-19, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith Altig, pioneer Brethren missionaries to Brazil. Rev. Herman Baerg preached here July 12.

Recently the congregation voted to buy new songbooks as soon as the money is available, and voted to ask Rev. R. I. Humberd to hold a Bible

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## DON'T SOAR TOO LOW

We have been told of the prairie eagle mortally wounded by a rifle shot. His eye still gleaming like a circle of light, he slowly turned his head and gave one more searching and longing look at the sky. He had often swept these starry spaces with his wonderful wings. The beautiful sky was the home of his heart. It was the eagle's domain. A thousand times he had exploited there his splendid strength. In those far-away heights he had played with the lightnings and raced with the winds, and now, so far away from home, the eagle lay dying because for once he forgot and flew too low.

Is not this a warning for the child of God? "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-3).—*Gospel Herald.*

conference here in January 1954. Rev. Joseph Hoffmann, of Los Angeles, Calif., is to speak here August 30.—*Gleanings from annual reports to the church.*

## Los Angeles, California (Second)

Norwalk Brethren Church is the name selected by the congregation for the new work we are beginning in Norwalk and which will become a reality when we move from this location this fall or winter. It was voted to design the Sunday-school department in our new building so that it will be ready for use as a Christian day school.

It was also decided to compile and publish a history of this congregation in connection with our last homecoming services here in our present building this fall. A committee has been chosen to get this history ready for publication.

Rev. Claude Pearson preached for us August 16, and Rev. George Richardson is scheduled to preach here August 23 and 30.—*Henry G. Rempel, pastor.*

He and His cross are two good guests, and are worth lodging. Men would fain have Christ cheap, but the market will not come down.—*Selected.*

## "FOR MY YOKE IS EASY..."

Tomorrow hung over Mother with all the heaviness of a dark storm-cloud. How would she ever get through the day and still crowd into those swift-moving 24 hours all that simply had to be done on that day? Sharon to the hospital for a tonsillectomy; prepare for the junior choir party; clean and straighten downstairs for that wedding in the living room—but why go on? Mother was limp as she faced the day. Satan had her enmeshed in despair coupled with rebellion and self-pity.

"You've put so much responsibility on me, Lord. Why? Is there no end? I've tried to learn the lessons You have taught me. I know I— Oh, dear Father, I must sound like Job with all these 'Ts.' Still—

"No, Althea, you may not have a cracker. I'm getting lunch ready. Go outdoors with the children until I call you."

Now what is that noise out on the lawn? "David, please don't be so rough with Sharon. Come here and empty these wastebaskets I asked you to empty hours ago. Also go make your bed. I get so tired of telling you to do what you know you should do."

"Oh, Mother, can't a fellow play? I was only teasing Sharon. She's a pain in the neck. Why do I have to make my bed? Nobody but our family goes upstairs, so my bed isn't seen. I just wish I was a daddy or mother so I could give orders."

"So do I. Oh no I don't. You'll have those responsibilities on you before we know it. But just remember your mother's words. Life is no bowl of cherries to parents."

"I know it," he grinned as he wheeled around on one foot. "I really don't want to be grown up. I'd like to stay like I am now all the time."

"What do you mean?"

"I'd like to stay 12 years old."

"Why?"

"Oh, 'cause I don't have to take a bath unless you insist. And if my shirt tail sticks out, nobody cares but you. I have fun trying out new

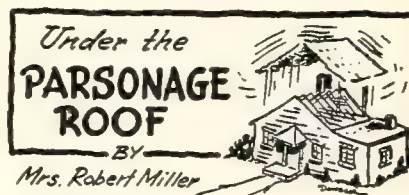
things, and I just hate girls—or most of them."

"David!"

"Well, maybe I don't just hate them, but the world would be lots better if there were fewer of them! Anyway, I wish we had all boys in our family. Girls are—well, they complicate things. Bye, I'll go make that bed so you don't feel too disgusted with me."

With a swoosh he was gone and up the stairs. A smile escaped Mother's lips. What a boy he is! So pliable in one sense, so unbending in another.

"See what I mean, Lord?" Mother returned to her combined prayer and complaint. "What assurance have I



that he will not grow up to be a 'harum-scarum' in spite of my sweat and tears over him? And not only David. There are eight souls here, Lord, for which You have made me responsible. A friend told me today to rejoice that You have entrusted all these children to me. But that is sometimes hard to do because such a trust is coupled with an awful weight of responsibility. And, Lord, I'm so tired."

"Mommie, shall I set the table?"

"Oh yes, Dorotheann, and thanks for volunteering. I get so tired of having to ask you all to help me. If only you'd all do what you know your regular chores are, the load would be so much lighter."

"I appreciate your voluntary service, too," a Voice seemed to speak to Mother. "When you do all things as unto Me with a glad heart, even though sacrifice is involved, then I rejoice in your love and growth. Dear child, your burden of respon-

sibility is not more than you can bear. I know, because I have made you and know your frame. I know better than you how thankless a job you seem to have. Sometimes you appear to be very ungrateful to Me. But, child, I have called thee by name; thou art Mine. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me. . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light' (Matt. 11:29-30). Believest thou this?"

Mother looked up to find that cloud over tomorrow gone. His yoke is indeed light, for it is buoyed by His grace. And Mother was again refreshed in the knowledge that His "grace is sufficient . . . made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9).

### THAT SINGLE THREAD

J. Stuart Holden was being shown through a large factory where hundreds of looms were spinning very fine linen thread.

The manager of the mill said to Mr. Holden, "So delicate is this machinery that if a single thread of the entire 30,000, which at this moment are being woven, should break, all of these looms would instantly stop."

He stepped to one of the machines and broke a single thread. Suddenly every loom was still and remained so until the thread was rejoined, whereupon the machinery was again in motion.

The mechanical wonder exhibited in the factory that day clearly illustrates that which is spiritual. It is through one act of disobedience, one departure from the will and fear of God, that the blessings of our fellowship with Him are stopped. Not until that thread is rejoined will the joy of the Lord flow again in our hearts. —Good News Broadcaster.

### BEFORE BREAKFAST

Morning, and again, dear Lord,

My confidence is fresh in Thee;  
Once more I'm strengthened deep inside,

For Jesus still abides in me

Morning, and I here partake  
Of His life and majesty.

I am ready now, dear Lord,  
To arise and go with Thee.

Anything can happen, Lord,  
To enrich my life this very day:  
Since Thy Spirit is so near,  
Can miracles be far away?

—Leona D. Cole.



# The Brethren Missionary Herald



**VARIOUS RACES REPRESENTED AT SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES SECOND CHURCH (SEE P. 567)**

Front row (left to right)—Albert Cortez (Spanish); Lucille Nakano (Japanese); Irene Yamamoto (Japanese). Second row—Vincent Bond (Negro); Benton Lee (Chinese); Douglas Robison; Linda Senaris (Filipino). Third row—Loyd Robison (Negro); LeRoy Bono (Spanish); Sandra Tidwell (Negro); Martha Adams; Caroline Banks (Negro); Doris Robison. Fourth row—Earl Thomas (Negro); Norma Ingram (Spanish); Carol Ann Soverns; Eleanore Nakano (Japanese). Two Jewish representatives (Irene Goldman and Janice Holwell) are not shown.



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The Long Beach, Calif., Second church, pastored by George O. Peek, had 357 children enrolled in its vacation Bible school, with an average attendance of 253, and 500 people at the closing program July 31. Julius Kuiz, a 19-year-old displaced person from Poland, spoke there on August 9.

The Long Beach, Calif., First church called Pastor Charles W. Mayes to serve there for his eighth year. Rev. Claude Bunzel spoke at the church August 12.

Bro. William A. Keys, a Christian for many years and a member of the Long Beach, Calif., First church since 1949, died August 2. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Alan S. Pearce at Long Beach August 5. Brother Keys is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen.

Rev. John Neely preached twice on August 9 at the Cedar Grove Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and a gospel team from the Philadelphia First church presented a musical program in the afternoon in connection with the Cedar Grove church's 22d anniversary.

The Beaumont, Calif., church, pastored by Gene Farrell, averaged 136 people in morning and 92 in evening services and 157 in Bible school during July, with a total of \$1,523 in offerings.

The Seattle, Wash., church is being served by Brethren Ralph MacConahay and Harold Mackey, members of the congregation, while Pastor Thomas E. Hammers is on vacation and at annual conference.

Rev. Gilbert Engelman moved to 4730 Fairfield Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Fla. (Change Annual, p. 68.)

The Rittman, Ohio, church, pastored by Charles Ashman, is now erecting a Sunday school annex and painting the church building.

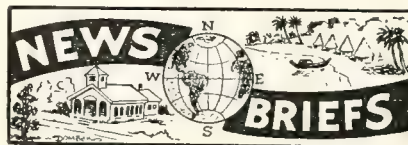
Bro. George Kern preached at the Uniontown, Pa., church August 9 and Rev. Henry Rempel, a former pastor of the church, spoke there August 16, Pastor Clyde K. Landrum being on vacation.

On the first two Sundays in August the San Bernardino, Calif., church, pastored by Lyle Marvin, had 169 and 168 in Bible school, 111 and 106 in morning, and 46 and 50 in evening services. Dr. Herman Hoyt and Dr. Charles Mayes preached there August 9.

Add Box 94 to Pastor Donald W. Rossman's address at Elderton, Pa. (Add to Annual, p. 71.)

Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy arrived at Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 12 to begin their third term as missionaries in that land.

Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Hoyt, Denver, Colo., became the parents of a daughter, Nelda Louise, June 27.



The Chambersburg, Pa., Pond Bank church called Bro. William Wiles as pastor. He is a member of the Hagerstown, Md., church, living at 905 Marion St. in that city. He graduated from Grace Seminary in the class of 1953. Present pastor at Pond Bank, Edward Clark, resigned to enroll at Grace Seminary this fall.

Requested announcement: Rev. George Richardson is secretary of the California Conference of Brethren Churches. He lives at 5853 W. 88th St., Los Angeles 45, Calif. His telephone number is ORegon 8-7954.

Rev. and Mrs. Galen Lingenfelter, Buena Vista, Va., became the parents of a daughter, Glenna Gay, on July 15.

Bro. Ben Butler, Leamersville, Pa., died at the age of 83 years. Pastor Robert D. Crees conducted the funeral July 21.

At this writing, Rev. Lee Jenkins expects to report at the Navy Chaplain School, Newport, R. I., on or about August 27.

The South Gate, Calif., church, pastored by Alfred Dodds, held a vacation Bible school July 20-31 with an enrollment of 136, average attendance of 85, and 23 public deci-

sions were made. The offerings totaled \$86 and were turned over to the Altig boat fund for Brazil. Dr. Gerald Stanton preached at this church August 16 and Rev. Don McLain on August 23.

Bro. Max Williams, of the Long Beach, Calif., Second church, expects to join Evangelist R. Paul Miller September 1 as director of music and children's worker on the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade team.

Rev. George Kinzie preached at his home church, the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, August 9, reports Pastor Clyde G. Balyo.

Bro. Andrew C. Henderson, 87-year-old member of the Johnstown, Pa., First church, died August 6. His pastor, Dr. W. A. Ogden, conducted the funeral at Johnstown August 10.

Bro. John W. Evans has resigned as pastor of the Dayton, Ohio, Bethany church and is moving to Winona Lake, Ind., where he is enrolled in the fall semester of Grace Seminary.

Rev. R. I. Humbert recently spoke at Columbiana, Ohio, where Rev. Alton Witter teaches a Bible class, and at our church in Covington, Ohio, August 9, where Rev. James Young is pastor.

The address of Rev. Robert W. Betz, who is now a member of the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church, is 2414 W. Coolidge St., Phoenix, Ariz. The family moved there for the daughter's health.

Bro. Conard Sandy accepted the pastorate of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, effective September 1, after which date his address will be 2200 Kensington St., Harrisburg, Pa. (Change Annual, p. 77.) Be sure to omit his name from any and all mail intended for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to facilitate delivery of the mail.

Bro. Richard Grant, of Massillon, Ohio, has been called to the pastorate of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church, effective September 6. He was graduated from Grace Seminary in 1952.

Bro. Raymond Thompson, a 1953 graduate from Grace Seminary, began his work as pastor of the Modesto, Calif., Brethren Christian Center August 16.

The Temple City, Calif., church, pastored by Leo Polman, had the groundbreaking for their new building August 9 and the contract has been signed for its erection.



A few days ago our young people were enjoying the fellowship of an outing, including a weiner roast to finish out the evening. After we had the fire burning brightly, one of the girls of the group said: "Do you think we have enough fire now, or should we add a little more wood?" To her question I quickly replied: "That depends on how long you want the fire to burn. If you want it for roasting weiners and marshmallows then the fire is just right, but if you want to have it for a sing-time after refreshments, we better keep it burning." "You know the song, 'Throw Another Log on the Fire?'" she queried; and of course she had caught the idea.

## *Admonition From Paul*

As several of them went out after more wood, I thought about a verse of Scripture that I had recently read. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Romans under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11). One translator of this verse has suggested: "Not slothful in business, *maintain the spiritual glow, serving the Lord.*" Keep the fire burning!

What a graphic picture this is for the Christian! How possible it is for a Christian to maintain his spiritual position, keep up his prayers, his service, his giving—yes, every act which God has suggested we ought to do—and yet lose his "spiritual glow." Somehow we lose the fire that was ours when first we came to know Christ as our Saviour. One old preacher put it like this in a sermon topic one Sunday: "Saints, Sinners, and Cinders." His preacher friend, seeing the advertisement, said: "I understand the first two, 'saints and sinners,' but what about this 'cinders'?" To this query the old pastor replied, "Oh, those are the 'burnt-out saints.'"

## *Preparation for the Glow*

Now of course if we are going to maintain the spiritual glow the first essential is that the fire must be well laid. Boy Scouts are taught that a fire must be well laid if it is to burn—paper, wood, then charcoal or coal,

and then light the fire. If your experience is like mine you know that a fire is hard to get started and it pays big dividends to lay it well. It is true of the spiritual life. If the fire of our lives spiritually has gone out, perhaps we better check up to see that it was "well laid" in the beginning. There must be the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit who brings us into Christ. Paul said: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11). Make sure that the fire was not just a bit of enthusiasm or a mere profession. James Stewart has well said: "Today Satan is giving us a false work of



Rev. Harold Etling

evangelism in order that we might be deceived and satisfied and no longer yearn for the real thing."

## *Fuel for the Fire*

Another essential in building a fire is that we do not add green or damp wood to the fire for it will just not burn. It will even cause the flame that is already burning to die out. How easy it is in these days in the spiritual life to add damp and green wood to the fire. Difficulties come and we allow them to smother the fire. Failure and disappointment are tools of the Devil used more and more to dampen the fires of Christians. A bit of criticism from those who ought to know better is one more piece of green wood; and what shall we say of all those things in life which in themselves seem so harmless and yet become "wood that dampens"? Time-consuming pleasures rob us of time with the Lord, and money-consuming recreations cause us to rob God of His tithes and offerings.

In writing to the Thessalonians, Paul said: "Quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:19). The word "quench" means literally "lower the burning point." The only way to put out a fire is to lower the heat of the burning object. Hence, Paul was saying, "Do not do anything that will put out the fire, that will hinder or even slow down the work of the Holy Spirit."

## *Feeding the Fire*

Sometimes the fire goes out because not enough of the right kind of material has been put on the fire to keep it burning. It is not enough just to keep damp or green wood off the fire, but we must put the right kind of wood on the fire. When there is nothing more for the fire to feed upon, the fire just naturally burns out. So too in our spiritual lives the fires need to be fed.

Reread the 12th chapter of Romans, for there Paul reveals the secrets for a burning fire. He suggests in verse 12 that there must be continuing or unceasing prayer. Have you found it true in your own life? One day or even a part of the day without prayer and the fire dies down a bit. With a world lost and dying, how can we permit the prayer life to be such a side issue? Verses 13-15 tell us that there must be constant activity in the service of the Lord, not of necessity, but gladly. Failing to serve we fail to shine. It is as we go that we glow. He said: "Go . . . and lo I am with you always." How many spiritual fires have burned brightly at first only to die out shortly because of inactivity in the service of the Lord?

Then of course there is feeding upon the Word of God, the cultivation of spiritual companionships, and being kindly affectioned one toward another.

If you have lost your spiritual glow, then wait upon Him who alone can rekindle our hearts. The poet has put it in words for us when he said:

"Holy Spirit, Love Divine,  
Glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle every high desire,  
Perish self in Thy pure fire."

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# THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS

By Rev. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

Annually rock hunters go into the deserts of California and Arizona in quest of gems. Armed with picks and other geological equipment, the seekers hope to find stones that will make treasured additions to their collections or specimens that will prove financially profitable. One such hunter once lost his way during his first venture into the desert. He used the water in his canteen too freely. The glimmering circle of aquamarine temptingly invited him to drink thereof. The lure was a mirage and the shimmering object was as dry as the rest of the desert. Had the man hacked the nearby barrel cactus with the pick used to crack rocks his thirst could have been quenched and, refreshed, he could have returned to civilization. His ignorance of a true fountain of water, sealed up in a prickly cactus, was one rock hunter's undoing.

## *Christ, the Fountain*

Centuries earlier a Samaritan woman was in a like predicament. She had access to well water but she was unacquainted with the true Fountain of Living Waters. Christ said to the woman: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10). Being a Samaritan, the Sychar woman did not know the Scriptures properly. If she had, it is possible that she might have known that Jesus was offering Himself as the Lord, the Fountain of Living Waters, mentioned in Jeremiah 17:13. Be not quick to condemn the Samaritan woman for not identifying Christ correctly at once. Many men thirst for knowledge and spiritual security and find it not. For they trust in erroneous fountains and quaff poisoned waters. Today there are those who, like Israel of old, know the Lord is the Fountain of Living Water but have rejected Him. But only that living water, which is the gift of God, can provide salvation. That living water is available only through

## *Christ, the Fountain That Heals*

Having been described as the Fountain of Living Waters in Jere-

miah 17:13, the prophet then goes on to say, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed. . . ." The word "heal" is the rendering of the Hebrew word which means "to sew together or to mend." Spiritually, Israel had indeed fallen apart. Many are in the same category today. They profess a semblance of godliness. They believe in Christ—as a historical person. Others believe in Him, but Mary is greater, they claim, because she bore Him and through Mary Christ came into the world. To some Christ was a great teacher, a wonderful example. Even the Mohammedans pay respect to Christ, so long as He is considered



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a messenger inferior to Mohammed—so long as Jesus is not said to be God.

All such persons are spiritually in disrepair when they substitute the god of their desire for Jesus. They drink of the alkali-polluted water-holes of the desert instead of the sparkling oasis water of life that issues from the true Fountain of Living Waters. But as certain mineral waters can help ease bodily pains and restore a measure of health, so the Lord, the Fountain of Living Waters, can more accurately, efficiently, and permanently mend the broken-down soul. Are the waters of human philosophy and knowledge dissatisfying your soul, oh friend afar from Christ? Turn unto Jesus, the Fountain of Living Waters; drink deep and be mended, thirsting no longer.

## *Christ, the Fountain That Cleanses*

Zechariah 13:1 shows that the day will come when Jesus, the Fountain of Living Waters, will come to David's house to cleanse of sins which David's house and Jerusalem's inhabitants possess. In Christ's death

we see that the Lord is a Fountain not only of water, but that His blood is that fountain into which sinners can plunge and come forth cleansed of their transgressions and iniquities. Jesus' offer to the nation Israel was a partial fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 13:1.

But Christ's sacrifice at Calvary was not limited to cleansing the sins of the Jews. The cleansing power of the Saviour's blood extends to all of whatsoever nation who will plunge into the Fountain, which is Christ. Jesus' offer of cleansing which he made to the Samaritan woman was a foreshadowing of the fact that Christ is the Fountain that cleanses all who seek Him.

Stained with sin, no person can please God. Sin—whether it be defiant rebellion against God, following a crooked path away from a straight moral walk, or sin that misses the mark which is God's will for a person—is a barrier between God and man. Only Christ, the Fountain of Living Waters, can cleanse and make it possible for God's salvation to work fully in one's life.

## *Christ, the Fountain That Satisfies*

Regular water supplies can satisfy the thirsting cravings of men's bodies only so long as the water source exists. Or if the water becomes polluted with foreign elements, then the water ceases to satisfy. It becomes detrimental.

In the new heaven and the new earth, described in Revelation 21, Christ will give to the thirsty from the Fountain of the Water of Life. That is, Jesus Himself will conquer thirst. And the water which is so provided will satisfy. The supply will never diminish, for Christ will supply freely. This suggests not merely abundance but an eternal abundance. But nobody needs to wait until the future to taste of the Fountain of Living Waters to be satisfied. Now is the acceptable time.

Annually millions are going out into the world hunting the world's treasures and pleasures. Armed completely for extracting everything the world has to offer, those seeking new conquests or successful financial gains hope to be satisfied. Millions of

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# HOW TO PRAY

## FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

**T**HE life of a missionary is not easy. . . . Adjustments must be made constantly to climate, food, and strange people. . . . Further adjustments are necessary as the missionary relates himself to the intricate mechanism of modern activities. He works as a part of a delicate spiritual machine.

The successful missionary must make these adjustments:

. . . . . **adjustment to God.** . . . . This is absolutely essential as he stands alone in the midst of heathenism.

. . . . . **adjustment to the native church.** . . . . He is a spiritual father whose children must be taught principles of self-support and self-propagation as early as possible.

. . . . . **adjustment to foreign governments.** . . . . He is there by their permission and is granted their protection. The rising tide of nationalism often makes his position difficult.

. . . . . **adjustment to his fellow missionaries.** . . . . He is a part of a team, all called of God to do a great work . . . but no one of them is entitled to be the "star player."

. . . . . **adjustment to the field committee (field council).** . . . . His guidance from the Lord must coincide with the corporate guidance of the group responsible for the development of his territory.

. . . . . **adjustment to his home church.** . . . . Overburdened and overextended in his own work, he must keep those at home informed, that their interest and support may continue.

. . . . . **adjustment to his society.** . . . . Furloughs cannot be times of rest. . . . Deputations, convention tours, special assignments command his time and energy.

. . . . . **adjustment to his family.** . . . . He is separated from his children as they are sent off to school on the field, or left at home; from his wife and family during times of service at home and on the field.

Obviously these adjustments require that the missionary be a great Christian as well as a faithful worker. . . . At bottom, all problems on the foreign fields, as at home, are spiritual. Details will often take care of themselves as we pray for the spiritual lives of the missionaries.

—*The Alliance Weekly.*

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**DOES IT PAY TO PRAY?** Commenting on their recent trip south into Baja California, Mrs. Walter Haag, one of our Brethren missionaries, wrote as follows: "One fact I would mention especially is this—the most difficult portion of the road was to be conquered on the 15th, and for this we were glad. Why? Because that's the Day of Prayer, you know, and we can bear testimony over the months that the number of people praying for you makes a big difference. That day we repeatedly said, 'Thank you, Lord.'"

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# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART V: THE PIERCING AND CRUSHING OF THE GOD-MAN.

The very heart of Isaiah's prophecy concerning the Servant of Jehovah is found in verses 4-6. We have seen that in these three verses the doctrine of substitutionary atonement is presented as clearly as in any part of the Bible. The emphasis of this section, which we may call the "Atonement of the Servant," is upon the fact that *He* died for *our* sins. If you will underline in red the words "he," "him," and "his," and then underline in black the words "we," "us," and "our" in these three verses, you will get a graphic idea of what God means by substitutionary atonement. The Apostle Peter said: "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18).

### *The Piercing*

If we dig beneath the surface of verse 5 we will discover some startling truths concerning the death of Christ. First, let us look at that word "wounded." The Hebrew word (*kalal*) really means "pierced through," and there is no stronger expression in the language to denote a violent and painful death. Is it not interesting that the word "pierced" was used here as a description of Messiah's death, instead of the words "hanged," "beheaded," or "stoned"? These were the three most common forms of execution in Old Testament times, and crucifixion was not even known to the Jews until its introduction by the Romans! How clear an example is this of the inspiration of Holy Scripture! The idea of piercing is also found in Psalm 22:16 and Zechariah 12:10, although different Hebrew words are used. It would seem that the Spirit of God used every available means to indicate the form of death which the Servant was to suffer.

### *The Crushing*

In addition to being mortally wounded or pierced through for our transgressions, our Saviour was "bruised" for our iniquities. This Hebrew verb (*dakah*) is the same as

the word for "dust," and it means to break, crush, or shatter. David Baron, the famous Hebrew-Christian scholar, says this word emphasizes "the heavy burden of our sin which He took upon Himself, weighted by the wrath of God." Can you imagine, for a moment, what that word "crushed" suggests? It suggests the infinite weight of accumulated guilt for the sins of *all* human beings of *all* ages—past, present, and future—which our blessed Lord bore in His own body on the cross within a few hours of time.



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How was *that* possible? It was possible because Christ was not a sinful, finite man. He was and is the sinless, infinite GOD-MAN, whose momentary separation from the Father's face in vicarious atoning death had *infinite judicial value* for the redemption of lost sinners. Let us attempt to analyze it this way: (1) The price of redemption for a sinful human race was a sinless, infinite, human, vicarious death. (2) Such death involved the separation of the human spirit from the body, and from God. (3) Only God could pay an infinite price. (4) But the Triune God had no human body and therefore could not die. (5) Thus the Second Person of the Triune God became Man by virgin birth (thus avoiding the stain of Adamic sin), and laid down His holy, infinite life as GOD-MAN, in order to meet the demands of God's justice for the redemption of lost sinners. Love found a way. "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Psa. 85:10). What a God we have!

### *The Resulting Peace*

To bring out the full meaning of the rest of this verse, let us paraphrase it as follows: "The punishment which was necessary to bring about our peace and spiritual well-being was placed upon Him; and through means of the stripes and welts inflicted upon Him, we were made sound and well." The word "peace" in Hebrew (*shalom*) means far more than just the cessation of hostilities. It carries with it also the idea of soundness of health and soul, harmony between God and His redeemed ones, and therefore spiritual prosperity which leads to eternal well-being. Jesus is the Prince of Peace in this ultimate sense. As the risen Lord He said to His disciples: "Peace be unto you" (John 20:21). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Verse 6 has been called the John 3:16 of the Old Testament, because it contains the Gospel "in a nutshell." It is of vital importance because it presents a clear-cut analysis of human sin, it gives a powerful description of Calvary, and it shows how the universal scope of sin has been matched by the universal scope of Christ's atonement.

### *Two Kinds of Sin*

Human sin may be considered as having a twofold aspect: racial and personal. Both of these are presented in verse 6. The phrase, "All we like sheep [or rather, a flock of sheep] have gone astray," means that all mankind, as a complete group, has followed Adam in *race sin and guilt*. The fact of race guilt is proved by Scripture and by daily experience. The Apostle Paul said: "Through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world . . . and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned [in Adam]" (Rom. 5:12 ASV; compare also Psa. 51:5 and 58:3). Daily experience proves it, because *all* men die—even tiny infants.

The explanation for this lies in the fact that the human race is an or-

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# FRANCE'S FATAL MISTAKE

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*This is the second article written by Pastor Meyer, a member of the "Flying Seminar" of the Winona Lake School of Theology. Other articles by Brother Meyer will appear as he is able to write them on his trip. The next one will be entitled, "Down in Heaven and Up in Hell."—Editor.*

As our party of 38 tours the great cities of Europe and the Middle East we enjoy evening lectures that have a distinct bearing on the places we visit.

For an example, last night Dr. T. Leonard Lewis, president of Gordon College, reminded us of these facts and events which account for the ungodly condition of Paris today.

France has a long and bloody history. Our interest centers in that part of her history which is related to her spiritual welfare.

We have just visited the palaces of

the kings of France. They are indescribable from the standpoint of continental splendor and grandeur. With the second last king to occupy the great Royal Palace in Paris, before a new one was built at Versailles, we begin our story.

Henry IV favored the Protestant movement, but when he wore the crown of France he abandoned the Protestants for reasons of expediency and turned Catholic.

In Germany Martin Luther had a simple and forceful way of presenting the Gospel to the people so that the Reformation in Germany took roots quickly. But John Calvin labored in France and, while he was an intellectual giant, he did not get his message across to the people. Consequently the great Reformation never swept France like it did Germany.

But God always has His few. God always honors those who honor His Son. So the church did grow, and

by 1560 it is believed there were 50 organized churches in France and 2,000 unorganized Protestant fellowships. There were approximately 400,000 Christians in France at the time when to embrace the Protestant cause meant death.

Numerous persecutions, edicts, and evacuations took place. Between 1522 and 1574 literally hundreds of thousands of Protestants and their books were banned and burned. Christians were forbidden to meet in churches. The religious wars followed and there was terrible strife and violence. Many thousands of evangelicals were slaughtered.

Being an "ex-Protestant," King Henry IV was instrumental in the issuance of the Edict of Nantes. This official edict gave the Protestants general liberties, but their liberty was short-lived. In 1685 the Edict of Nantes was revoked under Louis XIV. This was France's fatal mistake. It is estimated that rather than stay in France and await certain death about 500,000 Christians fled from that country. France was the loser. Many men of great ability adopted other countries to which they could render their services, and of course with them went the Gospel. So France as a nation not only turned her back on God but turned God's people out.

The men who could have made France a Christian nation were driven out. Thus the blessings that accompany Christianity were forfeited. A choice had been made. Seed had been sown. Today the harvest is being reaped. Paris is ripe for judgment unless someone gets the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to her—quickly.

## FORT WAYNE, IND., EDITOR LOOKS AT FRANCE

*When read along with the article by Brother Meyer on this page, the following lines by Clifford B. Ward, editor and columnist of the News-Sentinel, of Fort Wayne, Ind., are very significant. Without any comment here is a portion of an article published August 17, 1953.—Editor.*

What's the matter with France? That question deserves an answer from anyone able to give it. The entire French nation seems to be on a sit-down strike, protesting the government's move to effect economies and to get the French people to pay their taxes.

It would be my guess that there is more to the French situation than meets the eye. It may be a Kremlin-inspired affair to divert the Western World's attention from the unrest in East Berlin and other spots behind the Iron Curtain. Communist Russia has long had a tremendous influence in France.

How do you explain that a highly nationalistic country, such as France, comprised of a highly intelligent people, should have gone the way it has gone? . . . The French are noted for their logic.

They are not a nation of people gone to seed, and for every Frenchman who is lazy and extravagant, you can produce two Frenchmen who are hard working and excessively thrifty.

The French accepted a false philosophy long ago. They did so when they kissed good-bye to an age of faith and said hello to the so-called age of reason. When they threw out faith in spiritual things, they accepted faith in materialism. Their attitude for a long time has been the one which says, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow may not see you around."

But what is happening today in France may be much more significant than anything happening behind the Iron Curtain, for the simple reason that it is happening within the so-called NATO area.

When, if ever, are the French going to grow up? Or have they, like a person educated beyond his intelligence, arrived at a state of disbelief where cynicism makes them wonder if survival is worth the effort? But what is going on now in France may be pointing to a long trend in European history.

## ENROLLMENTS AT GRACE

Seventy-seven students have already made application to enroll in the two divisions of Grace Theological Seminary, and a large number of inquiries have been received by the school. Thus far there have been 44 applications to the seminary division, and 36 applications to the college division. Pray for young people throughout the country who are now making decisions that will change the whole course of their lives.



# "UNTO MANY THAT WERE BLIND HE GAVE SIGHT"

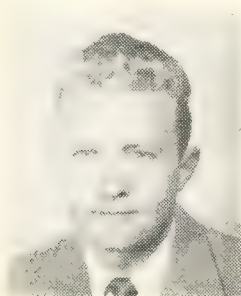
## THE TESTIMONY OF A BLIND NAVAHO MEDICINE-WOMAN

By Missionary Evan Adams, Cuba, N. Mex.

Certainly if there is any one group within the boundaries of our own country which suffers from much spiritual blindness it is the Navaho people.

### *Picturesque America*

Most North Americans do not realize that there is paganism and demonism practiced today within their own boundaries comparable to such practices in other parts of the world. Areas spanned by super-highways are not necessarily wrested from the dominion of Satan. And today Satan still holds much of the territory listed in the travel folders as the most picturesque part of our



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country; he holds the hearts of the inhabitants of this area in fear and darkness such as is difficult for the enlightened white man to comprehend.

The tourist sees the bright handloomed rugs along the well-traveled paved highways of the West and imagines that these portray the life of the Navaho people, full of color, free in the wide-open spaces. But the missionary visits the hogans along the back wagon roads and knows that blackness, fear, poverty, sickness, drunkenness, and demonism are the true designs in the life of these people.

### *A Blind Woman*

Blindness, partial and total, is not an uncommon physical handicap in Navaholand. Mrs. Herbert Pinto is one of our neighbors who has been unable to see the light of day for more than five years. And it wasn't until she had reached the age of 56 that she had the light of the Gospel

shining in its full glory in her heart. Though her physical eyesight was good until she was a young woman, she has been spiritually blind since birth.

One day recently while we were visiting with her in the mission chapel she offered a wonderful testimony of her experience of salvation. And then by asking various questions we were able to learn the interesting story of this woman who had lived so long in fear and darkness.

### *Reception of Saviour*

"Recently I accept the Lord Jesus as my Saviour because I really realize that it is true. Hell . . . I am afraid of that place. That's why I want to follow the Lord today. I used to be afraid of many things in our ways [the Navaho life]. Now I am not afraid to die. I feel like I am up in air now."

Then reminiscing she related: "I have had eye trouble since I was a little girl 13 years old. But I have been without any eyes for over five years. Today my heart sees the truth. Even though I am blind I see Jesus standing before me many times. He has a cane [shepherd's crook] like we catch our sheep with. Is that what He looks like? When I pray someone stands in front of me; it must be Jesus. Now I have better eyes—eyes to see Jesus with—eyes in my heart."

### *The Long Search*

Emma Peña spent much time during her teen years going from hospital to hospital on the Indian reservation, seeking treatment for her eyes. During this period she often came under the hearing of the gospel message through the visitation of missionaries and while undergoing treatment in the mission-sponsored hospitals. And she recalled to us that the first time she heard the story of the punishment of hell she was in great fear for many days and nights, and tried to pray.

When she was 18 years old she went one day with her older sister and other Navaho people to a Yei bi'chi dance ceremony near Mexican



Mrs. Herbert Pinto

Springs, Ariz. When the ceremonial was over she couldn't find her sister (who had gone home a day or two before, she later learned), and so she went home with a young man from the Fort Defiance area and became his wife, Mrs. Herbert Pinto. She remained there for several years and raised a family. Of her 11 children, seven are living today. George, one of her younger children, is a student in the mission boarding school. It was the change in the life of her son, Charlie Yazzie, brought about by the Word of God, that caused her to realize the truth of the power of the Gospel to change lives and hearts.

### *Practice of "Hand-Shaking"*

While she was living near Fort Defiance, Ariz., with her new-found husband she learned "hand-shaking" from an old medicine-woman. These "hand-shakers" are the Navaho "diagnosticians" who are called in to divine which type of medicine-man should be called for a certain malady. The Navaho medical practitioners are members of societies which specialize in certain types of illnesses or in certain parts of the body, and it is the duty of the "hand-shakers" to determine which one can best deal with the present ailment. Mrs. Pinto gave the following account of her experiences as a "shaker."

"I would sit beside the person who



was sick and extend my arms out over his body. My hands would begin to flutter and I would ask myself each society in turn. When my hands stopped fluttering at the suggestion of a certain medicine-man society I knew that one of these men should be called. In the last few years my hands nearly always stopped at the suggestion of the white man's hospital. I didn't do 'hand-shaking' very often. I was afraid each time I did it. It made my heart hurt with fear."

#### *Control of Evil Power*

"Did something take control of you when you were ready to work over the sick one?" I asked.

"Yes, something would take control of my arms, hands, and fingers and make them move around. I know now that it was something evil controlling me. Now that I am a Christian I realize that it was evil," she replied, indicating that the Spirit of God had revealed these things to her. "Now when the medicine-men call for me to 'shake' I tell them no."

"What are you happy about now that you are a Christian?" I asked our blind friend.

"One thing I am happy about?" she replied. "It isn't the money now that makes me happy. But it is life, everlasting life. I'd rather have eternal life than money. We've been told that if we believe we should tell others. I don't think a person has a right to stop us from telling about God's Word when we know it is true."

#### *Description of Heaven*

I desired to learn what her conceptions of heaven were, since she had lived so many years in darkness, without the influence of God's Word. And the following was her description:

"All saved ones will be there. No sin will be there. Something pretty up there—real pretty, I guess—I don't know. No black things, only white things will be there. No hard life anymore. Different people will be there, all different colors of people will be there. Only I think I won't have a dark skin up there, only pureness then; some other kind of a body maybe."

Pray and give that more blind Navahos might have the eyes of their understanding opened and behold the "light that shineth in darkness."

## These Are They

*"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:13-14).*

These are they

Whose hands were sore and blistered;  
Whose feet were worn and bleeding  
By dragging iron weights of sacrifice  
Locked to their ankles of faithfulness;  
Whose faces, aged by hunger, drawn by thirst,  
Ne'er downward glanced at poverty, destruction, death—  
long eternity;

Whose countenances wore

Wrinkles of forgetfulness  
To what was raging round about them,  
But gladness and high confidence,  
With trustiness and faithfulness in God;

Who have fowled the harsh inveigler's snare;

Who were herded through consuming conflagration,  
Through untimely floods,  
Through living death,  
Ne'er doubting that their Lord would come  
And claim His own for everlasting bliss.

They have gained the martyr's crown;

They have fought the winning battle of the faith,  
Themselves a wall of victory  
From which the cruel companions of the evil one  
Rebounded in astonishment and wonder  
At their seeming weakness, yet unquestioned strength.

They have seen the heights of tribulation,

They have seen the reign of martyrdom,  
They have seen the masses of destruction,  
They have seen the ruins of the ages—

Yet, through all, their souls have never hardened,

Their spirits never quavered;  
For God was theirs.

—These are they.

—Charles Bergerson.

# MOSES AND THE SERPENTS

By Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind.

"Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Nicodemus was puzzled. He had come to Jesus by night so he could have a quiet talk with Him. He was a ruler of the Jews and had long studied the law. He knew all about the ordinances and ceremonies, but to be born again! How would it be possible for a grown man to be born again? "Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

## *An Absolute Impossibility*

But no, not that, for it is an absolute impossibility for anything to lift itself above its source, and if he were to be born again from his mother, he would still be in his present realm, for that which is born of the flesh is still flesh.

There are four realms of existence: the mineral, the vegetable, the animal, and the spiritual. Nothing can by any means lift itself out of its own sphere and into a higher level.

## *From Mineral to Vegetable*

A grain of calcium might look up someday and see a blade of grass. "Oh, I wish I were a blade of grass. Then I could frisk and frolic about in the nice warm breeze and enjoy the sunshine."

But nothing that bit of calcium could do could in any wise lift it up to the plant kingdom. The blade of grass, however, might run its roots down into the lower kingdom and lift the bit of calcium up and transform it from the mineral to the vegetable kingdom.

## *From Vegetable to Animal*

Then one day the blade of grass might look up and see a cow. "Oh, I wish I were a cow. Then I could go to the brook and get a drink whenever I wish, or I could go over and get in the shade of yonder tree."

That blade of grass might put on a nice green coat. It might eat and become a nice plump blade of grass, but it would still be grass and could not in any way lift itself out of its present level of existence. But one day the cow might come along, reach down, and snip off the blade of grass. Immediately the grass would die to the plant kingdom. It would thoroughly lose its identity

and be born into the animal kingdom.

## *Physical to Spiritual*

A man, living in the physical realm, might hear a gospel message and learn that there is a realm of joy and peace and immortality in the spiritual realm. He might resolve to pay his debts, be a good neighbor, and enter that realm. But nothing he could do would change his position in the physical or lift him into the spiritual realm of existence.



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However, he might do the very same thing that the blade of grass did. He might yield himself and be born "from above." He might permit the Holy Spirit to reach down and lift him up into the spiritual kingdom. Thus he would die to the old and put on the new life. Old things would pass away, behold all things would become new, because he would be born of the Spirit into the higher realm of existence.

## *Mystery*

But there is mystery here. "How can these things be?" But mystery is all about. Who understands how the blade of grass lifts up and transforms the bit of calcium? Who understands how that same blade of grass can be lifted out of the plant kingdom and into the animal? Verily, these mysteries are as great as those about the new birth of a man, yet we accept them without hesitation because they are happening about us countless millions of times a day.

But everything about us is mystery. We hear the wind rustling the leaves in yonder tree, but we cannot tell the "whence" or the "whither" of its operations. "So is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

But the mystery remained and

Nicodemus could not understand, so our Lord brought to his mind the time when Israel was in the wilderness, and God sent fiery serpents among them, and "much people of Israel died" (Num. 21:6). God then directed Moses to make "a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole," and anyone that would look at the serpent would be healed. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

## *Fear Grips Heart*

Let us imagine a scene in the wilderness. A man is walking through the small shrubbery in the desert. Suddenly there is a dull thud, a click of evil jaws. Quickly the man jumps to one side, but alas! Those fangs have found their mark; the deadly blow has been given; the terrible venom will do its work. Mortal fear grips his heart as he realizes his fearful condition.

He throws himself to the ground and crawls into the shade of a small bush to await the end. Half an hour passes. Red streaks appear about the wound; his leg throbs with pain; the fever burns throughout his body. His eyes are swollen; there is a sharp pain about his heart—only a short time and that heart will stop; men will find his body. They will dig a hole and he will belong to the forgotten past.

But hark! What is that? A messenger is running through the camp. "Look! Look at the serpent and be healed!"

## *The Serpent Is Seen*

A gleam of hope dawns in the face of the dying man. Utter despair had gripped his heart, but he believes that message. His strength is almost gone, but with a mighty effort he lifts himself to his elbow and then to his knees. His vision is dimmed, but what is that? His eyes catch a glint of sunlight. Yes, it's the brazen serpent.

Instantly the pure warm blood surges throughout his body and he is completely healed. And why is he thus healed? Simply because he believed the message and acted upon it. And just like Moses lifted up the serpent and anyone who would look at it would be healed, so Christ hung



on the cross, and anyone who will believe on Him will be saved and born again and enter the realm of the Spirit.

### *In the Heart*

But there is an element here that may seem small indeed, and yet it has been all the difference between heaven and hell to many a precious soul. It may be found in the words "look" and "believe."

If we believe "in our heart," we will be saved (Rom. 10:9). Some have a "head" or an "intellectual" belief. That is, they believe there was a Man by the name of Jesus, and that He died on a cross, but they do nothing personal about it. But to believe unto the salvation of our soul means to do something about it—trust Him; depend on Him; count on Him; commit ourself to Him.

Suppose the dying man would have said to himself, "I believe that message; I believe Moses has made a serpent of brass; I believe he has placed it on a pole; and I believe that if I were to look at it I would be healed." But if he does not look, he will not be healed.

"Faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:20). Thus the word "look" has in it the element of obedience or of moving to action, and implies true heart faith rather than just "head" acceptance, for before a man would look he would have to believe, and looking is just putting belief into action.

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*ganic unity.* All men are responsible for Adam's sin, because his sin was our sin. This fact may be rejected by many, but it is a fact nevertheless, for God has not deceived us, nor has He condemned the Adamic race unjustly. We must rest in this assurance (Gen. 18:25).

*Personal sins* grow out of racial sin, and this aspect of human sin is expressed in the phrase, "We have turned every one to his own way." But thanks be to God, the verse does not end here! It goes on to say, "And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." God's only answer to racial and personal sin is CHRIST! Have you found God's answer?

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### **GOING BY THE BOOK**

A foreman on deck of a steamship in the shipbuilding yard on the Clyde said to his carpenter, "Well, Scott, I want to talk to you. I'm told you are one of those who say they know they are saved. Is that true?"

"Yes, thank God, I know I'm saved; there is nothing I am more sure of than that," said Scott.

"Well, now," replied the foreman, "that is something I don't understand, how any man can say he is saved as long as he is in this world. I think it is too presumptuous to say that."

"Well," said Scott, "whatever you may say about presumption, it is real to be saved, and know it. What is the breadth of this waterway?"

The foreman, astonished, said, "Why 14 inches all around. What makes you ask that when you know?"

"But are you sure it is 14 inches?" said Scott.

"Certainly."

"But what makes you so sure?" asked Scott.

"Why, I'm going by the book. I'm sure it is 14 inches, for here it is in the book, and I got the book from headquarters."

"Oh, I see," said Scott. "That is exactly how I know I'm saved. I'm just going by the Book. It came from Headquarters. It is God's Book."—O. A. Swanson in *Bible Crusader News*.

### **FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS**

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them put their reliance on quenching their thirst with the wrong kind of water.

Proverbs 14:12 says: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Are you certain, young man or young woman, starting out on your travel through the world, that the way that seems right to you does not lead to pools of water polluted with false philosophies or to mirages of destruction? Come and walk in the path that leads to Christ, the Fountain of Living Waters that alone heals the broken heart and soul, cleanses all sin, and satisfies the thirsting of men's spirits.

### **THE WORD IS POWERFUL**

Mlle. Jacqueline Leroy, for many years a nursing sister of the Roman Church in Brazil, though a French citizen, has left the Roman Church. In a tour of patients one night, she paused at a bed where a sick man was not sleeping as others, but reading. She asked him about his book. It was a Bible. The humble Bahia laborer, hands trembling with fever, turned some pages and called the sister's attention to I Timothy 2:5: "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." That led to her conversion. She is now witnessing for Christ in Brazil.—*Gospel Herald*.

### **THE SINNER NEXT DOOR**

Miss Manning loved a missionary. Before he left for India, he wrote her and asked her to marry him; if she sent no answer, he would consider it a refusal.

She wrote her acceptance at once. Since it was a pouring wet day, her brother offered to take the letter to the post office.

She never saw her lover again. Later she heard he had married someone else. Twenty-five years later the Manning family moved to a new house; in the moving an old coat of her brother's was found. When the pockets were turned inside out, there was the letter, yellow and crumpled; it had never reached the man she loved.

God has given you a letter to the sinner next door. Is it still in your pocket?—*Selected*.

### **TO HIS SATISFACTION**

A tobacco company sent packs of cigarettes to high-school boys accompanied with this explanation: "We are sending you a pack of our finest cigarettes. We hope you will use them to your satisfaction and want more." One of the boys wrote back, "I received the package of cigarettes and used them to my satisfaction. I steeped them in a quart of water and sprayed our bug-infested rose bushes. Every bug died. These cigarettes are sure good poison. I want more next spring if we have more bugs."—*Youth Today*.

# A TRIBUTE TO MRS. IVA M. KOLB

By Althea S. Miller, Roanoke, Va.

The sweet dignity of her 85 years radiated a glow of warm love over her "girls" who had gathered to honor their beloved leader of yesterday. As she stood to speak, a flood of memories swept over each heart.

## *Iva M. Kolb Auxiliary*

"Forty years ago this group knew we were too old to longer be called Sisterhood girls. At a meeting held at Indian Head Farm in 1913, Sue Cooper, now promoted to glory, made the motion that we resolve ourselves into the Iva M. Kolb Auxiliary. Your enthusiastic response and work carried on down through these 40 years most certainly have justified this resolution, though I must admit I have always felt unworthy of the honor accorded me.

"Through the years the Lord has led us in devious ways. Not all of our girls are with us this happy evening. Some live far away; one is on the mission field; some have gone on ahead. I cannot tell you with words how full my heart is tonight. I am indeed honored above all women that you have accounted our fellowship in the Gospel of sufficient import to meet thus around these tables tonight. . . ."

As Mrs. Kolb spoke on this night of May 16, 1953, in the city of Philadelphia, my mind went back to the tremendous influence for Christ this "Dresden China Lady" (my own pet name for her) has had on all the girls who ever had the privilege of knowing her teaching and leadership. Not only these girls of 40 years ago, many of them now grandmothers, but girls of my own generation and even later have felt and still feel the impact of her life. The very theme of her life's story is faithfulness. It has run as a golden strand down through the years.

## *Superintendent of Juniors*

Iva Kolb's girlhood days were spent in serving the Lord in the Church of the Brethren at Carlisle and Dauphin Streets in Philadelphia. At her marriage she felt led to unite with the church of her husband's choice, which was the First Brethren Church at 10th and Dauphin Streets, also in Philadelphia, during the early years of Louis S. Bauman's ministry. She was immediately asked to be superintendent of the primary de-

partment of the Sunday school, which post she held until the completion of the new building at 10th and Dauphin. Then Mrs. Kolb was made superintendent of the junior department and served her Lord there with the utmost efficiency for 34 years. If only it were possible to get a picture of the hundreds of boys and girls who passed through this unusual junior department in those 34 years! God has that picture, however, and His records are ever accurate. But one thing we know: those boys and girls heard the Gospel, and many believed.



Mrs. Miller

The writer well remembers her eagerness to get enough years on her head to get into that junior department. It was a positive thrill to grow up enough to become a part of the junior department of the Sunday school at 10th and Dauphin in Philadelphia. There wasn't a child who didn't love the gentle, winning, love-laden superintendent, Iva M. Kolb. This ministry had to be laid aside when Mrs. Kolb was confined to her home to care for her ill husband. This little-girl-long-since-grown is convinced there never has been another such superintendent or junior department.

## *Colaborers in the Gospel*

Now after all these years we were honoring our much-loved colaborer in the Gospel. Many of Mrs. Kolb's "girls" at this gathering have never been Brethren, but because of this auxiliary they have maintained an interest in Brethren foreign missions and home missions down through the years. Our own missionary, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, long-time servant of the Lord in Africa, is one of this group. She wrote a letter of greeting which was read and much appreciated. Mrs. Clara Trigeer Fairbanks,

active member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., is another one of these "girls" and her letter of greeting was enjoyed. The names of Alva J. McClain, Louis S. Bauman, "Daddy" Cassel, and many other Brethren from a long time back were mentioned with familiarity at this dinner party. The work of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha is still close to the hearts of these women as are the foreign and home mission interests of the Brethren Church.

Now the dinner and program were over. We had to go back to the practical part of life and living where blood, sweat, and tears make or break us. But the recalled memories of the past and the warmth of the moment as we renewed fellowship with each other and Mrs. Kolb will linger long in our hearts.

Forty years of fellowship in the Lord and His work largely because of the faithfulness of one lady! We salute you, Mrs. Kolb, and rejoice that His presence will always be with you. You have taught us by your life what God meant when He said: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). May God help us to follow in your footsteps and ever be found "faithful unto death."

## J. A. HUFFMAN RESIGNS

Dr. J. A. Huffman, president of the Winona Lake School of Theology since 1939, recently resigned, effective January 1, 1954. The board of directors of the school elected him president emeritus and requested him to continue another year in full-time executive service to help carry out the program launched under his presidency. Also he has been asked to continue indefinitely as a member of the teaching staff.

Prof. John A. Huffman, son of Dr. J. A. Huffman, was elected to the presidency of the school for the coming year. For the past five years he has served as vice president and dean. Both of the Huffmans will reside at Winona Lake.

Other officers of the school elected by the board of directors are Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer, of Wheaton, Ill., vice president; Dr. Harold B. Kuhn, of Wilmore, Ky., dean; and Rev. Milford F. Henkel, of Pittsburgh, Pa., registrar.



# THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

By Conard Sandy

## *But God's Word Still Stands*

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Arch and Race Street Friends (Quakers) in their 27th annual convention went on record thus:

"We believe there is no crime for which the death penalty should be imposed, and that it is as much forbidden for organized society to deprive a human being of life as it is for the individual. Life is sacred and it is our duty to find other means than intimidation, cruelty, retribution, or revenge in coping with crime. . . . The whole system of criminal justice must be changed so that revenge and destruction no longer will be the goal."

Now isn't that disgusting in light of God's Word? "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith." "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. . . . For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Rom. 13:1-4).

Those verses surely teach that punishment should and must be meted out by the persons in authority in the realm of the state.

## *Correct Child When Needed*

Many passages in the Word of God speak of training the child in the way he should go and of giving him the correction and punishment he should have. God is concerned about the training of children.

Note these words in this connection: "Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:13-14). In another place the admonition is: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

In mid-July a mother in Topeka, Kans., followed the suggestion of these words from God's Book. She

decided not to leave her child to himself to later bring down shame upon her name. It happened in this manner:

The city fathers were expending \$10,000 to make a thorough study of parking problems in the heart of the city. The information sought included the parker's home, destination, purpose of trip, time of arrival and departure.

As one woman drove into a downtown parking stall, a member of the survey team asked her the usual questions. In answer she replied: "My destination is right here, and my purpose is to spank that boy on the back seat of the car." She got into the back of the car and carried out her purpose. Then she proceeded on her way.

## *Men Are Happier Than Snails*

Men can boast of their progress in inventions, says Dr. W. F. G. Swann, director of the Bartol Research Foundation, but nature is ahead in many things.

The physicist then told how bats used radar, certain insect flies traveled as fast as jet planes, and certain fish used bifocals long before man ever dreamed or heard of these things.

But the physicist did leave one place where he placed man ahead of one lowly animal, for he said: "It seems reasonable to suppose that man has a greater potentiality for joy than a snail."

The doctor ought to read again Genesis 1 and 2 and he will find out man has many potentialities greater than any animal of God's handiwork. He would there find that man is above any and all animals.

The Christian ought to remember that the sinner has no potential for true and lasting joy. This joy comes only through the Lord Jesus Christ. To the disciples He said: "These

things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

## *Jail Is Better Than Home*

Sheriff Julian B. Wright, of Gaffney, S. C., recently received a most unusual request. A citizen of the town told the sheriff that his wife was on the warpath and asked to be locked in the jail "until things quiet down." Sheriff Wright obliged, and did not release the man the next day until he thought it was safe to return home.

The report of this incident in the newspapers made one think of some words from the pen of the wise man, Solomon, on the subject of contentious women—and Solomon should have known whereof he spoke from his wide and varied experiences with women of all kinds.

Here are his words: "It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house. It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman" (Prov. 21:9, 19).

## *Their Outlook Was Different*

When Job was completely covered "with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown" he did not go down in defeat. Instead "he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes." When his wife urged him to curse God, he answered: "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Then God gave this estimate: "In all this did not Job sin with his lips." On another occasion God declared: "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 2:7-10; 1:22).

But Robert E. Lieske, of New York City, did otherwise. Recently he stabbed himself and then jumped from the 16th floor of a Manhattan skyscraper. Mrs. Lieske told the police her 35-year-old husband was suffering from boils on his neck and they must have driven him to a suicide's grave.

The difference between Job and Lieske was the difference of relationship with God.



# PALESTINE AND JEWS IN THE NEWS

## *Jews Looking for Messiah*

Dr. G. P. Raud is authority for the following: "In Jerusalem today a small sect, known as Neturei Karta, studies the Scriptures and prays with longing for Messiah Himself to come. Its members scorn the State of Israel and regard it as a sorry substitute for the magnificent world-wide kingdom of Messiah where redeemed Israel—powerful, wealthy, holy—will stand at the head of the nations. Significantly enough, Neturei Karta has been called the most hated sect in Israel."

The Lord Jesus, the One for whom these people are looking, has already come and is even now making ready all things in anticipation of His second coming. A sign of the coming again of this Messiah will be when some who are looking for His coming will be hated, even in some cases by those who should be likewise looking and waiting for the Messiah's appearance. The tragic thing with so many Jews is that they are looking for His coming in the future and completely ignoring His coming that already took place in their behalf at Calvary.

## *New Road Opened to Dead Sea*

A new road, requiring the toil of 2,400 men working two years and expending \$4,500,000, has been recently opened to connect the Dead Sea and the potash mines there with other parts of Palestine, especially the Mediterranean Sea area.

Potash is one of the most important items Israel has for export. The Israelis hope this new access will make easier the delivery of this merchandise at a greater profit to the world markets.

A new port will be built at Ascalon in order to permit sea loading of phosphates and potash.

## *Ashkelon Being Rebuilt*

The first official dispatch from Ashkelon, the ancient city made famous by Samson (Judg. 14:19), for more than 3,000 years was sent recently to the mayor of Johannesburg. The city of Ashkelon is being rebuilt

by the Jews of South Africa, therefore the mayor of Ashkelon carried official greetings to the mayor of Johannesburg, while visiting in Africa.

The last-known message before this to have been sent from Ashkelon was sent to the king of Egypt about 1500 B. C. to ask for help in defending the city against the invading Canaanites.

## *Christians in Israel*

The official government report on population for the nation of Israel, at the end of December 1952, gives the total population as 1,631,000. There was an increase of 261,000 in the latest two-year period. The population is divided into the following religions: 1,452,000 are Jews, 123,000 are Moslems, 40,000 claim to be Christians (Protestant or otherwise), and 16,000 are Druzes.

At the end of 1950 2.7 percent of Israel's population were listed as Christians. At the end of 1952 the Christians accounted for 2.5 percent of the population. Our heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel should be, like Paul's, "that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1).

## *Items of General Interest*

Israel now has over 30 ocean-going vessels and about 18 percent of her trade is carried on in her own ships.

The American-Israel Cattle Corporation has been established recently to expand cattle-raising in Israel and to introduce a meat-packing industry. It represents a two-million-dollar investment.

Four years ago ancient Beer-sheba in southern Israel was a sleepy town of some 300 people. Today it is a flourishing community of 25,000 Jews from 60 countries.

The first of two giant turbines has been installed in Tel Aviv. This will increase Israel's electric power by 40 percent and will prevent the recurrence of an electricity shortage.

Israel is the first nation to announce vacations with pay for agricultural workers. The minimum length of a paid vacation will be one week for one year's service.

## *One Side of Coffin Is Open*

Someone has pointed out that one side of the coffin in which the body of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first president of Israel, was buried was left open by the Jews of Israel so that the body might lie in contact with the soil.

By some writers Weizmann has been compared with the patriarchs of Israel's past—with Abraham in particular. But there is one great contrast: Weizmann sought and lived for a nation and a life that now is, while Abraham looked for "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). An earthly land seemed to satisfy Weizmann, but it could never satisfy the heart and longing of Abraham, the man who walked by faith.

## *Galilee Dam Taking Shape*

According to Joan Comay, writing in *Israel Speaks* for January 9, 1953, the first of four dams in the Jordan River valley is rapidly being completed. The huge dam is now 1,500 feet long, 80 feet thick at the base, and 35 feet high, and when completed it will be even larger. It is being built in the highlands of Galilee.

The dam is to be used to store water for irrigation, and it is hoped that when the other three dams further south are completed the system of reservoirs can be used in generating electricity through several anticipated hydroelectric plants.

## *Factories Arising in the Land*

An international textile venture in which Israel, Japanese, and U. S. capital will combine to establish an \$8,000,000 rayon plant in Israel has been announced.

A big plastic plant has been built near Tel Aviv—largest in the Middle East.

A factory at Nahariya, north of Haifa, will soon be employing about 350 workers in the manufacture of asbestos pipes, tiles, and shingles. It is expected to supply a large portion of the pipes required for Israel's extensive irrigation projects.



# NEWS from the CHURCHES

## Los Angeles, California (Second)

In the providence of God, our DVBS as conducted here at the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., will be the last one at our present location. According to escrow instructions we give possession to the Calvary Baptist Church (Negro) by December 8. Knowing this fact in advance, we made every effort to bring in as many children as possible so that some might be reached for the Saviour.

Our people prayed earnestly that the Lord's will might be done, and as always our Lord heard and answered. Total enrollment reached the 137 mark (excluding teachers). Since this community has changed in its residential status, the school register revealed the following percentages: 46 percent of the enrollees were white, 37 percent were Negro, and the remaining 17 percent included Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Jewish, and Filipino. [See picture on the front cover of this issue of the Herald.—Editor.] All these groups of children are American, of course, and speak good English, hence no problem was involved in presenting the lessons.

We sincerely say that all the children were lovable, teachable, impressionable, and responsive to the Gospel. To our joy and the Saviour's glory, a good many received

Christ during the two weeks, and united with the church.

Our school was conducted this year under the auspices of the Fuller Foundation, with Miss Patricia Pitts and Miss Jean Rearick acting as head teachers. These ladies presented the Gospel clearly and attractively so that 38 definite decisions were made, of which 35 were confessions of Christ as Saviour. The average daily attendance was 110. The total offerings received amounted to \$130.20. (This included the offering on the closing night, which night was very poorly attended by parents of the children, showing the utter indifference of the residents of this community toward the gospel message.) The two ladies of the Fuller Foundation were ably assisted by 15 of our own teachers and workers.

We believe that the measure of success of the school was greatly due to the conducting of a 30-minute prayer hour daily.

One of the highlights of the school was the conversion of a 14-year-old Jewish girl early in the second week. Janice wholeheartedly accepted the Saviour, and not only manifested a new joy from that moment forward, but proved her sincerity by showing a genuine hunger for the things of the Bible. She, with eight others, was baptized by trine immersion on the closing night of the school.

Both church and pastor hereby magnify the blessed name of our Lord, thanking Him for all His goodnesses in permitting us to spread the Gospel to the nations, right here in our own community. The bema-seat judgment will reveal the permanent results of this effort.—*Henry G. Rempel, pastor.*

## BOWMANS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE



*Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Bowman*

The LaLoma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, Calif., held a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Bowman, of nearby Waterford, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary July 19. The program included instrumental and vocal music and the reading of an original poem, "This Is Your Life," by Mrs. Kenneth W. Holgate.

The couple were married at La Verne, Calif., which was their home for many years, by the late Dr. Martin Shively. Early in life the young couple united with the Brethren Church.

The Bowmans moved to Modesto in 1936. In 1940 they became charter members of the LaLoma church and have served as members of the deacon board since the organization of the church.

Brother and Sister Bowman are the parents of six children. The two sons are Pastor Edward Bowman, of Hollins, Va., and Earl Bowman, of Modesto. The four daughters are Mrs. Ruby Latchaw and Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch, both of Paradise, Calif.; Mrs. Edna Marsh, of Bellflower, Calif.; and Mrs. Neva Davisson, of Compton, Calif.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Grafton, W. Va.	Sept. 1-13.....	Lee Crist.....	William Schaffer.
Uniontown, Pa.	Sept. 2-6.....	Clyde Landrum...	Bruce Button.
Uniontown, Pa.	Sept. 6-25.....	Clyde Landrum...	Lepp and Team 2.
Martinsburg, W. Va.	Sept. 13-27.....	M. Leon Myers...	Miller and Team 1.
Johnstown, Pa.	(First) Sept. 20-Oct. 4..	W. A. Ogden.....	Archie L. Lynn.
(Riverside) ....	Sept. 29-Oct. 11.	Ralph Hall.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Hagerstown, Md.	Oct. 4-25.....	Russell Weber....	Miller and Team 1.
Winchester, Va.	Oct. 4-18.....	Paul Dick.....	Archie L. Lynn.
Leamersville, Pa.	Oct. 13-25.....	Robert Crees.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Dayton, Ohio	(First) Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.



Rev. and Mrs. Elaine Snyder  
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## WILL YOU BE IN THIS RECEPTION LINE SEPTEMBER 14?

Brethren young people! Do you realize that Grace College offers you a twofold opportunity?

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The responsibility of building a student body, in the final analysis, rests with the young people of the Brethren Church. Although welcome here, we cannot expect young men and women of other denominations to build OUR school.

Other institutions may offer you good training in a Christian atmosphere, but they are not YOUR institutions, and they are not primarily interested in building YOUR church. Other schools cannot offer you the inspiration of Brethren chapel services in YOUR denominational center. They cannot give you an adequate vision of the work which YOUR church is doing for Christ throughout the world.

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—Baja California - Courtesy of Walter Haag.

*How shall they  
hear without  
a preacher?"*





# EDITORIALY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

## We Are Encouraged

One hundred percent of our churches responded this year with an Easter offering for foreign missions. So far as your editor knows this is a record not equaled before. Our offerings for the fiscal year increased by \$43,443.69, or about 19 percent, over the offerings of the year before. It might be interesting to give you a résumé of offerings during recent years. They are as follows:

Year	Offerings	Increase	Pct. of Increase
1942-1943....	\$ 88,043.22		
1943-1944....	106,537.71....	\$ 18,494.49....	17.
1944-1945....	119,116.21....	12,578.50....	15.5
1945-1946....	125,740.68....	6,624.47....	5.
1946-1947....	120,124.87....	*5,615.81....	*4.5
1947-1948....	120,560.41....	435.54....	.3
1948-1949....	133,582.14....	13,021.73....	10.
1949-1950....	144,796.33....	11,214.19....	8.
1950-1951....	145,225.72....	429.39....	.3
1951-1952....	180,167.88....	34,942.16....	19.
1952-1953....	223,611.57....	43,443.69....	19.

\*Loss.

## One for One

A foreign missionary for every pastor in the homeland! Isn't that reasonable? It's possible—certainly not within the next year, but within the next few years?—yes! Will this, as an increased program, wreck the economy of the church at home? Ask the missionary-minded pastor. Frequently we have heard comments from pastors about as follows: "Last year we closed the year in the red. Nevertheless we made an urgent foreign mission appeal and increased our offering. Believe it or not, we closed the church year out of the red, too."

## Interesting Percentages

You will probably want to know how the people gave—you have a right to know—so we are presenting the following report on the basis of per-capita giving:

2¼%	of our churches gave under \$1.00 per person
34%	of our churches gave between \$1.00 and \$4.99
27%	of our churches gave between 5.00 and 9.99
20%	of our churches gave between 10.00 and 14.99
9%	of our churches gave between 15.00 and 19.99
3½%	of our churches gave between 20.00 and 24.99
2¼%	of our churches gave between 25.00 and 29.99
None	of our churches gave between 30.00 and 34.99
¾%	of our churches gave between 35.00 and 39.99
None	of our churches gave between 40.00 and 44.99
1¼%	of our churches gave \$45 and above

We are especially concerned about the 36¼ percent of our churches which averaged less than \$5 a member in the annual offering. We are convinced there are many extenuating circumstances, but we are as surely convinced that there are not extenuating circumstances in 36¼ percent of our Brethren churches.

## Are We Growing?

The answer is a great big "yes"! Although only 60 percent of our churches increased their foreign mission giving last year, that was sufficient to increase the total giving of our churches by 19 percent, or a total of \$43,443.69. Isn't it wonderful what God can do? And I believe He can and wants to do it through 100 percent of our churches next year.

## The Membership of Our Society

From the charter membership of 53 persons in 1900 we have grown to a present membership of well over 6,000. It's reasonable to believe that we will soon have a membership of 10,000, and between 15,000 and 20,000 members in the years ahead. Increase in society membership and increase in per-capita giving will care for our increased needs and opportunities. We can, and we believe we will, do even much greater things in foreign missions.

## A Spiritual Problem

Foreign missions is primarily a spiritual problem. There are money problems, personal problems, governmental problems, problems of transportation, sickness, disease, heartache, and many others, but these are all minor compared to the spiritual problems. *How much* do we love the Lord Jesus Christ? *How much* do we love His Word? *How much* do we love lost souls? *How much* we love lost souls on the mission field will be illustrated by how much we love lost souls here at home, and what we do about it. "How much" will be indicated by what we do about it. Some Brethren churches are poor so far as this world's goods are concerned, but most Brethren churches, although not wealthy, are not poor. Their members buy largely what their hearts desire. Conveniences and even luxuries abound in all our homes, and I would have it so, but yearn to see far more of the possessions of the Brethren poured into the Lord's work, and a large and proportionate part put into the business of getting the Gospel out to a lost world. This will only be done as we solve our spiritual problems, and I repeat, "Foreign mission problems are spiritual problems!"



**"THE JOY OF UNITED HEARTS"**



**"HAPPY IN THE SERVICE  
OF THE KING"!**

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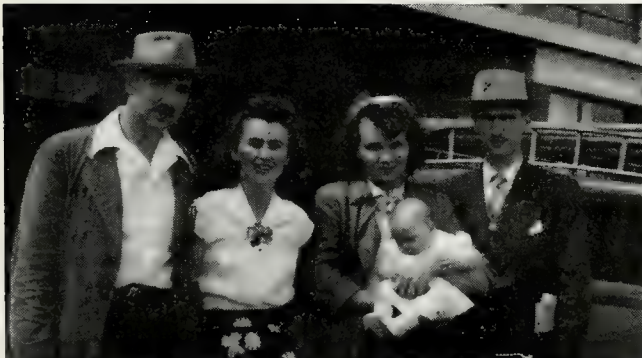
*Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Christine Anne*

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Pictures on this page present our missionaries in France, the Fogles, and those who were studying in France. The Garbers, Kennedys, Tabers, and the four nurses have *NOW* arrived on the field in Africa. They are right *NOW* plunging into new labors, new thrills, new trials, and new challenges. **THEY NEED OUR PRAYER SUPPORT NOW!**

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**"THE JOY OF CONSECRATED LIVES"**



*Rev. Martin Garber, Mrs. Martin Garber, Mrs. Lester Kennedy with Judith Lynn, Rev. Lester Kennedy*



*Dr. Harold Mason, Rev. Charles Taber, Rev. Lester Kennedy, Rev. Martin Garber, Rev. Fred Fogle*

# HOMeward BOUND

(Editor's Note—Rev. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy left the United States on July 23 to return to Argentina, South America, for another term of service. The following articles were written on board ship as they were returning. Their journey was completed safely and on schedule—they reached Buenos Aires on August 12. Since Brother and Sister Maconaghy expect to open a new Brethren testimony in that land, as the Lord leads, a permanent address cannot be given for them at this time. However, mail will reach them in care of Bro. Solon Hoyt. See the foreign missionary directory in this issue for the complete address.)



Hill Maconaghy

## 'He Goeth Before'

After a little over a year in the States we turn our faces southward once more and toward home. For truly that is what Argentina has come to be to us.

Looking back over the past 14 months of furlough, we realize how good our God has been to us. Innumerable blessings, some testings, and sorrow in His wisdom were sent our way. We know that all—the blessings, the testings, and even the sorrow—have a place in His plan for our lives. For "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

There are cherished memories of young people's camps, district and national conferences, and visits in so many of our churches and in the homes of the brethren. The increased interest of our people in missionary endeavor, the growing home base, the fellowship we enjoyed, and the promises of continued prayer in behalf of the work in Argentina and of ourselves, encourage us as we go. Throughout our entire stay you folks have shown us so many kindnesses, always seeking to help us. For all we say, "Thank you and God bless you."

Looking forward to another term in our beloved Argentina we do not know "what" lies before us, but we do know "who" is there. The Lord Jesus says that when He, the Good Shepherd, putteth forth His sheep He goeth before. So we know that as this ship pulls into the pier in Buenos Aires on August 12 we will find Him already there to lead us each step of the way.

It may be that we shall remain near Buenos Aires to establish a new testimony for our Lord. If such be the leading of the Lord, it will be necessary to investigate and find the proper place to locate, to find and rent a home, and then to get out and seek the lost for Christ. And who is sufficient for all these things? Truly we can say that our sufficiency is of God.

Brethren, may we ask you to pray for us that we may be faithful, fruitful servants of His, till He comes?

—Hill Maconaghy.

Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand, and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about, or to make trouble about.—J. Hudson Taylor.

## In God's Hands

"Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand" (Psa. 31:14-15).

As we make our third trip to the land where the Lord has called us to serve Him, He has impressed the above words of Scripture on my heart, and made them very precious to me; and a comment made by Dan Crawford, the well-known missionary to Africa, opens up this Scripture portion wonderfully. He said: "When we translate this sentence to our natives, we are forced to express it in these gorgeous words, 'All my life's whys, and whens, and wheres, and wherefores are in God's hands.'"

Isn't this a precious fact? To know that *every* detail of our life is in the hands of the One whose hands were pierced for us gives strength and assurance as we look forward to another term of service. And it should mean the same to every child of God, no matter where he finds himself.

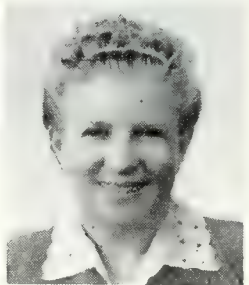
On board the *S. S. Uruguay*, where I am writing this, we find ourselves almost the only ambassadors for Christ. A missionary to Trinidad and a missionary couple to Barbados have already disembarked. A young lady who represents one of the well-known "isms" is going to her field, but in cabin class we are the only ones, as far as we know, with one possible exception, who truly know the Lord as Saviour.

Greek and Roman Catholics, Jews, and a theosophist comprise most of the passengers, and the Lord has given us some opportunities to present the Gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," to several of these needy ones. We look to Him to bless His Word and give the increase.

As always, brethren, we are counting on your prayers for us and the work, that we might be led to the very place where the Lord would have us open up a testimony, and that we might find souls whom He has prepared to believe His Word and receive His Son.

Our times are in Thy hand,  
Father, we wish them there;  
Our life, our soul, our all we leave  
Entirely to Thy care.

—Dorothy Maconaghy.



Dorothy Maconaghy

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# AT WORK DURING A STORM

By Mrs. William Samarin, M'Baiki, Africa

The air around us feels like hot moist cotton. Over the palms, toward the northeast, black clouds roll swiftly toward the house. Then comes the sound of an approaching train, yet the nearest train is hundreds of miles away. It's the roll of thunder couched in a rush of wind. The slender palms and grass bend earthward. We cast an anxious glance toward our garden, wondering if the new tomato plants are also being bent to the ground. Then comes sudden silence. The wind is quiet. The insects and birds have hushed their chatter. All the earth seems to wait expectantly. Then it comes—the machine-gun rattle of rain on the aluminum roof. The rain barrels fill and the driveway is soon a rushing red stream. The months of rain have started.

What does a missionary do when the red slippery mud of the roads makes trips hazardous, and torrents of rain keep natives snug in their thatched houses? The work of a missionary is different this time of the year, but not in the least diminished.

Field council assigned Bill the task of making a synthetic study of the New Testament in Sango. Dry-season days with all their activities do not leave time for the long hours of study necessary for this type of work.

How will this study be used? Our Christian men may feel God's call to the ministry and they want to go to the Bible institute at Bozoum. But they've just been saved out of a heathen background. The basic things of God's Word must be learned before going to Bible school. Each station, therefore, provides a junior Bible school for prospective institute students, and this synthetic study will be part of that course. Bill will hold his first junior Bible school at the beginning of the rainy season. Ten young men will leave their villages to come to M'Baiki to study God's Word.

Then there's language study. M'Baiki is a "tower of Babel" as far as languages are concerned. So we are thankful for the trade language, Sango, which is understood by almost all the people of this area. The station itself is near a large Isungu village. The Isungu people live much as they did before the white man came. The

medicine man still rules. The French police captain told us last week he was going out to a village 12 miles from here where they'd killed and eaten a person. It is the language of this tribe that Bill is learning. Word soon traveled that the white missionary "spoke" their tongue. You should see the toothless old ladies grin with glee as they hear their language coming from the lips of a white man. They like to think Bill's mother must have been an Isungu!

Only a third of our reading material is done. Two more primers, to teach one to read in Sango, must be constructed and illustrated. Classes on the station continue. A good many hours are spent under the red Dodge pickup to keep it going.



*Brother Samarin (Bill) under the red Dodge pickup.*

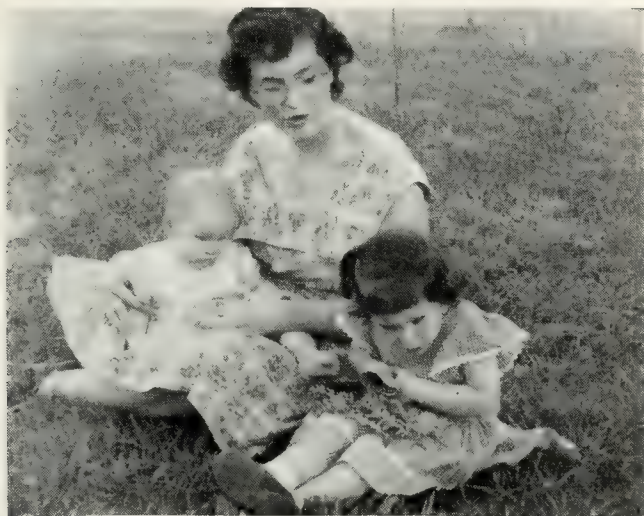
There are lessons to be learned in our first rainy season in the jungle. Do you keep your catsup in the refrigerator? I didn't, and a new bottle spoiled in one day because of the humidity. Books must be kept away from walls and shoes off the floor. We are told that a sudden rain can make the temperature drop as much as 60 degrees, so the children must be wrapped and unwrapped accordingly.

And so the rainy days pass. There is always the "must-be-made" trips even though the roads are bad. Our study, our teaching, and lesson construction all fill the busy days. When the fall leaves are turning red in your town, the rain will be falling less often here. Then plans will begin for another dry season.

Thus, rainy season and dry season, "in season and out of season," as the Lord exhorted, we continue to teach the African what it means to be in Christ.

## CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF MISSIONARIES

According to a January survey of all denominations, made by the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, there is only 1 missionary to every 21,000 population in Africa; 1 to 43,000 in Latin America; 1 to 70,000 in Japan; 1 to 96,000 in the Near East; 1 to 130,000 in India and Pakistan; and 1 to every 150,000 in southeast Asia.—*Christian Victory*.



*Mrs. Samarin, baby Ramona, and Manya.*



# THE NEW CHAPEL—MACAPA, BRAZIL

By Rev. Edward D. Miller

The following announcement was printed in Portuguese in the local newspaper of Macapa, Territory of Amapa—

This coming Sunday afternoon (July 26) at 3:30 p. m. in the barrio da favela, here in this city, the Igreja dos Irmaos (the Brethren Church) will inaugurate their new building. The Igreja dos Irmaos is one of the evangelical churches working in this Territory. Appropriate services will be held the entire day, with Sunday school at 9:00 in the morning, inauguration at 3:30 in the afternoon, and preaching at 7:30 in the evening. The special speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Charles Sarginson, of Belem, director of the Unevangelized Fields Mission. Dr. Sarginson is well known in the north of Brazil, having traveled extensively in these parts for the last 12 years preaching the Gospel.

"The Igreja dos Irmaos has been working in this Territory for the last two years and besides the church here in Macapa there is also a congregation and building in Mazagao. The pastor, Rev. Edward D. Miller, cordially invites all members and friends to attend these special services this coming Sunday."

As you will note, we had Bro. Charles Sarginson as our special speaker, and Brother and Sister Jack Zielasko and family were over for a week. We had quite a time of fellowship with good meetings as well. The Zielaskos came over on the Friday morning before the inauguration service, and we had a meeting that Friday night in the "Creek of the Women." On Saturday night we had choir practice and then the three services on Sunday. Our inauguration in the afternoon wasn't as well attended as we had hoped since the governor's plane came in at the same time, and everyone was out to meet him at the airport. As it was we had about 90 present for that service, and about 80 at the evening service. There were many visitors.

On Monday morning Brethren Zielasko, Teeter, Sarginson, and myself, with one of our workers, went to Mazagao by motorboat, where we had a special service



that evening. With just a little publicity we had over 120 present. Although there were no first-time conversions, the interest was very good and we reached many new people. We returned to Macapa on Tuesday, and on Wednesday evening we had our first communion service here in Macapa. There were 17 believers present for this service and, of course, it was the first for all of them. They were all impressed with the service. It was also my first communion service—that is, in leading the service. On Thursday evening we had a meeting in the "Fazendinha" (little farm) where we have three new converts. This is a new place for holding services, where we meet regularly on Thursday evenings, but we have three believers already and the Lord is blessing.

All in all, we had a full week, but everyone enjoyed it. We are rejoicing in the Lord for the victories that have been won and the victories that will be ours in the future.

## "I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES . . ."

Out in Kenya Colony, some years ago, there was a Christian teacher, Stephen Smith, working among the Kikuyu people. Despondent because he felt that the Lord was not having full control of his life, he opened the Bible at random and read, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help" (Psa. 121:1). From where he was he could see, far away, Mt. Kilimanjaro, 19,300 feet high, and it seemed to be calling him to come and climb it. He did so, and on reaching the top, to his astonishment, came upon a metal box lying in the crater at the summit. It was inscribed, "W. J. W. Roome, British and Foreign Bible Society, 31st July, 1928." In the box was a Bible. Smith opened the Bible to Psalm 121, and realized that it was not the mountain but God who was his help, and learned how to punctuate the verses properly. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord. . . ."

You do not have to climb a mountain to find this out. Or maybe you are one who insists on doing things the hard way.—Eternity.



Brother Miller supervising building construction.



# OUR SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

By Rev. and Mrs. Walter E. Haag

Have you all been praying for a real demonstration of the Spirit in the Baja peninsula? Well, your prayers have been answered, especially in the town of San Ignacio. You remember San Ignacio, don't you? Jack Green would have liked to start the work there in his first introduction of the Baja field to you. The Holy Spirit spoke through Jack; that same Spirit led you to pray, and began His work of convicting men. On the December 1952 trip and the May-June 1953 trip we were privileged to see the chosen ones come. What a joy! Continue praying. We feel there are many precious ones for His glory in Baja.

God certainly has been loving in demonstrating His glory, His grace, and His gift to us, and how our unworthy lips want to thank Him continuously.

*His glory*, as shown in the heavenly Father, especially can be felt and known as we make the peninsula trips. The road is of two classes—bad and worse. As we attempt to cope with it day by day we find our trust increasing into good and better. It is great how close He comes to one when one constantly needs Him and thus recognizes His presence. He can be more keenly felt, too, as one stretches out under the stars to sleep. With no effort at all on our part His glory is declared unto us and His handiwork shown. We have but to open our eyes upward. All doubt disappears as His glory becomes practical in His protection. When the foxes yelp, the coyotes howl, and one remembers the fresh lion pelt hanging not a quarter of a mile away, just a whispered prayer brings the needed confidence to fall asleep. After all, we serve a God who can close lions' mouths.

*His grace*, as shown in the Lord Jesus Christ, is constantly before us as we rejoice in our own salvation. It is very real also as we see Him meet every need of those with whom we talk. As one deals with souls and they believe, the happiness is genuine because salvation is by grace. Many have tried their own works which only bring defeat, and the truth of Ephesians 2:8-9 is beautiful in their lives.

*His gift*, as shown in the Holy Spirit, is continuously a source of amazement as we see and feel His working. If He is but the earnest of our inheritance, what an inheritance must be ours! Only the Holy Spirit can save a soul. This is definitely demonstrated in every soul won in our experience.

On the first trip last December, the Word was planted in hearts and seven souls were reborn. These babes, with the Holy Spirit as teacher, have thrilled us in their growth. The second trip would have been well worth while if we had only fellowshiped with and fed this group. Only one, who is younger than the rest, has not responded wonderfully. They are a testimony in their homes, in school, and in the community. To be a believer in Baja is to be different. To make a stand for Christ is to be rebuked by the priest, ridiculed by his parishioners, and rejected by the remainder of the people.

On the second trip this May and June the blessings were great. In fact, compared with the blessings, the hardships can't even be noticed. On the eight-day

stretch between the border and San Ignacio each day was really sweeter than the day before. The whole family began to enjoy the gypsying, the desert became more beautiful, and every day gave added opportunities to witness. One fact I would mention especially is this—the most difficult portion of the road was to be conquered on the 15th, and for this we were glad. Why? Because that's the Day of Prayer, you know, and we can bear testimony over the months that the number of people praying for us makes a big difference. That day we repeatedly said, "Thank you, Lord."

As we spent the next two weeks in San Ignacio, the people there showed increasing interest in the Word. Coming to a service every night of the week and three times on Sunday did not seem a hardship at all for them. They even asked for more. Before our coming they had been listening to the gospel recordings on the player



*"Rejoicing in the Lord."*

sent by the brothers in Tijuana as a missionary effort. While there we alternated using flannelgraph lessons and colored slides along with short messages. By adjusting the projector to operate from the car battery, there was everything but the third-dimensional effect with the Stori-View slides.

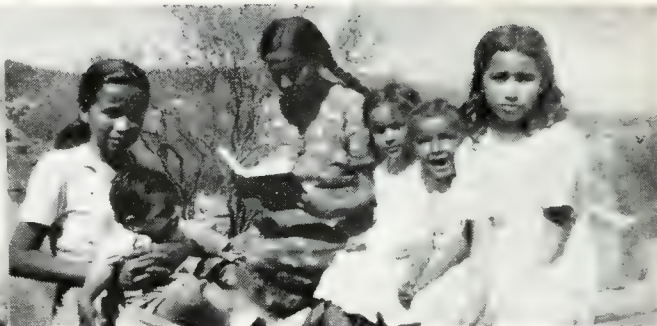
It took 11 days to circle the more southerly portion, visiting believers and giving out tracts. Some of the contacts showed definite interest, most were grateful—upon one instance only were the tracts torn up before us. There are some real spots of historical interest, especially in the neighborhoods of the old missions. There are some of the tallest orange trees we had ever seen, appearing to be some 40 feet high, some 200 years old, and in excellent health. There is also beauty to be enjoyed and some of the best fishing ever.

That next week spent in San Ignacio was the greatest one in our lives. Did you ever sow the seed for two weeks, go away for almost two weeks, and then come back to see what the Spirit has done in hearts? It's marvelous. We spent 16 hours a day just delighting in the things of the Lord, filling requests for Bibles and New Testaments, underlining other Bibles, teaching lessons, answering questions, playing games to learn the





*A new Christian playing gospel recordings for interested women of the community.*



*"Come tell Mother; we want her to know what you have told us."*

disciples' names or the Books in order, memorizing Scripture references with them, listening to the ones they wanted to say for us, and visiting homes where we were invited to explain the Word. We wouldn't have traded jobs with anyone before, because we like being missionaries, but after that week we started feeling really sorry for everyone else. As people talked with us we could just plainly see how the Holy Spirit was working in each life. And as each one claimed the promises of the Word and put them to work in his life, he came out victorious in Christ. There is no other

joy to be compared with the joy of rebirth. As the invitation was given on our last two nights there, the Spirit sealed 11 more souls in San Ignacio for His glory.

Rejoicingly we started home, planning to make many side trips and spend time showing pictures and telling stories at the ranches. For some reason the Lord didn't allow much of this because we were forced to hobble the last 300 miles north with a Cirio trunk substituted for a left front spring. Each mile was longer and each bump more accented, but with Him all things are possible and we are so thankful that we arrived safely.

## THEY DID IT—WE DIDN'T!

By Mrs. Lynn Schrock, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

For several weeks the young people were in a dither. They were lining up things for a rally and many questions had to be answered. Who shall be the speaker? What shall be the theme? What shall be the menu? All they had in the treasury was 400 pesos. Would this cover the cost of everything?

Young people, we believe, are the same the world over when it comes to realizing the value of money and what it really costs to live. The young people began to buy the necessary things for the rally; then began the worries and the gasps. The questions then were, "Do you know how much that costs?" "We can't afford to have that on the menu; it's just too expensive." Little by little the menu began to take on a new aspect—much more plain food and yet that which would be tasty and filling. The decorations, too, were going to be simple but colorful.

This rally indeed had many new lessons in store for them. The Lord proved to them that all things are possible. The theme was "The Promises of the Lord." They had the lettering for this on the wall behind the pulpit with a rainbow, and under the rainbow a mountain scene. It was lovely. Talent? Yes, we do have talent among our young folk that is comparable to the young people at home. All these young people need is the opportunity to prove it.

What was to be so different about this rally as compared to others? They were taking on the full responsibility from beginning to end. We hardly knew what was going on until the last few days. That is why we say, "They did it—we didn't!" And isn't that what we missionaries are desiring?

As you can imagine, the calculations for big groups are always the hardest part. The young people went from mother to mother asking advice. They came here and, with a list we had from a rally several years back, they were able to get even more helps. And so it went. The big problem for them was—would their money cover all the expenses? The 400 pesos was money they had saved for two years.

June 20, the big day, arrived. We're sure there were several young people who did not sleep well the night before by awakening every little bit wondering if there would be food enough, or if such and such a detail had been cared for, or if there was something they forgot. By 9:00 a. m. things were stirring plenty fast, especially in the kitchen. Eat! How young people can store away food and not show it is the secret of youth. There were so many cakes for the evening "snack" that in spite of the terrible amount of food they ate there were still 10 cakes that were not even cut.

The Lord blessed in permitting a good group to come from the various sections of the mission. This was one of the many problems. Bus fares and train fares are so high that for a young person to come for one day would have been almost impossible. But in spite of this, by one way or another, there was a good turn-out of young people from out of town. Another way the Lord blessed was in the good spirit which existed among all the group. Everyone entered into the spirit of the day. The evening meeting was a real blessing, with Brother Churchill bringing the message. We're sure that each and every young person left, being able to say with all his heart, "It was good for me to have been here."

But our story doesn't end here. Did the young people



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meet expenses? The following week was to be the acid test for them. They came together to total up the accounts. How was the Lord going to undertake for them? One of the believers, who is a seller of vegetables, donated half of the fruit and one of the girls the other half. The milk for the hot chocolate was donated by various ones. The help in the kitchen and for serving the tables was all voluntary. The sandwiches and cakes for the evening snack were all donated by the believers here. Well, what did it cost them? They added up and found they had 150 pesos left. How happy they were!

It was a good experience for our young people here in Rio Cuarto. They learned about many details which perhaps before they only took for granted. They found the Lord faithful to His promises. To us it proved their capabilities. We are proud to be able to say about them, "They did it—we didn't!"

## GIVE!

We are all agreed that the world must be evangelized. We realize that some will have to go, others pray, and still others, give. It doesn't matter which part is ours, so long as we have a part and we are sure we are doing what God wants us to do. If your part is to give, then see to it that you give and that you give until it hurts; and then, that you keep on giving until it becomes a joy. Someday you will be called to an account and at the judgment seat of Christ you will be rewarded or censured. I urge you to give. Give as you have never given before. Give until you are sure the Lord is pleased with your gift. Give as to the Lord, and not unto men. Make God's work the passion of your lives, and honor Him by taking counsel as to how and where each gift shall be spent for His highest glory in the salvation of the souls of men.—Dr. Oswald J. Smith.



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Pastor Thomas E. Hammers, of the new Brethren church in Seattle, Wash., preached for his brother-in-law, Charles Ashman, at Rittman, Ohio, August 16; at the Johnstown, Pa., First and Riverside churches August 23; and at the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in session at Winona Lake, Ind., August 25.

Bro. Raymond W. Thompson, recently installed as pastor of the Modesto, Calif., Brethren Christian Center, has moved to R. R. 2, Box 898-A, Modesto, Calif. (Add to Annual, p. 72.)

Pastor Jerry A. Yerian, of the Seal Beach, Calif., church, has moved to 138 8th St., Seal Beach, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 78.)

The services at the Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa., churches on August 23 and 30, during Pastor Leslie Moore's absence, were conducted by two local Brethren, Walter Fike and Emlyn Jones.

Rev. Lowell Hoyt is scheduled to become the first pastor of the new Elkhart, Ind., church, effective September 13. His new address is R. R. 2, Osceola, Ind.

The Dayton, Ohio, Patterson Park church has set September 27 as dedication day for the building, reports Pastor Caleb Zimmerman.

Pastor Henry Rempel, Los Angeles, Calif., preached at the Uniontown, Pa., church August 16, reports Pastor Clyde K. Landrum. Before going to Los Angeles Brother Rempel was pastor at Uniontown.

Mrs. W. Russell Ogden, wife of the pastor of the South Bend, Ind., church, underwent major surgery the week of August 16. She is now recuperating at the home of her mother at 1325 McDaniels Ave., Highland Park, Ill. Dr. W. A. Og-

den, of Johnstown, Pa., preached for his son, Russell, August 23.

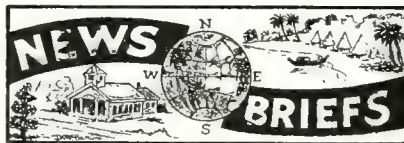
To Pastor and Mrs. Clair Brickel, of Clayton, Ohio, was born a son, Jonathan Lee, August 18.

Pastor Vernon J. Harris, of Portland, Oreg., preached at the Clayton, Ohio, church, where he formerly served as pastor, August 23.

Speakers at the Long Beach, Calif., Second church August 23 and 30 were Dr. Gerald Stanton and Dr. Donald Davis, respectively, reports Pastor George O. Peek.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Barnes, of the Dayton, Ohio, First church, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary August 30.

Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary in Kentucky, spoke at the Dayton, Ohio, North Riverdale church August 23, reports Pastor Clyde G. Balyo.



Speakers at the Glendale, Calif., church, pastored by Charles M. Underwood, were Dr. Paul Dewhirst, August 23; Capt. Louis Zamperini and the Men's Magnify of Long Beach, August 30. Scheduled for September 6 is Rev. George M. Richardson, former pastor of the church, and Rev. Rudolph Atwood (Rudy of the Old Fashion Revival Hour), and for September 13 it is to be Dr. Gerald Stanton, of Los Angeles.

At the Ashland, Ohio, church, two former pastors, Charles W. Mayes and Glenn O'Neal, preached August 16 and 23 respectively, reports Pastor Miles Taber. Miss Angie Garber spoke at the junior church both Sundays.

The Compton, Calif., church, pastored by Norman A. Nelson, closed its vacation Bible school July 24, having had an average attendance of 134 pupils and the offerings totaled \$100, which were given to a mission work in Kentucky, sponsored by a former member of the church. Grover Ludwig has a seven-year perfect attendance record in the Bible school.

At the Long Beach, Calif., First church Dr. Robert Rayburn preached August 16, Rev. E. L. Langston on

August 23, and Rev. Oliver R. Haslam and Bro. Donald Hocking on August 30, reports Pastor Charles Mayes.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company board of directors elected Evangelist Walter A. Lepp president, Pastor Robert D. Crees vice president, Pastor Clyde G. Balyo secretary, Pastor Ord Gehman treasurer, and Bro. Bryson Feters member-at-large to the executive committee. And, as previously announced, Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum is the new editor and business manager, whose duties begin with the next issue of this paper.

Pastor Leslie Moore, of Meyersdale, Pa., spoke at the Huntington, Ind., church August 23. Brother Moore formerly served the Huntington church as pastor.

Dr. Russell D. Barnard is scheduled to preach at the Dayton, Ohio, First church, where he was formerly pastor, September 20, while Pastor William Steffler is on vacation.

The new address of Rev. Archie L. Lynn is the Green Castle, 99 Richmond Ave., Pasadena, Calif. (Change Annual, p. 70.)

Rev. W. H. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., preached at the Pleasant Valley Community Church, near Winona Lake, Ind., August 23. This church is pastored by C. Dayton Cundiff, a senior in Grace Seminary and a deacon of the Spokane church. Brother Schaffer gave the keynote address at national conference the next evening.

Rev. Victor H. Meyers, 1953 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of the La Verne, Calif., church, effective about September 15. It will be remembered that the Meyerses were candidates for missionary service in Argentina until the health of the son made this impossible for them.

The Bell, Calif., church gave its pastor, Harry A. Sturz, a unanimous call to serve another year. This church conducted a vacation Bible school with an enrollment of 71, of which seven made first-time decisions to receive the Saviour.

A son, David Robert, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Griffith at Lake Odessa, Mich., August 26. Mrs. Griffith is the former Joyce Polman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman.



# AIDS FOR SYSTEMATIC PRAYING IN SEPTEMBER

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the organization and meeting place for a boys' club at Riverside, Johnstown, Pa., where 20 teen-age boys are interested.

2. Pray for the Clayhole, Ky., Sunday school as plans are being made to enter the Christian Life Sunday School Contest again this year. Pray that it will result in the salvation of many people.

3. Praise the Lord for the decisions during the DVBS at Artesia, Calif. Pray that parents will permit these children to be baptized and become a part of the church.

4. Pray for the mission work among the Spanish-American people of New Mexico, and especially for the missionaries, both Anglo and Spanish, who are bearing a testimony in that difficult field.

5. Pray for wisdom for the Brethren Home Missions Council in deciding which opportunities to accept when so many doors are opening for new Brethren churches.

6. Pray that the Lord will help every Brethren reach his individual goal for the Thanksgiving home mission offering.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the work in Africa: The Balzers have just returned to the field following furlough. The Sumeys and Miss Schwartz will arrive in the States on furlough during the early part of October. Miss Ruth Snyder expects to return to Africa the latter part of October. The Beavers and Miss Munn and Miss Cripe are planning to leave Africa on furlough during November. The Martin Garbers, Lester Kennedys, Charles Tabers, Misses Geske, Habegger, Jones, and Thurston are now in Africa and getting adjusted to the way of life there. The missionaries on the field have heavier responsibilities in taking the places of those on furlough and in training the new missionaries.

2. Pray for the work in Argentina: The Maconaghys have just returned to the field following furlough. They will be opening a new Brethren testimony as the Lord leads. The national believers are taking a more active part in the work.

3. Pray for the work in Baja California: The Howards have just returned from a very profitable trip

down the Sonora coast of Mexico. They are looking toward the establishment of a work in another area. The Haags will remain in the San Ysidro area.

4. Pray for the work in Brazil: The Edward Millers, Zielaskos, and Teeters have tremendous challenges facing them in this vast and needy field. The latter two families are making excellent progress in language study.

5. Pray for the work in France: The Fogles carry on a heavy program of witnessing and pioneering in the Lyon area. The Mason family continue language study, and Dr. Mason will begin a course in tropical medicine in October.



6. Pray for the work in Honolulu: The Lord is blessing with an increase in attendance and the help of interested Christians. This field has innumerable possibilities.

7. Pray for the work of the board: The challenges are thrilling and the needs are great.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He is leading new students to the school, especially to the collegiate department. Pray for these new students, that they may come to Grace seeking not only an education but a deepening, growing spiritual experience.

2. Pray for the entire student body and faculty as the new school year opens, that all may start the year by a deeper consecration to the Lord and a closer walk with Him.

3. Pray for all the new students as they make the necessary adjustments to school, work, and living conditions at Winona Lake. Pray especially that the Lord may provide adequate housing for them.

4. Continue to pray for the finances of the school, especially that many more of our Brethren people will be led to join in the monthly offering plan so that the school can

depend on an adequate monthly income to meet the regular needs of the school.

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray for Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum as he serves as editor and business manager of this company, that he may have wisdom to carry on the work that must be done.

2. Pray for the company as it launches new programs and produces new literature for the Brethren Church, especially as we approach the end of the age.

## WMC—

1. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us and for the generous giving of our ladies for the various offerings of the past year.

2. Pray for the newly elected officers—local, district, and national—that truly He will give wisdom and guidance to each.

3. Pray for our foreign WMC organizations in Africa and Argentina.

4. Pray that we will each be instilled with a greater fervor to serve Him sacrificially in the year to come.

5. Pray that the child evangelism efforts may be blessed, and that more may be given the vision of this work.

## SMM—

1. Praise the Lord for the blessings of this past year, and pray that we may strive for even greater victories for Christ this coming year.

2. Pray for the devotional life of each SMM girl, that she may be faithful in prayer and Bible study.

3. Pray that the newly elected officers of the local, district, and national SMM's may be led of the Spirit in their various duties.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the young people who made decisions in camp this summer may keep them faithfully.

2. Pray that the young people starting college or Bible school this fall may have every need supplied, and may adjust themselves quickly to their new activities and responsibilities.

3. Pray for the BYF and Brethren Youth Council boards and the youth director, as they plan another year's work.

4. Praise the Lord for the way He has met the financial needs this year.

# TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By Prof. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

## PART VI: THE LAMB THAT DIED FOR SHEEP.

In our last study we saw that Isaiah 53:6 clearly depicts the two ways in which men have sinned against God: racially and personally. You will also notice in this verse that the Holy Spirit compares mankind to a flock of sheep. It has been suggested that this comparison gives us two valuable insights concerning mankind:

(1) A sheep is an animal that is utterly helpless to protect itself against beasts of prey either by sharpness of teeth and claws or by swiftness of foot. Without a shepherd, sheep are both defenseless and lost. This is how God sees the descendants of Adam.

(2) By this comparison, God also seems to look upon our guilty race in a tender, compassionate light. He does not regard us here as vipers or wolves (although such comparisons are justly made in other parts of Scripture—Rom. 3:13), but as foolish and helpless sheep, somehow appealing in their helplessness to the heart of God.

### *The Universal Provision*

The first two parts of this verse are somber indeed. But not until a man has grasped the fact of his own guilt and helplessness in the sight of a holy God, will he be ready to lay hold of the remedy for sin which God has provided. Without a consciousness of sin, no man can be saved. But what a wondrous revelation it is to guilt-laden sinners to discover that while "all we like sheep have gone astray," nevertheless "the Lord hath laid on him [Christ] the iniquity of us all"! Universal need is met, in God's love, by an infinite atonement!

### *Who Killed Jesus?*

But that phrase "laid on him" is a weak translation of the original language. The word really means "to cause to strike or fall upon someone," with the idea of sudden violence resulting in death. The same verb is used in I Kings 2:34—"So Benaiah . . . fell upon him, and slew him." There is no thought of a gentle laying or falling here! But did

you notice who struck Jesus with the world's sins, according to this verse? It says that "Jehovah caused to strike upon Him"! Now this is interesting in the light of John 19:23, which says that the *Romans* crucified Him; and Acts 2:23, which says that the *Jews* slew Him; and Genesis 3:15, which says that *Satan* bruised Him; and John 10:19, which says that *no one* took His life, except *He Himself*! The fact of the matter is, our blessed Saviour willingly allowed all of these agents to lead Him to the cross. Then He willingly allowed the Father to cause our sins to fall upon Him there (Luke 22:42; II Cor. 5:21). And then He willingly died to exhaust the penalty of those sins in order to open wide the door of heaven for believing sinners. What a salvation! What a Saviour!

### *The Voluntary Sufferer*

Verse 7 emphasizes the voluntary submission of the Servant of Jehovah. Let us never make the mistake of thinking that our Lord was forced to the cross against His will! Pilate said unto Him: "Knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" But Jesus answered: "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (John 19:10-11).

### *The Silent Sufferer*

Now let us paraphrase verse 7 to bring out its full meaning: "He was harassed and He suffered willingly and opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-bench, and like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers, He opened not His mouth." It was not difficult for Philip the evangelist to begin at this verse and to preach Jesus to the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:32). For in actual fulfillment, one of the most amazing features of our Lord's sufferings was the fact of His quiet submission. Standing before Pilate, our Lord "answered him to never a word; inasmuch that the governor marvelled greatly" (Matt. 27:14). Twice in our verse the phrase, "he opened not his mouth," is repeated.

The comparison of our Lord to a lamb or a sheep in this verse is based upon the well-known fact that a sheep, as opposed to a pig, has no vocal power to express fear or pain. And so, in true analogy, the Lamb of God had no cries or "tears for His own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine."

### *A Difficult Verse*

Verse 8 has always proved to be a difficult one to translate properly, but it seems to me that the following paraphrase most accurately presents the meaning of the original: "He was snatched away (from the earth) out of the midst of an atmosphere of prison and judicial proceedings; and of His generation (or contemporaries) who considered (God's view of the situation): 'He was snatched away out of the land of the living (from the familiar and joyous scenes of life and fellowship) for the sins of my people to whom the stroke was due.'"

### *Snatched Away*

In this verse we see, first of all, that the emphasis is not laid upon the fact that He was taken away from suffering, but that it was out of the midst of suffering that He was carried off in death. During one single morning, our Lord was rushed through five or six trials, and finally to the cross, in the midst of unspeakable physical torments. But the heartbreak was that none or few meditated upon His true character, or upon the true purpose of His coming into the world to die at the hands of wicked men.

In other words, there were none who truly saw these events as God saw them, that it was actually for the transgressions of His people that Christ suffered the stroke of infinite wrath upon sin. Yes, it was "for such a purpose, that He submitted to such a death, and to such a heart-break, in such a scene, and under such circumstances." Let us therefore, as His blood-bought children, praise God continually for such a Saviour!

*(To Be Continued)*



# A BRIDGE TO HEAVEN

By Rev. Dennis I. Holliday, Waynesboro, Pa.

The famous George Washington Bridge was opened to traffic in 1932. At that time it was the longest suspension bridge in the world. This bridge reaches across the Hudson River, from New York City to the State of New Jersey. It has a span of almost two-thirds of a mile and has an elevation of 155 feet above the water of the river. The distance between the surface of the water and the bottom of the bridge is equal to the height of a 13-story building.

## *Construction of a Bridge*

Another bridge recently opened to the public (1952) is the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Until this bridge was opened, folks who wished to go to the other side of the bay had to go around it, or go by water, or fly over it. To cross the bay by ferry would take 20 to 25 minutes. Now one can cross the bay on the new bridge (about for and one-third miles long) in five or six minutes. The bridge ties together nine counties of the State of Maryland on one side of the bay and 14 counties on the other side. This bridge at its highest point is 200 feet above the surface of the water. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge was built at a cost of \$44,000,000 and took two and one-half years to construct. The new bridge is designed to accommodate 3,000 vehicles per hour.

We have considered the George Washington Bridge and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, and now I want to call your attention to the greatest bridge of all time. It is the bridge that reaches from earth to heaven. This is the greatest of all bridges.

## *Need for Bridge*

The world in which we live is filled with sin, misery, and suffering. Man has sinned and so now he suffers the consequences. The Word of God says, "There is none righteous, no, not one," and "there is no difference, for all have sinned" (Rom. 3:10, 22-23). Men are sinners by nature as well as by practice. That is the reason why sin is so prominent in this old world today.

The Bible speaks again and again of a place called "heaven." It is a place where there is no sin (Rev. 21:27). It is the place where God Himself dwells.

Man has never been able to bridge the gap between this old sinful world

and heaven itself. The gap is too great. Man is lost, undone, and unable to help himself as far as getting to heaven on his own merit, wisdom, or ability is concerned.

## *Provision of Bridge*

God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has provided a Bridge—that Bridge is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's cross.

Some bridges today are built at a cost of several million dollars. This bridge, from earth to heaven, cost



Rev. Dennis Holliday

God nothing less than heaven's priceless Jewel—the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the One who gave His life, gave His all, to make possible this bridge from earth to heaven. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The death of Christ makes it possible for you, a sinner, to come to God. Jesus said: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus also said: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

## *Adequacy of Bridge*

With man-made bridges there is a limit to the number of persons who may cross at any one time. The capacity for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge is about 3,000 vehicles per hour. There is no limit to the capac-

ity of the Bridge of which I speak. Jesus Christ is that bridge. Whosoever will may come to Him, and in so doing pass from death to life (John 5:24). Jesus said: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

All who cross over God's bridge, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, will one day join in the singing of that happy song of the redeemed: "Thou art worthy . . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9).

## *Dependence on Bridge*

My aim has been to point you to the one and only bridge that leads to life eternal. That Bridge is the Lord Jesus Christ, who shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross for you and me. The Bible says: "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). Jesus said just before He went to Calvary: "This is my blood . . . which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). Place your faith in Jesus Christ today and openly acknowledge Him as your Saviour before men, and the moment you accept Him as your own personal Saviour you immediately are no longer under the condemnation of God. In John 3:18 we read: "He that believeth on him is not condemned."

If you have not crossed this bridge, then you are lost and under the condemnation of God, and your eternal destination is hell, to be forever separated from God and separated from loved ones forever. We read in the Book of Mark, chapter 16, verse 16: "He that believeth not shall be damned."

God Himself has made it possible for you to come home. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God who died on that cruel cross on Calvary's hill, is the Bridge to the Father and home. Won't you come home just now by way of the cross of Calvary?

The song writer has given us these appropriate words:

"I must needs go home by the way  
of the cross,  
There's no other way but this;  
I shall ne'er get sight of the Gates  
of Light,  
If the way of the cross I miss."



# THE PRESIDENT HAS TIME

By Rev. Albert L. Flory, Long Beach, Calif.

## Los Angeles, Calif. (First)

During the absence of Pastor Glenn O'Neal on vacation and at the annual conference of the Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the pulpit of the First Brethren Church was occupied by Missionary J. Keith Altig and Prof. John Lundberg, August 9; Rev. George M. Richardson and Rev. Ralph Hatton, August 16; Bro. Howard Vulgamore, August 23; Dr. David Cook and Bro. Stan Hill, August 30; and Brethren Robert McCormick, Bill Farmer, and Dick Button, September 6.

Bro. Howard Vulgamore has been appointed by the school board of the church to be the principal of the Brethren Day School sponsored by this church.

Following the tent meetings recently sponsored by the church, under the leadership of Evangelist R. Paul Miller, a branch Sunday school has been established at 3258 W. Imperial Highway, in the rear of Nivall's Jewelry Store. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKeever are supervising the work. On August 2, the first Sunday of the work, there were 16 people present and there were 20 present the second Sunday.—*Selections from weekly bulletins of the church.*

Amid the busy routine of a chief executive of the United States, President Eisenhower took time out on Sunday, August 16, to call on a six-year-old boy in Denver, Colo. The boy, Paul Haley, who is doomed to die of cancer, had expressed a desire to see the President of the United States. Having read of this desire, the President went through all the routine of having his Secret Service men go before and with him to make this call and chat with the little fellow.

### *The Boy Was Speechless*

The father was unshaved and the boy was playing in the back yard, with no thought of meeting such a distinguished visitor. When the President entered the room saying, "Paul, I understand you want to see me," the boy was so taken back by the President's smiling face that he was unable to say a word at first. A little later on, the President took him out and showed him the gadgets in his private limousine.

As we read the above account, we were impressed with a little bit of greatness in the fact that a busy man would take time out for a little boy. We were reminded again of the fact that the infinite God, who rules over all, always has time for the little children of His own family whenever these little children are ready to give

Him an audience at the throne of grace in prayer.

### *We Have Immediate Access*

In Christ Jesus our Lord "we have boldness and access with confidence" (Eph. 3:12). Through His death on the cross, the Lord has made available an audience with His children at any time, any place, at which time one may speak face to face with God as he would talk to a friend. This gives the child of God the abiding presence of the Lord of all the earth at all times. Thus the Christian has comfort in time of sorrow, strength in times of weakness, encouragement in times of apparent defeat, and everything for every need.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

## CHURCH ESTABLISHES VILLAGE

Families belonging to the Gospel Temple of Minneapolis, Minn., of which the Rev. C. O. Stadskev is the pastor, are laying the foundations of their own village on a 100-acre tract of land in Minnetonka township west of Minneapolis. Six homes are now under construction and plans call for a building to house the church and the Christian day school. Mr. Elmo Ginkei is the president of Temple Village, Inc., which organization was effected for this purpose by the 60-family church.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

<i>Public Confessions</i>		<i>Church</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
		Grafton, W. Va.	Sept. 1-13...	Lee Crist.....	William Schaffer.
Ashland, Ohio .....	3	Uniontown, Pa...	Sept. 2-6.....	Clyde Landrum...	Bruce Button.
		Uniontown, Pa...	Sept. 6-25.....	Clyde Landrum...	Lepp and Team 2.
<i>Additions to Membership</i>		<i>Martinsburg, W.</i>			
		Va. ....	Sept. 13-27.....	M. Leon Myers...	Miller and Team 1.
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	1	Johnstown, Pa.			
Los Angeles, Calif. (First) .....	5	(First) .....	Sept. 20-Oct. 4..	W. A. Ogden....	Archie L. Lynn.
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma) .....	8	Parkersburg, W.			
Osceola, Ind. ....	2	Va. ....	Sept. 20-27.....	Lester Smitley....	William Smith.
Whittier, Calif. (First) .....	2	Johnstown, Pa.			
		(Riverside) ....	Sept. 29-Oct. 11.	Ralph Hall.....	Lepp and Team 2.
		Hagerstown, Md..	Oct. 4-25.....	Russell Weber....	Miller and Team 1.
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	1	Roanoke, Va.			
		(Clearbrook) ..	Oct. 4-18.....	William Howard..	William Smith.
<i>Dedication of Babies</i>		<i>Winchester, Va...</i>	<i>Oct. 4-18.....</i>	<i>Paul Dick.....</i>	<i>Archie L. Lynn.</i>
		Leamersville, Pa.	Oct. 13-25.....	Robert Crees....	Lepp and Team 2.
Beaumont, Calif. ....	2	Dayton, Ohio			
Long Beach, Calif. (First) .....	1	(First) .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.



## Browsing Among the Books

It is the purpose of this column to bring to the reader's attention some of the books that are being presented to the reading public today. Each book reviewed here will present a message of some merit and worthy of consideration, though a review of a book does not necessarily mean that the reviewer approves everything in it.

Any book mentioned in this column may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

**HOW TO PREACH FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**, by George A. E. Salstrand. Baker Book House. c1953. 114 pp. Cloth. \$2.

The writer of this book is a college professor and this book is an outgrowth of his teaching the Gospel according to John to college students. The book is a series of 32 outlines in a homiletical fashion, with some notes, and assignments for written work at the end of each lesson. This volume is more a help to the study of John than it is an interpretation.

**WHYTE'S BIBLE CHARACTERS**, by Alexander Whyte. Zondervan Publishing House. 2 vols. \$12.50 for the set.

There are here 159 studies of a practical nature that deal mostly with the lives of men of both the Old and New Testaments. Originally these sketches were printed in six volumes, but in this new edition they have been printed in two larger but excellently done volumes.

These writings of Dr. Whyte are worthy of the renewed interest shown in bringing forth this edition years after the death of the Scottish author. The reading of these books will greatly enrich the lives of all who give the time required to accomplish the task.

**THE BEARING OF RECENT DISCOVERY ON THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**, by W. M. Ramsay. Baker Book House. 1953. xiv, 427 pp. Cloth. \$4.50.

This work has been out of print and it was difficult to find copies of it for a number of years. The Baker Book House is to be congratulated on the fine work done on the volume and for making it available again to students of the New Testament.

In 1911 Dr. Ramsay presented the contents of this book as a series of lectures on the James Sprunt lectureship at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Since that time the volume has been in demand. Its value has not been lessened by recent discoveries.

**TOWARD THE MARK: STUDIES IN PHILIPPIANS**, by Stephen W. Paine. Fleming H. Revell Company. c1953. 191 pp. Cloth. \$2.50.

The 16 messages in this volume do not endeavor to cover the entire book; rather they deal with 16 passages that concern themselves with the Christian's daily life. In this connection many very fine things are found in this book.

Some of the titles for the various chapters are very suggestive, as "Who Is Your Hero?" dealing with Philippians 1:21. Other subjects are "Pivotal Transaction," "The Moderate Man," and "The Christian's Blank Check."

It is necessary, however, to remind the reader that he will occasionally meet statements that indicate that the writer is an adherent to John Wesley's doctrine of Christian perfection.

**EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**, by Arthur W. Pink. Zondervan Publishing House. 3 vols. \$11.95 for the set.

When this commentary on John's Gospel first appeared it was in four volumes. In this new edition it has been printed beautifully in three volumes. Because a larger, clearer type was used and because the Scriptural references have been placed at the top of the pages, this is a more readable and usable edition than the previous one. The work is practical, devotional, and with the questions at the end of each chapter it is helpful to the student.

**WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A GOOD CHRISTIAN**, by John R. Rice. Sword of the Lord Publishers. c1952. 223 pp. Cloth. \$2.25.

This book will prove beneficial in the hands of young Christians, for here the author deals with discipleship in its various degrees. His plea is for an all-out yieldedness to the Saviour and Lord of the soul.

In the seven sermons that compose this volume the writer deals with problems that confront all Christians

## ASSEMBLY ELECTS OFFICERS

The board of directors of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly recently met and elected Miss Louise Alfors assistant manager and asked her to continue as manager pro tem until a successor to Dr. Arthur W. McKee has been secured. Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, Longview, Tex., president of the board, appointed a committee of five men to search for a new manager and to report their findings back to the board.

At this meeting Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president of Grace Theological Seminary, and Dr. Louis T. Talbot, chancellor of Talbot Seminary and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, were added to the board of directors.

It was announced that \$75,000 was spent in improvements during the past year, that the new motels on the island are to be known as the "McKee Courts," and that the Trinity Builders, of Chicago, Ill., plan to build and present to the Assembly a prayer chapel to seat 150 people. This building is to be located on the knoll between the Tabernacle and the Auditorium—the area near where the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born.

## PRAYER AND TEARS

After the death of McCheyne, the most devout and fervid of Scotland's sons, a minister called to see his manse and pulpit.

The old sexton took him reverently into the library and bade him sit down at his desk. "Now," he said, put your elbows on the desk and your face between your hands, and bow your head. Now let the tears flow. That was the way my pastor studied."

Then the sexton took him to the church and made him stand at the pulpit, open the Bible, and again put his face between his hands and bow his head. "Now," he said again, "let the tears flow. That was the way my pastor preached and prayed."—A. B. Simpson.

so long as they live in the world, but not of it. He points the way to the proper kind of decisions and the values that accrue from making these right decisions.

## I'VE WORKED MORE . . .

"Daddy, you haven't given me my 'lowance for helping Mama this week. I've worked hard, too, because I helped to do Dorotheann's work since she had the mumps."

Daddy's dark-haired, bright-eyed girlie was hard at work shining some copper-clad kettles when she reminded him of his oversight. He stopped to watch Sharon as she polished. With a twinkle in his eye, Daddy stepped close to her and asked: "Will 10 cents be enough?"

"Oh Daddy, I worked more than 10 cents." Rebuke and hurt burned in her eyes. "You just ask Mama."

With a gentle pat on her head, Daddy whispered: "Come see me when you have finished here and you'll get your allowance."

Vigorously applying "elbow grease" Sharon was soon finished her job and skipped off to find her daddy. She knew when he patted her head that he was just teasing about giving her only 10 cents. Her little heart rested in the assurance that Daddy would be fair with her.

After this it seemed natural that Mother should go to meditating about a day when the secrets of all men's hearts will be laid open before Him with whom we have to do. Many a task done in the energy of the flesh will have gone through the fire and been burned. There will be no reward. In exceeding bitterness of soul such saints will turn away ashamed. Saved? Oh yes, praise God! But sorry and so ashamed of empty hands. No sheaves to lay at His feet.

"I worked more than 10 cents. . . ." Or "I'm sure I deserve better than this." And the answer will come back: "I know, dear child. But much of your work was wasted energy because the motives of your heart were not pure." Then the disappointed child of God will be forced to acknowledge that God's books were kept with absolute accuracy. He read every motive back of every deed; therefore His judgments will all be fair.

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it,

because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every [prove each] man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:13-15).

What loss! What a niggardly entrance into the presence of earth's King of kings and Lord of lords! Lord God keep us vigorous and energetic in working for Thee. But while we work, keep us aware that the adversary of our souls is ever



working to sully our offering to Thee. Keep us pure of heart and motive that Thou alone may be honored and glorified. Give us an abundant entrance into Thy holy presence.

"Just one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

P. S. Sharon was fully and fairly rewarded.

### PRACTICING GOD'S PRESENCE

Practice to make God thy last thought at night when thou sleepest and thy first thought when thou wakest; so shall thy fancy be sanctified in the night, and thy understanding be rectified in the day; so shall thy rest be peaceful and thy labors prosperous.—*Quarles*.

### JUST LIVING

Five-year-old Maurice was so quiet his mother became suspicious of his whereabouts. She found him sitting on the floor perfectly quiet, just doing nothing. When asked what he was doing, he replied: "I'm just living."—*Prophecy Monthly*.

## Farewell - Reminder

To the church at Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (II Cor. 13:11).

These are the last lines to be written by the undersigned as editor of this paper. As he leaves this office he prays that the Lord of the church, even Jesus Christ, will richly bless the new editor, the Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, who is assuming responsibility for the next issue of this paper.

It is also our earnest prayer that each subscriber will earnestly pray for Brother Kriegbaum and will do all within his or her power to increase the scope and influence of the Brethren Missionary Herald magazine. Brother Kriegbaum comes with new ideas and programs for this magazine, but he needs the help of all to make it a success.

As the writer leaves this office he returns to the pastorate—a love for which never left his soul. He shall continue to pray for and work for the welfare of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Let us again make a reminder concerning all mail intended for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Be sure not to use the retiring editor's name on such mail. Arrangements are being made to have our mail forwarded to 2200 Kensington St., Harrisburg, Pa. If mail arrives at the Winona Lake Post Office bearing the retiring editor's name it will be forwarded to him. Now you can readily see that if the mail was intended for the editor and it is forwarded to us it will have to be returned, and that all takes time.

Also please remember that the reader of the Herald can save the company much money and labor by notifying the subscription clerk of a change of address when you move. Magazines will not be forwarded, rather they are returned to the sender and he must pay the postage two ways on such mail. Help your company by giving notice of your intention to move to a new address. Let all of us do all we can to help our company—the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

—*Conard Sandy*.



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## NEWLY ELECTED CONFERENCE OFFICERS



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*Fremont, Ohio.* Rev. Lester Pifer, pastor here since April 1947, resigned on August 23. Tentative plans call for termination of the pastorate about November 1. Rev. Pifer has been employed by the Brethren Home Missions Council, to be assistant field secretary.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The national project of the Women's Missionary Council for foreign missions from "birthday offerings" was \$900. The amount raised was \$1,600. This is a national offering and will be used to support a missionary.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers elected the following officers: chairman, Pastor Glenn O'Neal; vice chairman, Gerald Polman; secretary, Norman Uphouse; assistant secretary, Ord Gehman; financial secretary, Blaine Snyder; and treasurer, R. D. Crees.

*Waterloo, Iowa.* Lou Ann Saunders, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saunders, has been stricken with polio. Earnest prayer is requested.

*Roanoke, Va.* A special groundbreaking service was conducted at the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Sunday, September 6, at 3 p. m. Rev. Carl W. Miller is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The Seventh Annual World Congress on Evangelism, sponsored by Youth for Christ International, will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in February 1955.

*Jennings Lodge, Oreg.* It has been confirmed that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here for their 1955 convention. The dates of the convention will be August 10-17 (inclusive), 1955.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* 427 delegates registered for the annual National Fellowship of Brethren Churches which convened at Winona Lake August 24. There were 293 lay delegates and 134 ministerial.

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* Rev. Thomas Hammers, of Seattle, Wash., preached on August 30 at the morning service. He is the brother of James Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church. At the evening hour, Rev. Keith Altig, missionary on furlough from Brazil, preached. He is a former pastor of this church.

*Chicago, Ill.* The second Christ for Everyone campaign has been scheduled for four weeks from October 4 through November 1, 1953, under the direction of Horace Dean, president of Christ for America.



*Leon, Iowa.* Capt. Edgar Bundy, Air Force intelligence officer (retired) will be guest speaker September 13-20. He is associated with the American Council as an evangelist.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Rev. William Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., spoke from the Billy Sunday Tabernacle on August 28 over radio station WMBI, Chicago.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen elected the following officary at their annual meeting: Mason Cooper, president; Owen Hacker, vice president; William Fisher, secretary; Walter Hoyt, treasurer; Neil Carey, boys' advisor; Jesse Deloe, laymen's editor; Pastor H. W. Koontz, Frank Poland, and Wesley Miller, student aid committee.

*Philadelphia, Pa.* Mr. William G. Schwartz, 65, father of Mrs. Althea Miller, departed from this life at 8:15 p. m. August 30, the result of cerebral hemorrhage. He was a member of the First Brethren Church for 41 years, and was Sunday-school treasurer 25 years. Rev. Robert Miller, son-in-law of the deceased, and Rev.

John Neely officiated at the funeral September 3.

*Long Beach, Calif.* A very recent medical report concerning little Anne Goodman, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, missionaries to Africa, reveals that it may be a matter of years before she will be able to walk again without braces.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* In view of the condition of little Anne Goodman, and the fact that the Goodmans cannot well return to Africa for an extended period of time, the foreign mission board and the Goodmans are seriously considering the possibility that the Goodmans join the missionary forces in France yet this fall. Make this a definite matter for prayer.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* David Hood, of London, England, was speaker at the men's fellowship dinner August 27 at the Third Brethren Church, James C. Beatty, pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Through the courtesy of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly and radio station WMBI (1110 kc.) Chicago, an hour-and-a-half broadcast originated from the platform of the Winona Lake Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, August 30. Dr. L. L. Grubb and Dr. R. D. Barnard were in charge of the broadcast, which brought to the microphone many foreign and home missionaries.

*Washington, D. C.* It is disclosed by the annual Department of Commerce report that Americans spent almost twice as much on television in 1952 as they did in supporting their churches.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Replacing the "Brethren Book Club," which has been sponsored by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, will be a "Book of the Month," which will be properly advertised through the Brethren Missionary Herald at a reduced price.

*New York.* "The 1953 Yearbook of American Churches" has announced that church membership in the United States is surpassing population gains by two and a half times, and has reached a high of more than 92,000,000. Of this number 30,253,427 are Roman Catholic. The yearbook estimated that Catholics form 19.3 percent while Protestants form 34.7 percent.

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## TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

### PART VII:

#### THE FIRST STEP BACK TO CALVARY

The best-laid plans of men concerning the burial of Christ were totally frustrated by the plan of God. Nowhere in Scripture is the unerring providence of God more clearly depicted than in the appearance of Joseph of Arimathea following the death of Christ, and in his successful request for the body of Jesus. In the ninth verse of Isaiah 53, this amazing event is predicted. Let us first give a literal translation of this verse, and then consider its meaning: "And they [the enemies of Christ] assigned Him His grave with sinners; but [instead of being buried as a criminal, he was] with a rich man in his death, because He had done no wrong, and there was no deceit in His mouth."

#### *Shameful Burial Planned*

The fact that our Lord was buried in a rich man's tomb is truly amazing when we realize that the Jews did not plan it that way. Not content with His shameful crucifixion between two thieves, "they (likewise) appointed His grave with the wicked." This was the custom of the times. David Baron points out that "it is universally true that persons put to death as criminals have had an ignominious grave. Even after death shame has followed them, though after ages have often reversed the award and built monuments to them. This was especially true with the Jews. Josephus states in his book, 'The Antiquities of the Jews,' 'He that blasphemeth God let him be stoned, and let him hang upon a tree all the day and then let him be buried in an ignominious and obscure manner.'"

#### *A Rich Man's Tomb*

All four Gospels tell how Joseph of Arimathea, a "rich man," came boldly to Pilate and begged the body of Jesus. On one other occasion, Pilate had unwittingly carried out

God's plan in frustrating Jewish designs (i. e., the superscription on the cross, John 19:22); and so now, in like manner, his strange submission to Joseph's request was another illustration of how God moves even wicked men to fulfill His Word. The fact of the matter was that the humiliation of the Lord Jesus had ended, as far as God the Father was concerned. The penalty of sin had been exhausted at Calvary when Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" Therefore the Father would permit no further indignities to be heaped upon His blessed Son, and the rich man's tomb became the first step in the Servant's exaltation to the Father's right hand.

After the spear thrust of the Roman soldier, wicked men would never again see Jesus until the second coming (Rev. 1:7). Why was the Servant thus delivered from a shameful burial? "Because He had done no violence, neither was deceit in his mouth." The disposal of His body had nothing to do with the atonement: the work was done! Therefore, even as the Lord once spoke to the angry surging waters, so now He spoke, as it were, to those who had taken counsel together against Him and against His anointed: "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed" (Job. 38:11).

#### *The Death of Deaths*

We cannot leave this 9th verse without taking a glance at the phrase "in his death." The Hebrew word for "death" in this verse is plural, and so we get the translation, "in his deaths." The idea here is one of intensity or exaggeration, and suggests a death so horrible as to be compared with dying again and again. Thus, God said to the Prince of Tyre: "Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers" (Ezek. 28:10). And in Jeremiah 16:4 the same word is translated: "They shall die of grievous deaths." Surely in the use of

this plural word of intensity, the Spirit of God would give us a glimpse into the infinite bitterness of that cup of death, which our Saviour tasted for every man!

#### *The Eternal Purpose*

Whereas Isaiah 53:7-9 depicts the climax of Christ's substitutionary sufferings, the last three verses of the chapter (10-12) describe His exaltation in heaven, where He carries on His mediatorial, intercessory work. Verse 10 begins with a repetition of the all-important truth that Christ's death was Jehovah's work. "And it pleased Jehovah to bruise Him, to afflict Him with disease" (literal translation).

But remember that the word "pleased" here does *not* mean that the Father delighted in our Lord's sufferings! When the word is used this way in the Bible, it refers to *will* or *purpose* (compare Judg. 13:23). It was the will and purpose of both Father and Son that Calvary should be the means of our redemption.

#### *Our Trespass-Offering*

Verse 10 concludes with a remarkable series of statements: "If His soul would pay a trespass-offering, He should see posterity, should live long days, and the purpose of Jehovah should prosper through His hand" (literal translation). The idea is not that we offer Christ's soul, but that Christ offers *His own soul* as a trespass-offering. In Leviticus 1-7, five different kinds of offerings are described: *burnt* (the offering of worship); *peace* (knitting of fellowship); *meal* (sanctifying consecration); *sin* (substitutionary atonement); and finally, the *trespass-offering* (compensating payment).

Each one of these offerings points toward some aspect of Christ's work on our behalf at the cross, whether in making good our lack of devotedness (the first three, or "sweet savour offerings"), or in suf-

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## HOW TO LIVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN

By Forest Lance, Findlay, Ohio

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17).

Paul, in writing to the Christians at Colosse, seeking to instruct them in the manner of their Christian living as relating to every aspect of their daily conduct regarding both "things" and people, gives to them and to us that all-inclusive exhortation, "Whatsoever ye do . . . do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." It is His name that we bear as believers; it is His name that we are to glorify as redeemed children of God!

In teaching, the Brethren Church has been loyal to the great doctrine of Christian Living. In practice, we must demonstrate our teaching. We dare not fall into the great apostasy of life which one beholds in much of professed Christendom. Whereas there are many churches today which have left the foundational truths of Christianity, there is also a great percentage of churches which, although still teaching many of the cardinal aspects of Christianity, have neglected that which is of great importance—"How to live like a Christian." Satan knows that he can destroy the effectiveness of a pure message if he can, first of all, destroy the purity of the messenger. In the Brethren Church and without, the great need of the day is that individuals naming the name of Christ be greatly concerned that they "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Christian living is but a twofold process: "Put off the old man" and "put on the new man" (Col. 3:9-10). First of all, let us consider the putting off "the old man." Technically, the act of ridding ourselves of the "old man" is accomplished for us at Calvary, that is, the moment we first believe. Paul's teaching in these verses in Colossians describes this twofold process not as something which we OUGHT to do, but rather as something which we have ALREADY done! Christ, through His death upon Calvary, has given us the

victory over the old nature, over "the old man," over all that which we did by nature, being the sons of Adam. Yet, the Word of God nowhere affirms that "the old man" is completely destroyed. Therefore, aside from the technical, there remains the practical, and that is that we must constantly be in the process of saying "no" to those things which were quite natural to us before our salvation, including "fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil



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concupiscence, covetousness . . . anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth" and that we should "lie not one to another" (Col. 3:5, 8-9). Paul says that for the sake of these things the wrath of God will fall upon the "children of disobedience."

There remains the next step—"and put on the new man." How important is this exhortation. The failure of many in successfully saying "no" to the "old man" lies in the fact that they have never honestly and sincerely said "yes" to the "new man." True Christianity is not a mere negative life, but it is filled with that powerful, positive, radiant manifestation of Christ, who is the "new man" abiding within the believer.

But Christ will not assume this role of manifestation without the willingness of the believer. As Dr. A. J. Gordon so beautifully demonstrates in his book, "Quiet Talks on Power," in every believers heart there is a cross and a throne. Each day we must decide as to which will

ascend, the throne or the cross. If we are placed upon the throne there is but one place for Christ—the cross. But if we willingly place ourselves upon the cross, denying ourselves daily, Christ assumes the throne. Thus we live the Christian life properly! Dying unto self and living unto Christ, or putting off the old man and putting on the new is the secret.

What then is the result of living like a Christian? Paul, in Galatians 6:14, 16-17, after having announced his intention of glorying in the cross of Jesus Christ only, thus assuring his separation from the world, declares that for all those who "walk accordingly" a threefold result takes place. First, they have peace in their own hearts! Believing one thing and doing another brings turmoil and unrest to the Christian's heart. Living like a real Christian makes for a comfortable heart! Second, they fulfill their obligations to lost mankind. Paul says, "From henceforth let no man trouble me." Surely he had in mind his debt of love unto lost men (cf. Rom. 1:14). As he exalted Christ by life and by word of mouth, it was that he paid his debt. If our lives are incompatible with our lips we are beclouding the path of eternal life! Finally, Paul declares, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Thus the third result of Christian living—we glorify Christ. We prove to men that God was just in permitting His Son to pay the price for our redemption, and we lift His glorious person above the reproach of wicked and selfish men!

Thus we live like a Christian! And if some would say, "The price is too great," let the following words weigh deep within their hearts:

"Jesus, and shall it ever be,  
A mortal man ashamed of Thee?  
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels  
praise,  
Whose glories shine thru endless  
days?"

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# A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

## A NEW SONG IN MY HEART

By Charles Bergerson, Pianist, Team No. 2, Evangelistic Crusade

You have a song in your heart every time you do the will of the Lord in a specific manner. If you, by the Spirit, shunned the call of an evil deed or thought upon your soul, you had a song in your heart. If you, by the Spirit, were able to witness to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, you had a song in your heart. If you, by the Spirit, were able to bring a person to a saving knowledge of Christ, you had a song in your heart. Some blessed experience, when God proved all that He said He would do for you if you simply trusted in Him, proved to give you a song in your heart.

Indeed, the song of which we speak is not a performance of Mendelssohn's "If With All Your Heart," or Bizet's "Agnus Dei," or even of Schuler's "Overshadowed," as such, but it is an evidence of the blessing which God bestows upon those who are obedient to His will in the wisdom of winning souls to Christ. It is not so much a song which is heard, but which rather is seen, for the psalmist says of this new song that "many shall see it."

The 40th Psalm speaks of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, waiting

patiently for the Lord who subsequently inclined unto Messiah's cry and brought Him up out of the pit of the grave and in resurrection set His feet upon a rock. The resultant song is one of praise and blessing because of having come to do God's specific will in bringing to God through the sacrifice of Himself those whom God



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had given to Him. "Lo, I come," said the Messiah. "I delight to do thy will . . . I have preached righteousness . . . I have not refrained my lips . . . I have not hid thy righteousness . . . I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth."

All this song of praise to God for His righteousness, loving kindness, and truth is for the express purpose that "many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Thus for us also it is apparent that this new song of the heart and mouth is for the consuming purpose of winning souls to the Lord. It is much more than a song for performance before a critical audience; it is a song of life, of conviction, of consistency: the harmony of the Spirit of God and a yielded Christian life, sung to the melody of the will of God, all of this making music to fill the souls of the unsaved and to win them to Christ. But this song, says the psalmist, finds expression from the mouth as an evidence of the conviction and confidence of the heart.

Yes, may the music of your life, the song of your heart and mouth, fulfill the ultimate, grand, and eternal purpose of causing many to trust in the Lord for their salvation. The best song that can be performed on the lips and mouth must come from the heart and not the head, the song of obedience and accomplishment in God's will of bringing many sons into glory.

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fering because of our disobedience (the last two, or "nonsweet savour offerings").

Now in verse 10 of Isaiah 53, we find the only direct mention in Scripture of the fact that Christ was our trespass-offering. This particular offering (*asham*) was a compensating payment, or restitution for wrongs ignorantly done against the holy proceedings of the temple or levitical law (Lev. 5:16). It refers to guilt incurred whenever there is moral or ceremonial sin through error, neglect, or ignorance. Thus, the self-sacrifice of Christ made full payment for every debt we owed to God, and paved the way for God to show Him-

self abundantly gracious on behalf of every believing sinner!

In our final study next week, we shall see some of the other amazing results of Calvary, especially with respect to the present and future ministry of our blessed Lord.

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## HOW TO LIVE LIKE A CHRISTIAN

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Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far  
Let evening blush to own a star;  
He sheds the beams of light divine  
O'er this benighted soul of mine.  
Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend  
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!

No; when I blush, be this my shame,  
That I no more revere His name.  
Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may  
When I've no guilt to wash away;  
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,  
No fears to quell, no soul to save.  
Till then, nor is my boasting vain,  
Till then I boast a Saviour slain;  
And O, may this my glory be,  
That Christ is not ashamed of me!"

—Joseph Grigg.

# MOMENTS on the MOUNT

## BESIDE STILL WATERS

By Gene Farrell

The writer never shared David's experience as a shepherd, but as a lad he knew the value of "still waters." Reared on the shores of Lake Erie, the most shallow of the Great Lakes—and therefore the most dangerous in a storm—how his heart used to sink when a nor'easter began to blow! That often meant three days of heavy seas and no chance to get out in his little rowboat for a nice mess of yellow-belly perch. And say, were they good to eat!

The same thing applied many times in the case of a sou'wester. Often when we arrived at the shore after the three-block trek from home, fish poles on one shoulder and oars on the other, we would find the water blown out so far that our little craft was left high and dry. And when either of these winds began to blow a gale while we were out fishing—well, the only sensible thing to do was to weigh anchor as quickly as possible, slip the oars into the oarlocks, and pull for shore and home.

Still waters—yes, we knew the value of them as a lad, but it wasn't until later life that we knew the value of those waters of which David wrote in the famous 23d Psalm—those waters of *spiritual* blessing which alone can meet the need of the human heart.

First of all, may we say in regard to these waters that *you won't find them in this world*. The world has lots of water, but it isn't still—lots of pasture, but it isn't *green*. Oh, it looks attractive enough at first. It looked good to Solomon. No man ever made a more diligent search for the still waters than he did—that is, "under the sun." And what is more, he had the means with which to ply his quest—the greatest kingdom of that day, health, worldly wisdom, billions, etc. But he came to this conclusion, as should every thinking person who reads his testimony: "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity" (Eccl. 12:8).

And then, in the second place, *you won't find them without the Shep-*

*herd*. David knew the secret. He said, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . he leadeth me beside the still waters" (Psa. 23:1-2). David had no ear for the other shepherds. They might allure those in the many nations around him. They might find followers among his own people. But as for him, "his heart was fixed, trusting in the Lord" (Psa. 112:7b). He was well acquainted with the voice of the Lord, for His Word was his "meditation all the day" (Psa. 119:97).



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There has never been a day when false shepherds have been so numerous and have allured so many. They are like the four lepers of II Kings 7, gathering spoil on a day of good tidings. They are like the hirelings of which Jesus spoke in John 10 who flee when the wolf cometh. But the credentials have never changed—the nailprints, the precious blood, the deity, the virgin birth, the inspired Word, the blessed hope, etc. There is only one Shepherd who can offer this, for He is not the *best*, but the *only* Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, *you won't find them without becoming one of His sheep*. David knew the Lord personally. He said, "The Lord is MY shepherd."

We heard Dr. William Evans say one time that he had preached many a funeral sermon, and had felt keenly for the bereaved, but one day the wreath was on *his* door. One day it was *his* Dorothy. What a difference

that made. After that he could really weep with those that wept. And so it is with us. We must appropriate Christ's work personally. We must apply the blood to the doorposts and lintel of our own hearts. A mere doctrinal salvation will not do. An emotional experience isn't the thing for which we should seek. A good moral life through heeding the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount won't count. No; we must take Him. We must know the Shepherd as well as the Psalm. We must bend our will to His. Then, and only then, can we be led beside those heavenly waters of which Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: *not as the world giveth*, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

## VENERATION

God never made a marionette,  
Incapable of choice,  
Manipulated by caprice;  
Respondent to His voice.

Had God desired a manikin—  
His name to glorify—  
No doubt He would have patterned  
one  
To mimic and reply.

But not a puppet did He form—  
Self-ego to elate;  
Nor plan a human being whom  
His will might dominate.

No robots were created, for  
God had no use for such  
Monstrosities within His realm;  
He loves free will too much.

God regiments no worship from  
Automatons; but of  
Free choice by those who reverence  
Him—  
Requiting perfect love.

God fashioned man with intellect  
And freedom to decide  
The goal of his attainment,  
Uncoerced and dignified!

—Wm. Wallace Ellis.

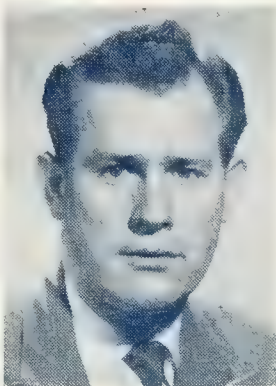


"Why are you leaving the ministry and going into the chaplain's work?" is the question that has been asked of me so many times in these past months. Let me try to explain to you the reason.

The very first thing that must be understood is this, that I am not leaving the ministry in any sense of the word. I feel rather that I've been called into a further service for my Lord. The same decision that every minister, missionary, or Christian worker makes, I made. It was to be in the place where I could be of the most value to the ministry of "the word of reconciliation."

To be sure there is a background to my decision, as there is to any that is made for the Lord's work. The background for this work began when I was in the armed forces during the war years of World War II. During the four years that were spent in the Marine Corps, I had ample time to see and realize the spiritual opportunities that could be had by those that represented the precious faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sad to say that there were some that failed at this most crucial time to meet the spiritual needs of the serviceman. Because of this, and many other things, there came in me a very tender desire to be able to meet, in some way, the need for the serviceman in these hectic days of unrest and spiritual blackness.

With this feeling I entered our seminary and received the finest kind of preparation for the ministry. I was given a groundwork and foundation in the Word, and tools by which to make that Word a living thing for myself as well as those that



Lee Jenkins

I was to minister to in the future. After finishing the work at Grace Seminary I was led into the pastorate and continued in that place for three years. It was a fruitful time because the Lord gave me a people that were able to help me and give me the encouragement that a new man in the ministry needed. The work grew, the people themselves grew, and the testimony for the Lord was increased. Yet with all of this

there was something that was yet to come. It came in the form of the Korean conflict when again the young men and women of our country were being called into the service of that country. Out of the church I served many of the young men went. Without exception came back the plea in their letters and personal conversations, "Help us to meet the spiritual part of our training." Yes, in the armed forces the ranks were low in chaplains, those that had the care of your son, your husband, your friend. Again there came to my mind the question of my responsibility to my Lord, who had given so much for me, "Is this your place?"

I cannot go into all the things that entered into the decision, such as the heartache that would be forthcoming because of separation from a people that I had learned to love, and a work that had given me knowledge that I was working in a small place in His vineyard.

The decision has been made, the papers signed, the orders have been given, and now shortly I will be reporting for the particular work that I feel with my whole heart the Lord has laid out for me.

Along with the question, "Why?" had come another, "What about your wife and family?" If my wife were to speak she would tell you that she has been a great part of my ministry and this decision. She knows that she has a part in the work, for she too has been called to "the word of reconciliation" on the very basis of her salvation as is every person that has called on the name of Jesus Christ for mercy. It is true that we will be separated, perhaps for long periods of time, but in Him we will have that peace that will pass all understanding. Was it easy for Him to go to Calvary for us?

His service comes to us all and often it takes the form that we least considered. The Brethren Church has sent out from its fold untold workers for the church, the mission field, the youth work, and now it has sent some of its men for this work. Our prayer as we have gone and continue to go is, pray for us as you do the others. The end we work toward in every phase of the Brethren Church is the salvation of souls.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Grafton, W. Va...	Sept. 1-13.....	Lee Crist.....	William Schaffer.
Uniontown, Pa...	Sept. 6-25.....	Clyde Landrum...	Lepp and Team 2.
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	Sept. 13-27.....	M. Leon Myers...	Miller and Team 1.
Johnstown, Pa. (First) .....	Sept. 20-Oct. 4..	W. A. Ogden.....	Archie L. Lynn.
Parkersburg, W. Va. ....	Sept. 20-27.....	Lester Smitley...	William Smith.
Alto, Mich.....	Sept. 24-27.....	Earl Funderburg..	R. I. Humbert.
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)....	Sept. 29-Oct. 11.	Ralph Hall.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Hagerstown, Md..	Oct. 4-25.....	Russell Weber....	Miller and Team 1.
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) ..	Oct. 4-18.....	William Howard..	William Smith.
Clayhole, Ky.....	Oct. 4-18.....	Sewell Landrum..	Robert Ashman.
Fremont, Ohio...	Oct. 4-18.....	Lester Pifer.....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Winchester, Va...	Oct. 4-18.....	Paul Dick.....	Archie L. Lynn.
Leamersville, Pa.	Oct. 13-25.....	Robert Crees....	Lepp and Team 2.
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 8..	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.



WMC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—NATIONAL CONFERENCE—1953

## "COME YE APART"

By Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio

*Introduction*—It was a frightened mother who peered deep into the well where her little boy had just plunged. Her frantic turmoil of mind and heart, however, was soon quieted. Her little boy called forth from the murky darkness of the abandoned pit: "Don't worry, Mommie. I was walking along with Jesus. I was talking with Him, and I didn't see the well. But when I fell in, He fell in with me, and I'm all right."

This child-like trust must have been shared by the disciples of the Lord. You will remember that they had been sent forth into the fields to harvest souls for the Master. There had been some victories, but there had been some deep pitfalls into which they stumbled. But they had been serving Him and they were safe. In fact, when their labors were completed He said unto them: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31a).

When Jesus returned to Nazareth he faced bitter disappointment—they received Him not. He could do no mighty work among them. He could only marvel at their unbelief. He therefore spent much time with His disciples. He instructed them by the use of illustrations, parables, and the performing of many miracles. He then sent them forth, two by two, to put to use, in personal witnessing, that which He had taught them and revealed unto them. It was upon the occasion of their return that Christ's invitation to rest was presented. In our text the 30th verse tells us that when they returned from this first effort at serving the Lord, they "told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." In this report there were both victories and defeats. They had, no doubt, many questions to urge upon the Master, questions arising from their new experiences and new situations. It is worth noting that for this very close fellowship between the disciples and their Lord, they went apart into a desert place, "for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." This is a beautiful picture of what Christ beckons unto us when we have faithfully served. And it is a perfect pattern of where and how we should retreat unto Him.

Yes, their need for separation and rest was great, and the love of their compassionate Saviour was sufficient unto their needs. "Come ye . . . apart . . . and rest!" How like our Master to see and know our needs even before we know them ourselves. There was so much

activity—so much coming and going that they didn't even have time to eat—theirs was the need of rest indeed. Does this not bring to mind our own spiritual condition upon many occasions. There is so much "activity" in our lives that we find it difficult to care for the greatest need of all—feasting and meditating upon His Word, in fellowship with Him.

The word "come" is a command, meaning "to move toward the one issuing the command." Christ gave the command and the disciples came unto Him. So it is with us today. When we move toward the Lord in answer to His call, that is forward motion indeed. The press of the multitude kept the disciples from eating the necessary bread of life. Let us be careful that the affairs of life do not press us so closely that we have no time for eating the "manna from heaven," the spiritual food we need.

In our studies of the past year we considered the theme, "Lovest Thou Me?" We learned much about the word "love" and its manifestation in our lives. Our Saviour gave us the supreme example of love when He, who knew no sin, gave His life to redeem us who were born in sin. Is it not wonderful that this same Saviour is so understanding, so loving, so humble, that He stands beckoning to us to "come" anew every day? To the sinner He beckons, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Oh, how much lighter the load becomes when we share it with a friend—with *the* Friend, even Jesus. To the lost in heathen darkness He said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He bids the wandering Jew, who labors in keeping the law, to come and be freed from the law—"for by grace are ye saved." To each man, in his particular need, the Lord calls. The invitation is clear, it is for all. Jesus welcomes all, regardless of creed, race, or color. He says to come for salvation, for spiritual strength, and for rest in His love.

As we meditate upon the word "apart" we find it means "to separate from something—to be by oneself." The disciples had been laboring in the public places, the press of life being great upon them. Jesus realized they needed rest to prepare them for the greater tests and tasks ahead. We must retire from those things which tire us to gain rest. Our Women's Missionary Council endeavors afford a blessed opportunity for spiritual re-



treat if we so use them. Has our labor through the past year been a spiritual rest "apart" for us? If not, we need to ask ourselves these questions: Do we come apart? Do we *leave* the cares of the day and come to our meetings *expecting* to be refreshed, *anticipating* a spiritual blessing? Do we come with un-Christian personal feelings? Do we come with a lack of understanding of the purposes and the plans at hand? Do we come with the proper preparation for our part in the program? Do we come with a good report of the work commissioned unto us, have we functioned as assigned, has our committee accomplished its task? Coming "apart to rest" does not imply inactivity—it implies new, different endeavors. Our meetings afford this opportunity for us. We'll find ourselves refreshed if we willingly withdraw ourselves apart to do the work, being empowered thus to launch out into deeper channels as the Lord leads.

Let us examine the work the disciples were doing. This should challenge our hearts. They had been doing *personal work*. Oh, what blessings and strength we gain when we are thus out witnessing for the Lord. That new babe in Christ needs help, needs encouragement, needs instruction in facing new temptations, a new way of living. How much it means to have that arm of Christian love to lean upon and to strengthen one in the time of need. Then, too, there may be many older Christians facing disappointment, sorrow, and misfortune. These we may minister unto in the Lord's name. How good it is to know that somebody cares and understands.

The disciples had been *giving out the Word*. We too may be teachers of the truth of God. Perhaps our most powerful way of making the Word known is through our consecrated daily living. We need to examine ourselves. Are we living a consistent life for the Lord? Another method we may use is the distribution of gospel tracts. If it is hard for us to speak out for the Lord, we can always find suitable portions of literature to present. Jesus promised: "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that . . . whereto I sent it." A third avenue of service open to us in dealing with God's Word is to declare it and to meditate upon it together. This we do in our monthly meetings especially. Our hearts are thrilled as we thus minister one to another. There is a growing need, and certainly a wide-open door of opportunity, in the presentation of the Word through children's classes, such as child evangelism. This affords a wonderful opportunity to get the Word into homes that otherwise would be closed to the Gospel.

True it is that much time is required to prepare to thus present the Word of God. It takes time to study, to organize, to meditate, to prepare—but upon *whose time* are we living after all? Each year we have consecration services when we yield ourselves to the Master's service. Sometimes, when we see the unwillingness to assume the yoke of the Master, we are forced to wonder what depth of meaning these consecration services actually possess. Is it a mere form that we go through to meet a goal, or is this a time when we actually place ourselves, our talents, our material substance upon the altar of His service and glory?

The disciples were out *ministering unto the sick*. This is a big place of service for women of the church. We may actually visit them, cheering them with portions from the Word of God. This kindly ministry is always



#### Africa—

Ruth Dunning .....November 1, 1941  
Rev. Charles Taber .....November 1  
Miss Mary Elizabeth Munn .....November 3  
Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon .....November 8  
Mrs. J. P. Kliever .....November 12  
Rev. Don Miller .....November 13  
Carolyn Ruth Sheldon .....November 21, 1941  
Mrs. Robert W. Hill .....November 27

#### Argentina—

James Paul Dowdy .....November 1, 1936  
Rev. Hill Maconaghy .....November 25  
Charles Roy Rottler .....November 19, 1952

#### Baja California—

Rev. Leroy Howard .....November 7

#### Brazil—

Rev. Edward D. Miller .....November 11

#### On furlough—

Miss Clara Schwartz .....November 2

#### In U. S. attending school (c/o W. A. Ogden)—

Ann Celeste Kliever .....November 13

appreciated and is much worth while. Then, too, the power called down as a result of united prayer for the sick can bring about healing of the physical body and comfort to the soul. In a very practical way we can remember the sick with cards, flowers, or some other tokens of helpfulness and cheer. So many times we have heard this testimony: "I never knew how much it meant to receive cards until I became ill myself." Our ministry need not be limited to the sick one—needs in the family circle may be noted and supplied. A pie, a cake, a dish of food, a completed washing, a cleaned house—these presented "in Christ's name," where there is need, will be honored of Him and will be the means of untold blessing to all involved.

The disciples were *spending time in prayer*. Our missionaries depend upon us for prayer support. Their strength for daily tasks comes from above, even as does our own. How wonderful to share in the prayer that moves the hand of God to supply that strength. We may spend some time each day in special missionary prayer. And we certainly should participate fully in the monthly "Day of Prayer." It may not be generally known that this monthly special time of intercession originated upon the mission field. They felt the need. We feel it as well. Remember, it is written, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man [woman] availeth much."

Yes, as the disciples had multiplied opportunities to serve the Lord, and thus needed their time of spiritual refreshing, so we, with our many avenues of service challenging us, need to come apart and rest awhile. We must find His will for our lives and be submissive to

that will. Paul testified, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." We too must have the same consecration of heart and life.

And, as we labor, so we must rest. There are times when, like the Lord, we must draw apart from all others and all else. Jesus often retired to the mountains or desert to be alone—alone with God. After He had marvelously fed the 5,000 hungry followers, He went apart to refresh His spirit and to seek counsel from His Father. He returned from that tryst with God to manifest even greater power over Satan and the world than before. How like the Master we must be if we are to be victorious for His glory.

The familiar story of Mary and Martha presents a perfect illustration of two types of Christians. Martha was that Christian who, busily serving, became much encumbered. Her service was necessary and good, but, because she thought of nothing more, it became a burden unto her. Mary, on the other hand, drew herself apart for that better thing—sitting at the feet of Jesus. In other words, she drew apart to rest awhile. Even so we must drop the activities of the day, sit down at the feet of Jesus, rest upon Him, and thus be strengthened for the greater tasks that lie before. It has been well said: "He who carves so steadily that he has no time to sharpen his knife, works with a dull tool and cannot make much headway." Even so, Christians who take no time for "resting with the Lord" work with dull spiritual tools and are prone to be ineffective in their labors for Christ.

Rest is a cessation of labor or exertion, of action or motion of any kind. Rest means disturbance removed, bringing peace and tranquility. I have saved the "rest" until last because I believe it brings a real benediction to our theme. We need *physical rest* for our bodies, for often our greatest trials and misunderstandings seem to come when we are tired and in need of physical rest. This is the time of some of Satan's most devastating victories. We need *spiritual rest* for our hearts. This we obtain by taking time out for our own personal daily devotions. When we thus come we need to be quieted before Him. "Even as dew never falls on a stormy night, even so it is that God's grace cannot fall upon a restless soul." The stillness of our minds and hearts gives God a chance to bless. "He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Our *minds need rest*. Our thoughts are not always God's thoughts. We need to cease from our own

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## CANDLELIGHT DEDICATION SERVICE

Song—"Jesus Calls Us."

President to Read the Scripture -Romans 12:1-2.

Remarks by the President—

We come at this time to renew our membership in the WMC for another year. Realizing the gracious privilege that is ours in being able to serve our blessed Lord in this capacity, we humbly bow in His presence. Our prayer is that He may cleanse our lives and use us to His glory.

Have all members read in unison the pledge on the membership card; lay their membership cards on the table in front of the cross, and kneel in prayer and dedication.

**Instructions**—Use a cross (one of crepe paper and cardboard will do); place it upright on the table. The cross should be the dominating feature of the meeting, but candles of blue and silver on either side of the cross will add to the beauty of the scene.

After the prayer of dedication by the president, all the members will join in singing the song, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

The secretary should sit at the table by the cross, placing the gold or silver star on each individual card presented.

## WMC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1952-1953

### CASH ACCOUNT

Balance July 30, 1952 .....	\$1,128.31
<b>Receipts—</b>	
General conference offerings (1952) .....	\$442.02
Credential offering (1952) .....	185.35
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha .....	350.00
Extra packets .....	1.00
General expense offering .....	1,714.51
Home mission offering .....	2,450.45
Foreign mission offering .....	2,492.59
Grace Seminary .....	2,333.78
Thank offering .....	2,021.56
Leper work .....	111.82
Jewish work .....	98.70
Wagner children support .....	29.50
Missionary birthday offering .....	1,212.09
Missionary home maintenance .....	58.55
Total receipts .....	13,507.92
<b>Disbursements—</b>	
General expense .....	\$2,368.81
Home missions .....	2,456.45
Foreign missions .....	2,492.59
Grace Seminary .....	2,333.78
Thank offering .....	2,021.56
Special account—Leper work .....	111.82
Special account—Jewish work .....	98.70
Special account—Wagner children .....	29.50
Total disbursements .....	11,913.21
Cash balance July 31, 1953 .....	\$2,723.02

### RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

July 31, 1953, cash balance .....	\$2,723.02
General expense .....	\$1,406.40
Missionary birthday fund .....	1,258.07
Missionary home maintenance .....	53.55
	\$2,723.02

### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Balance on hand—July 31, 1952 .....	\$1,082.33
<b>Receipts—</b>	
Extra packets .....	\$1.00
General offering—conference 1952 .....	442.02
Credential offering—Conference 1952 .....	185.35
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha .....	350.00
General expense offering .....	1,714.51
Total receipts .....	2,692.88
<b>Disbursements—</b>	
Conference expense and love gift—nat. officers..	\$275.00
Conference expense—district representatives ...	90.00
Brethren Missionary Herald (12 Heralds) .....	1,226.50
Loudon Printing—1952 conference programs .....	14.90
Christian Cards Co.—Prayer cards .....	23.50
Brethren Missionary Herald—Space in Annual..	21.60
Mailing expense, cuts, drawings, etc. ....	115.05
Preparing and mailing lesson packets .....	160.24
National Sunday School Board .....	221.01
National Youth Council .....	221.01
Total disbursements .....	2,368.81
Balance July 31, 1953 .....	\$1,406.40

Brethren Women's Missionary Council  
L's Angeles, California.

Upon the request of Mrs. Chester McCall, financial secretary-treasurer of your organization, I have examined your books and records for fiscal year ending July 31, 1953, as well as the statements prepared therefrom, and find that all receipts and disbursements for the period stated above were properly accounted for.

Respectfully,

G. L. Diehl, Public Accountant.

## BIBLE AND MISSION STUDIES

The National WMC is *not* making up program booklets this year. Here is a list of the Bible and Mission Studies for the year, for your convenience in making up your own booklets.

Bible Study	Mission Study
September—General study on Separation	Taos, N. Mex.
October—"Come ye apart" for Worship	Brethren Navaho Mission
November—"Come ye apart" for Praise	Baja California
December—"Come ye apart" for Service	Hawaii
January—"Come ye apart" for Strength	India
February—"Come ye apart" for Guidance	Japan
March—"Come ye apart" for Comfort	Africa
April—"Come ye apart" for Fellowship	France
May—"Come ye apart" for Holiness	Argentina
June—"Come ye apart" for Growth	Brazil
July—"Come ye apart" for Study	Kentucky
August—"Come ye apart" to Witness	Los Angeles Jewish work



# EDITOR'S REPORT—AUGUST 1953

Dear Colaborers with Christ in WMC,

This is a hard report to write. For better than two weeks your editor has been trying to get this off the slate, but not an inspiration would come. Now, after some 30 minutes of staring at a clean sheet of paper in her typewriter, she still does not know where to start or what to say. She has tried to give a good and acceptable account of herself in the past four years while serving as WMC Herald editor. This is her last report in this capacity. Perhaps that is the reason it is so difficult to write.

The past year has been one of blessing through trial to your editor. Refreshment was her reward as each issue of the WMC Herald was gathered up and sent off to Winona Lake. She must confess that not every issue was perfect either in content or form. But God, who judges all things well because He sees the heart, overruled feeble efforts. We did the very best we could with the materials we had and the cooperation the different councils gave us. We can only pray that you both enjoyed the women's issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald and were inspired and blessed because of its message. We did all things as unto Him.

In the four years she has served the Lord in this capacity your editor has tried to inspire the women of the Brethren Church to a deeper devotion to their Lord and a more consecrated work effort through WMC. She has attempted to give the women's paper a new lift with a direct homemaker, mother appeal. Her aim has been to make this the home issue of the Herald because she believes with all her heart that this is a need in the Brethren Church. This type of reading material and appeal ties in very well with the work and news of WMC. From the response by letter and word of mouth, especially when some items had to be omitted a month or so because of lack of space, this aim has in a measure been realized.

With the September issue your new editor takes over. Your retiring editor bespeaks for her your prayerful interest and help in making your magazine what YOU want it to be. Don't just talk about what you'd like to see in the WMC Herald. Let her and the executive board hear from you. Criticism is always welcome and needed, but not only the destructive kind. Be constructive and pray as you criticize. No editor is perfect and beyond mistakes. Nor can she read your mind. But she can read words and would be glad to hear from you. Every editor's path has some thorns across it if she has any courage or initiative at all. No editor can please all of the people all of the time. Remember this, and PRAY for her as you pray for your other national officers. The months of October, November, and December seem to always lack news from the councils. This is probably due largely to the fact that you are newly launched on a year's work and feel there is nothing much yet to report. But if you would just send a line or two to the editor

letting her know you are at least alive and busy as a council, that inspiration can be passed on to the women over the country through the pages of the Herald.

Good-bye for now, and the Lord's blessing rest upon you all. We'll be meeting again in avenues of service through WMC. As we serve our wonderful Lord at home, in WMC, and in our various churches let's be diligent and honest in our work. The day is far spent, the night is at hand, and many are not yet saved.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Yours faithfully in His love,

Althea S. Miller.

## WMC'S NEW EDITOR

By Althea S. Miller

With this issue of the WMC Herald it is a privilege to introduce your new editor. Mrs. Ben Hamilton is not a stranger to Brethren women because she served the Lord for 12 years on the Brethren mission field in Africa. For two of her terms on the field she was known as Mabel Crawford. During her second furlough she became "Mrs." and with her husband worked one term in Africa.

Mrs. Hamilton is a native Pennsylvanian, but has lived a good many places during her lifetime. She was born again before the age of 10 while living with her parents in California. Mabel remembers planning to be a missionary by the time she was 12 years old. After high school she attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for two years. Following graduation from Ashland College and approval of the foreign missionary board, Mrs. Hamilton studied a year and a half in France to receive a teacher's diploma. She served as a faithful teacher for 12 years in Africa.

For the past several years Mrs. Hamilton has served as librarian and instructor in French at Grace Theological Seminary. Added now to these duties is the work of editing the WMC Herald. It is the privilege of your retiring editor to present her to you in this capacity. Pray for her as she takes up this important work.



Mrs. Ben Hamilton

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# NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES

(1953-54)

1. Daily Bible reading of your own choice or Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Acts.

2. Strong emphasis on the establishment of family devotions in every home. Stress this objective in the month of January. Practical demonstration would be valuable here.

3. Monthly devotional meetings using the program packets.

4. Encourage individual witnessing by visitation and tract distribution. Urge each local tract chairman to watch the Tract Corner in the WMC Herald for suggestions where and what to buy in tracts.

5. A birthday offering to be received for the support of a WMC missionary on a foreign field. Send this offering to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10.

6. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation. For guidance in prayer continue the use of prayer booklets and prayer pointers in the Herald. Continue using prayer covenant cards introduced last year. Use the star system at consecration service on those previously signed cards.

7. Each council taking part in the district projects and rallies.

8. Each local council send a post card with news item at least once a quarter to WMC editor.

9. Participation in five major offerings to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer. The thank offering to be sent by June 10.

(1) Sept., Oct., Nov.—HOME MISSIONS—\$2,500—send before Dec. 10. A two-year project—building a school and recreation building for the Navaho work to the amount of \$5,000.

(2) Dec., Jan., Feb.—GRACE SEMINARY—\$2,500—send before March 10. Furnishing the social lounge of Seminary building, retaining money to be used for purchasing of chairs.

(3) March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$2,500—send before June 10. Aluminum roofing for Africa, \$2,200. Assistance in national church expansion in Hawaii, \$300.

(4) June, July, Aug.—GENERAL EXPENSE—\$2,500—send before Sept. 10.

(5) Thank offering for Brethren Jewish missions taken throughout the year and to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 10. The suggested goal is a penny a day per member.

## DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Every district represented on the national board, suggesting that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

2. A written report to be given at national executive board meeting and published in the Herald. The retiring president to be responsible for written report which will be read by the present presiding officer.

3. Each district to provide interesting material representing work done in past year for display at national conference.

4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the enlisting of prayer warriors. The name of the district prayer chairman to be sent to national prayer chairman by September 1.

5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.

6. Each district to sponsor at least one project with the suggestion that said project be cleared through the national vice president to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward furnishing and repair of the foreign missionary residence. This offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10. This fund to be used as the committee in charge sees the need.

8. Each district president compile local annual statistical reports and send reports to the national recording secretary by July 31.

## NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS (1953-54)

1. That a membership and consecration service be held annually in each local council, using the original covenant card and star system.

2. Each local president attending National Fellowship if at all possible.

3. That Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton be our editor.

4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage the observance of the day of prayer each month.

5. That we send good usable clothing to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission. Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex. That we temporarily discontinue sending clothing to our Clayhole, Ky., mission because they have a sufficient supply on hand.

6. That officers in the local councils preferably be elected in June, installed and take office by the August meeting, and have statistical reports to the district president by July 15.

7. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the individual women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.

8. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways—prayer, financial help, work projects, willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.

9. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly urge* that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren works.

10. A birthday remembrance be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.

11. That the local council purchase two or more of the suggested reading circle books:

(Reviewed by Mrs. Conard Sandy, literature secretary. Books should be ordered from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Winona Lake, Ind.)

"Remarkable Answers to Prayer," by Basil Miller. Price, \$1.50.

If any one of our missionaries were asked what the greatest ministry was for those of us who remain in the homeland, as far as missionary work and workers was concerned, they would undoubtedly answer, "Prayer."

This book is divided into nine divisions composed of short, vividly told illustrations concerning how God answers prayer. These stories are true experiences found in the lives of missionaries, both at home and abroad.

In recommending this book we do so with a prayer that through the examples given on its pages of "remarkable answers to prayer," your individual prayer life may experience a new stimulus, and that you may personally lay hold of the God who answers prayer.

"Discoveries Made From Living the New Life," by Eugenia Price. Price, \$1.50

Eugenia Price, the author of this book of meditations, found Christ four years ago as her personal Saviour, therefore writes in "Discoveries" some things she learned as a "new" Christian.

Her life before conversion was in the "show world." She began in big-time radio production work in 1940 in Chicago, writing for CBS and NBC from 1940 to 1945. In this latter year she opened her own production office.

When she was converted in 1949 she immediately entered a different way of life—truly a life of darkness was transformed into one of glorious light.

In 1950 she began to write, direct, and produce the now famous "Unshackled" program over radio station WGN, Chicago.

This book will challenge one to press on in the Christian life to new heights. One will revel in the enthusiasm that radiates from the soul of the author as she is followed through these pages of meditations.

The contents of the book are divided into three parts dealing with discipleship, a reason for living, and a "number of wonderful things." Some chapter headings are these: "His Viewpoint or Mine?" "No Hopeless Cases," "Innocence Is Not Purity," "To Me to Live Is Not To Be Religious," "To Me to Live Is Christ," "Are You Free?" "Are You Worried?" "What About Suffering?"

"Mountains Singing," by Sanna Morrison Barlow. Price, \$3.

Are you easily discouraged? Do you permit circumstances to build imaginary barricades over which you cannot or will not climb? If your answer is yes to these questions, then this is the book for you to read; then sit down and ask yourself if you do right to become discouraged.

The Misses Joy Ridderhof and Ann Sherwood claimed by faith their daily needs and here we have recorded their adventures in making tape recordings of the dialects of the uncivilized tribes of the Philippine Islands. Later the tapes were used to make phonograph records which give forth the Gospel to those who have never heard of God's love.

These two brave servants of the Lord underwent experiences that we think of in connection with frontier pioneers, but these women believed God and continued to persevere in the work to which He had called them.

The Gospel on records is a new and effective method of missionary endeavor and is being blessed by the Lord. Our Brethren foreign missionaries are using the gospel records in most of our fields, but particularly in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, and Baja California.

"This Happened in the Hills of Kentucky," by John Vogel. Price, \$3.95.

This is a true story of real-life drama as told by the founder and director of the Galilean Children's Home. It is an unusual and challenging book written in the dialect of the mountain people, and holds the reader fascinated to the last page.

The author gives two reasons for writing this book: "First, to prove to the world, which appears to be God-hungry, that the Lord God is still on the throne and will positively hear and answer prayer. Secondly, it is my utmost delight herein to have the opportunity of correcting the distorted concept of the public relative to the mountain people."

Children are cared for in the Home who are unloved, unwanted, deserted by parents, as well as those whose parents or relatives are willing but unable to care for their offspring because of lack of finances, health reasons, or death in the family.

There is no differentiation made between the acceptance of the children of the rich or the poor, the honorable or dishonorable, the famed or infamous, the loved or the outcast, the offspring of crime and insanity or the offspring of intellectuals; all are blended into one large happy family, and you may here read of the actual happenings in this unusual Home.

"The Mystery Ship," by John Bechtel. Price, \$1.50.

The author of this exciting story has been a missionary to China since 1930, hence the setting of this book is in the Orient, and the reader may be assured that the locale and customs are authentic.

If your interest can still be captured by a mysterious sea plot, with constant changing circumstances, even to the appearance on the horizon of the *Golden Seashore*, a mystery ship, and its pirate captain and cruel crew, then you will find it difficult to lay this book aside until the last page has been read.

Yeuk-hon and Ma-hoh are Christian boys who are willing to witness about their Saviour, and they find the captain of the rescue tug, *Hoi Sing*, is a Christian too—one who is willing to be faithful even in the face of a torturous death.

This story proves once again that it costs something to be a Christian, but that it also pays big dividends.



# SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



## BEAUTY OF MIND

By Mrs. Robert Miller

Unlimited beauty is yours for the accepting. Last month we learned that beauty of face is the result of what comes from the inside, from the heart. This month we want to learn something of the importance of having a beautiful mind.

You were not born with a mind predisposed to beauty as God sees it. By natural birth your mind and entire being are alienated and at enmity with God. As an individual develops physically and mentally, her life becomes increasingly cluttered with sin in all its ugliness unless God's cleansing is applied. Every Sisterhood girl knows what provision God has made for her cleansing. He drained the very treasures of heaven when He sent the Lord Jesus Christ to shed His blood on Calvary so that all who will believe may be saved. No girl can have a beautiful mind until first her life is cleansed by Christ. Having been cleansed she is now ready to ask the question, "How can I have a beautiful mind?"

The classic example of a mind which is beautiful to God is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Turn now in your Bibles to Philippians 2 and read together verses 5 to 11. Notice first of all the command of verse 5: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Such a command means that it is possible for us to have a mind like Christ's. God never gives a command without providing the enabling. Now we are ready for the further question: What kind of a mind did Christ have?

This answer is found in the next three verses. Quite often the wording in verse 6 is confusing to young Christians so let's clarify its meaning here. The words, "thought it not robbery," mean literally, "thought it not a thing to be grasped after." Now let us read the entire verse thus: "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not a thing to be grasped after to be equal with God." Bear in mind that Jesus Christ is God, coexistent with God the Father from eternity past to eternity future. Being God He was clothed in heaven with all the glory of the Godhead. But it was this glory He was willing to lay aside in order to assume the body of a man so that He might be man's Substitute for sin. And though He laid aside His glory it is important to remember He never laid aside His deity or Godhead when He was clothed in the flesh. He was God manifest in the flesh (I Tim. 3:16). His mind was so conformed to God's will that He did not grasp after or try to hold on to all His heavenly glory. He was willing to lay it aside in order to do God's will, even though that will meant a sacrifice of His very life for the sin of mankind.

"Let this mind be in you," girls. To be sure you have no glory to lay aside in order to do His will. But you have a human will which ordinarily wants to have its

own way. Surrender that will to Him. Perhaps you want to be a school teacher, or a nurse, or missionary, or maybe just get married! Now all of these ideals are fine in themselves, but they may not be what God wants you to do. You have no right to say to God, "Here I am. I want to be a missionary, so please bless me." Suppose He wants to use you as a pastor's wife, or a teacher of children. Are you willing for Him to have His way in your life? Have you consulted Him in this matter? You ought to. The cry of your heart if you would have a beautiful mind in God's sight should be: "Here I am, Lord. What wilt Thou have me to do?"

Now take another step with me. You not only have a human will to yield to God but you have a sinful *pride* which must go if your mind's attitude is to be lovely in His sight. If you are thinking how glad God ought to be because you love Him and are willing to serve Him, then your mind isn't beautiful. Christ's mind was so yielded to His Father's will that He became "obedient unto death." He didn't act as though God ought to be grateful for His sacrifice. His was a sacrifice of love. You dare not do less. When pride goes out of the life obedience becomes the order of that life. And this obedience produces beauty of mind.

Christ gave up heaven's glory to die for sinful man because His mind was set to please the Father. You want a beautiful mind I know. Then surrender your will, which by nature is selfish and unable to properly judge, and put away pride which will keep you from bowing to God's will. Then "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. . . ."

### PROGRAM GROOMING FOR OCTOBER

**PRAISING VOICES**—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

**SWEET SAVOR**—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

**CLEANSSED HEARTS**—Read Hebrews 2:1-18.

**GLOWING LIVING**—Seniors study "Beauty of Mind."

Middlers study "Humiliation Is Beautiful."

**SPARKLING TALENTS**—Give special number.

**BEAUTIFUL FEET**—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil—My First Bible Expedition." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeat year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**

**SMM BENEDICTION.**

We have seen that beauty of face is not really the most important thing in our lives as young girls. In our last topic we found that as we think, our thoughts will show on our face and reveal the beauty there (Prov. 23:7). Now let us see how our minds can be made beautiful. A beautiful mind is not one that is cluttered up with all sorts of frivolous ideas and things of this age. We must keep our minds clean and pure. Of course we know that there are things which will come into our minds that we do not wish to remain there and so it is necessary to renew our minds (Rom. 12:2). This is not always the easiest job for us as young girls, but remember we don't have to do any of this in our own strength. Our Lord is ready and willing to help us "do all things" (Phil. 4:13).

We like to have examples or guides to show us the way and as Christian girls you have the perfect Guide—One who has gone the way before you and will lead you in the right way. We read in Philippians 2:5-11 that the Lord Jesus Christ had a mind that we should pattern ours after. He used His mind in such a way that it was a glory to His heavenly Father. Now He Himself was not glorified through the experience that He had when He left the heavenly home and came to earth as a mere man, but the Scripture tells us that He "made himself of no reputation." In other words, He humiliated Himself that He might do the will of the Father. In our Christian life we like to do many things in the church; we like to sing in the choir (and we all should, who have a talent for singing), or we like to teach a Sunday-school class or be president or secretary of some organization. Let us examine our minds! Do we do these things that we

might have the praise of men on this earth or are we doing these things because we want to glorify the Lord. The third verse of this second chapter of Philippians tells us that we should have a lowly mind and we should not think that we can do something better than the others can, but Paul says, "In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." When we truly follow our Lord Jesus Christ we will empty our minds of selfish thoughts and intents and do all for His glory.

Many times we think we can put things over on the pastor or the Sunday-school teacher or even our parents, and we put on a "good front," so that folks all around us believe that we are really "good girls." But in our minds are those things that are displeasing to God. Let us not be foolish, girls, for in Ezekiel 11:5b we read, "For I know the things that come into your mind, *every one* of them." We cannot hide those things from God and He is the One who is to be pleased. Let us be sure that our minds will not only be humble but pure in the sight of God. It has been said: "You are not responsible for thoughts that might come into your mind, but you are responsible for harboring them if they should not be there." Let us be sure that our minds are as Christ would have His mind. And let Christ guide our thoughts that we might be nothing, but give Him the preeminence. This is truly a beautiful mind—one that is "Christ's mind"—one that is pure and one that is humble. Is yours as beautiful as it can be?

## "COME YE APART"

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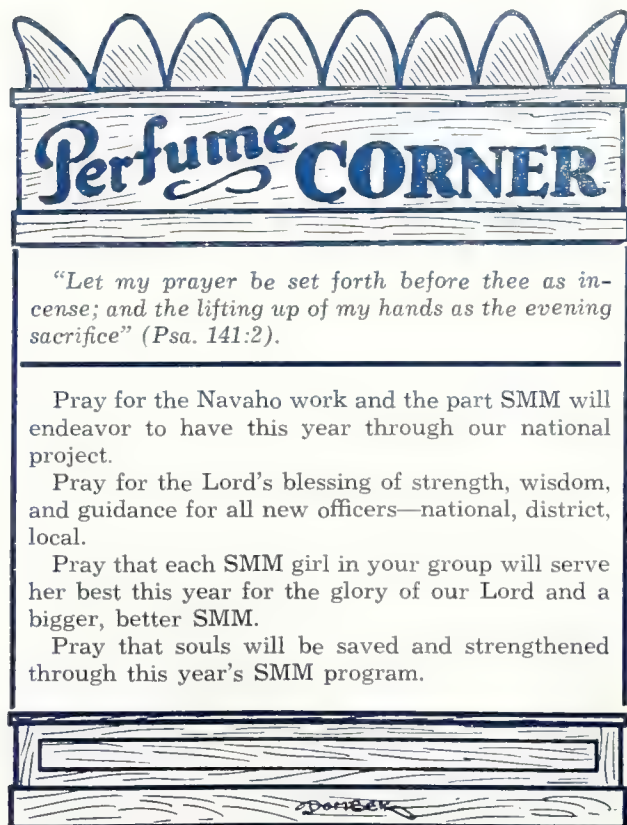
thinking and, by the transformation of our minds, be mentally refreshed. When we cease from our thoughts, God's thoughts can come upon us. It is to be remembered in all this that rest is but a temporary thing. It is merited by those who have labored, and it prepares them for more labor to come.

Yes, we need to heed the Lord's command to "come" for salvation to the sinner and strength for the saint. We need to "come apart" from the cares of the world to serve our Lord through personal witnessing, Bible teaching, ministration to the sick and others, lifting the fallen, and in the fellowship of prayer. We need to "rest" our bodies, our souls, and our spirits—being refreshed from labors past and being prepared for labors to come. As we come into another WMC year, our prayer is that each and every woman will "come apart" for service, a deeper prayer life, a passion for the lost, and a greater zeal for our WMC work.

## INTRODUCING THE SISTERHOOD NATIONAL PROJECT FOR 1953-54

The Sisterhood girls have taken the project of supplying the household furnishings for the Brethren Mission Home at the Navaho mission station. They have set as their goal \$1,700.

PRAY . . . ENCOURAGE . . . HELP  
IN YOUR SISTERHOOD GROUP





# SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA GOALS FOR 1953-54

## Mary Goals—

- \*1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable, using the SMM material in the Herald.
- \*2. Bible reading required: Juniors—Proverbs and Mark; Middlers—Proverbs, Mark, Esther, and Ruth; Seniors—Proverbs, I and II Corinthians, and Daniel.
- \*3. The memory work that is required: Juniors 6, Middlers 10, and Seniors 12 of the following verses: Proverbs 23:7, 31:30, 18:24; Psalms 5:3, 37:4-5; II Corinthians 6:14, 12:9; Ephesians 5:20; Romans 10:13-15; and Philippians 4:8.
- \*4. Attend all church services possible.
- \*5. Have a major part (leader, topic, or special music) in the devotional program at least once.
- \*6. Quiet time observed each morning.
7. Tell about witnessing to an unsaved person in the meetings.
8. Read a missionary book.
9. Read a devotional book.
10. Read a Christian fiction book.

## Martha Goals—

- \*1. Take part in bandage rolling.
- \*2. Free-will offering for general fund at each devotional meeting attended.
- \*3. Have a part in the project offering.
- \*4. Enlist a new girl for SMM.
- \*5. Provide supplies to mission points or missionary and pastors' families.
- \*6. Write a short story, essay, or poem suitable for SMM and send to national patroness.
7. Take part in Christian service.
8. Make layettes for mission fields, toys and clothes for worthy families, and crafts as in project book.
9. Have a part in planning or presenting a program in your church in the interest of SMM, presenting its aims and projects to acquaint the people with the work of the SMM.
10. Help fill missionary chests.

## Emerald and Diamond Awards—

- Juniors: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and two unstarred goals.
- Middlers: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and three unstarred goals.
- Seniors: Emerald—All starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and five unstarred goals.

(Both the Emerald and Diamond award may be earned.)

## Projects—

- National—Household furnishings for the Brethren Mission Home at the Navaho mission station. Goal—\$1,700.
- Birthday—Higher education of missionaries' children. Goal—\$500.
- Personal—Memorize the Book of James for Seniors and I John for the Middlers and Juniors. \$7.50 award.

## Local Organization Goals—

1. A cabinet meeting in the spring and fall.
2. Project offering sent to the national treasurer before July 31.
3. Free-will offering taken at each meeting for the general fund and sent to the national treasurer before January 31 and July 31.
4. One box of bandages for Africa given to the district bandage secretary before July 31 (7 yards long, 2 inches wide, raveled and sewed at the end).
5. At least two post-card items sent to the general secretary.
6. Statistical blanks sent to the district secretary and the national president before July 31.
7. Fifty percent of the girls earn either their diamond or emerald award.

## District Goals—

1. District send a list of their officers and addresses to general secretary.
2. District appoint a bandage secretary who sends bandages or reports to the national secretary before August 7.
3. A district project.
4. A written report at conference.
5. A display brought to conference to represent the district.
6. District secretary send compiled statistical report to national secretary before August 7.
7. District help their president in coming to the early board meetings—\$10 minimum amount.

## Recommendations—

1. That our personal project be to learn the Book of James for the Seniors and the Book of I John for the Middlers and Juniors and that the deadline for this memorization

be June 30. The awards be an SMM sweater, \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany, or \$7.50 worth of literature from the Herald Co.

2. That a gift of \$55 be given to Helen Chick, general secretary.
3. That a gift of \$20 be given to all national officers attending conference toward their expense.
4. That we cooperate with the National Youth Council for the year 1953-54 with five members of the executive committee, namely: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and assistant patroness as representatives of the council.
5. That all Sisterhoods meeting their local organization goals be recognized as honor SMM's.
6. That all districts meeting all district goals be recognized as honor districts.
7. That the following be the requirements for the jewel awards:  
Juniors: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and two unstarred.  
Middlers: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and three unstarred.  
Seniors: Emerald—All starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and five unstarred.
8. That both the emerald and diamond awards may be earned.
9. That the national board meet the Saturday and Monday before national conference, 1954, and that each member receive \$5 per working day present.
10. That a birthday thank offering be given by the local SMM's in April, which is SMM birthday month, for the higher education of missionaries' children. \$500 is the goal, and offering to be sent to the national treasurer before May 10.
11. That Mary Hooks be appointed national treasurer for 1953-54.
12. That Nancy Weber be appointed general secretary for 1953-54.
13. That Marie Sackett be appointed national bandage secretary for 1953-54.
14. That we give \$300 to the National Youth Council.
15. That the SMM give the WMC \$375 toward the Herald expense and have the general secretary write a letter of thanks to them.
16. That the revised handbook be printed.
17. That the household furnishings for the Brethren Mission Home on the Navaho mission station be our national project for 1953-54.

## SISTERHOOD HONORS AND AWARDS—1952-53

### Honor Sisterhoods

1. Junior, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.
2. Senior, Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.
3. Junior, Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.
4. Middler, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.
5. Junior, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.
6. Middler, Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
7. Senior, First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.
8. Senior, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.
9. Junior, Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.
10. Junior, Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
11. Senior, Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.

### Honor Districts

#### Southeast

#### Northern Ohio

### Award Winners for Memorizing I Peter

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Patty Griffith      | 5. Patsy Moll        |
| 2. Barbara Saverig     | 6. Ocariz Duran      |
| 3. Anna Bertha Yoder   | 7. Ruth Ann Crawford |
| 4. Carolyn Oberholtzer | 8. Jeanette Turner   |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9. Shirley Imhoff         | 14. Janice Weber        |
| 10. Kay Dishong           | 15. Cora Luna           |
| 11. Marlene Dishong       | 16. Mrs. Paul E. Dick   |
| 12. Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum | 17. Eljia Medina        |
| 13. Nancy Weber           | 18. Marilyn Steinberger |

Awards earned were an SMM sweater, or \$7.50 worth of supplies from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., or \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany.

### Award Winners for Learning the Names of All the Missionaries and Their Fields

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Ruth Ann Crawford   | 7. Sharon McCullough   |
| 2. Naomi Hocken        | 8. Shirley Oberholtzer |
| 3. Ellner Mae Hocken   | 9. Charlotte Osborn    |
| 4. Ruth Henry          | 10. Geraldine Ragar    |
| 5. Mrs. Elmer Hocken   | 11. Ruth Schrack       |
| 6. Carolyn Oberholtzer |                        |

Awards given were either an SMM scarf or an SMM pin.

### National Project Accomplishments

National project (support of Marybeth Munn for one year) received.

Birthday project (higher education of missionaries' children) received.

By F. C. Glass (Outlined by Mrs. Herman Koontz)

Chapter II—My First Bible Expedition

- IA. A journey under difficulties.
- 1b. The author's physical condition (p. 24, par. 1).
  - 2b. The reason for the journey (p. 24, par. 2).
  - 3b. Lack of money and how it was obtained (p. 25, par. 2).
  - 4b. Trouble with the law in Leopoldina (p. 26, par. 1).
  - 5b. A poor night's rest (p. 26, par. 3).
  - 6b. A return to Leopoldina (p. 27, par. 6).
- IIA. The author becomes a preacher.
- 1b. The author's hesitancy to preach the Gospel (p. 27, par. 5).
  - 2b. The invitation from the farmer (p. 28, par. 1).
  - 3b. A ready-made congregation (p. 28, par. 3).
  - 4b. Success in the Lord (p. 29).

Chapter III—On the Upper Amazon

- IA. A mission to the Indians.
- 1b. Difficulties of the trip (p. 30, pars. 2, 4).
  - 2b. Failure (p. 31, par. 1).
- IIA. A new plan to penetrate the interior.
- 1b. A trip up the river by dugout (p. 31, par. 3).
  - 1c. A burned house (p. 31, par. 4).
  - 2c. Death passes in the night (pp. 32-33).
- IIIA. The frontier station.
- 1b. A gramophone breaks the ice (p. 35, par. 2).
  - 2b. The Gospel is preached (pp. 35-36).

Chapter IV—Lost!

- IA. Where is Jurupensem? (p. 37).
- 1b. The only inhabitants (p. 38, par. 1).
  - 2b. The ruins of the town (p. 38, par. 6).
- IIA. The experiences of Glass in Jurupensem.
- 1b. Hardships (p. 39).
  - 2b. A conversion (pp. 39-40).

NATIONAL OFFICERS

President—Patty Griffith, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.  
Vice President—Cora Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.  
General Secretary—Nancy Weber, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.  
Treasurer—Mary Hooks, Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Literature Secretary—Myra Joy Conner, Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.  
Bandage Secretary—Marie Sackett, 1010 Randolph St., Waterloo, Iowa.  
Patroness—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Assistant Patroness—Mrs. H. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

"Then Am I Strong," by Arnold, \$2.75.  
"Indian Drums and Broken Arrows," by Craig Massey, \$2.00.

"The Jade Elephant," by Elise Fraser, \$2.00.

Missionary books—

"This Happened in the Hills of Kentucky," by Vogel, \$3.95.

"50,000 Miles of Missionary Miracles," by Lester Sumrall, \$2.00.

Juniors: "Nothing Plus God and Susie," by J. C. Brumfield, \$1.00.

(All these books may be purchased through the Brethren Missionary Herald Co.)



Hint 1—MATERIALS: If you did not receive your materials yet, you may get them by sending to the literature secretary. We did not send out materials unless we had a statistical blank.

Hint 2—If the names of your new officers were not included on your statistical report, send names and addresses, as soon as elected, to the general secretary, president, and your district secretary.

Hint 3—NOTES ON GOALS: Local organization goal No. 4 stipulates that bandages are to be given to your district bandage secretary. They can be given to her at district rallies, conferences, etc. No. 6 stipulates that the statistical blanks for 1953-54 are to be sent to district secretary—not to the national, as in the past. Local reports to the district, and the district to the national.

Hint 4—EMERALD AND DIAMOND AWARDS: Notice that this year both awards may be earned.

Hint 5—NEW MATERIAL AVAILABLE: Meeting announcement post cards have been printed with a form to fill out telling time of meeting, place, leader, etc. Cost, 1c each, \$1 per 100. Get them from the literature secretary.

Hint 6—BOOK SUGGESTIONS: The following list are suggestions to help you complete Mary Goals Nos. 8, 9, 10, if they are your choice:

Devotional books—

Junior—"Whiter Than Snow and Little Dot," by Mrs. O. F. Walton, 35c.

Middler—"The New Girl," by Capt. Reginald Wallis, \$1.05.

Middler and Senior—"Exposition on the Book of Esther," by J. Vernon McGee, \$1.50.

Middler and Senior—"Five Musts of the Christian Life," by F. B. Meyer, 35c.

Fiction books—

"Not My Will," by Arnold, \$2.50.



*Temple City, Calif., Breaks Ground and Signs Contract for New Church Building*





## NEW TEMPLE CITY CHURCH UNDER WAY

The Temple City Brethren broke ground on Sunday, August 9, 1953, and have signed a contract with the contractor to erect a new first unit of a church building program. Pictures of the event are featured on the front page, and if the building goes up as scheduled, it will only be a matter of a few months until we will be able to announce the dedication of the new church.

The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., are proud of the record of the Temple City Brethren Church in that it gave the largest offering of any church in our fellowship to home missions last year on a per-capita basis. If their average of \$32.51 could have been equaled by every member of the Brethren Church, it would have sent the offering over the \$650,000 mark. This same church was also highest in per-capita giving to foreign missions with even a larger figure.

The pastor, Leo Polman, announces that the San Gabriel Academy is expanding its program and that they expect the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The San Gabriel Academy is a Christian day school operated in conjunction with the church. The present school building is used for a church, and the new church

### THE COVER PAGE

These pictures, with the exception of the top one, were taken during the ground-breaking ceremony at Temple City, Calif., on Sunday, August 9, 1953. The top picture is the inside of the day-school building now serving as the church. Left below is Mr. Phillip Campbell, building committee chairman, and Pastor Leo Polman signing the contract for building the new church. Right, Chester McCall, home-missions director; Leo Polman, pastor; and William Garber, California district mission board president; look over the building blueprints. Center, the San Gabriel Valley Day School building. The other pictures are the building committee members taking their turn in the ground-breaking services.

unit will also be used some for the school work.

It is our prayer that the Lord will enable the Temple City Brethren to continue "breaking records" now that their church is under way.



## Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



### God Has Blessed Brethren Home Missions

It seems that every year has been a great year in Brethren home missions. From a baby organization with a \$17,000 income a few short years ago the Brethren Home Missions Council has grown to big business with an income exceeding \$160,000. About nine churches were on the first list of mission points which has grown to an annual list approximating 40. It seems almost unbelievable that in its short existence the council has had a part in establishing or developing fully 70 of the churches on our denominational roster. From about 15 home-mission workers we have grown to a large family of 75. Through earnest prayer and sacrificial giving Brethren people have made it possible for their home-mission agency to make its influence felt in practically every realm of American mission work and evangelism. The benediction of God has been upon the work because it is based upon His Word and honors His Son in the preaching of the Gospel.

### Blessings Last Year

The evidence of God's grace operating in Brethren home missions have been so abundant during this past

year that space would not be adequate to repeat them. However, we want you to rejoice with us in some of these blessings.

A completed church was dedicated in Alexandria, Va. New lots were purchased in a beautiful location in Parkersburg, W. Va.

A new chapel was erected at Dryhill, Ky.

The pastor of the Riverside, Johnstown, Pa., church now is serving full time.

A new church is under construction at Findlay, Ohio. Several families have been organized into a Brethren group at Davenport, Iowa.

The new church building at Temple City, Calif., is under construction.

The Denver church is finished to the point where the people have occupied the basement for regular services.

A large group of Brethren have been organized into a Bible class at Elyria, Ohio.

The Brethren in Beaumont, Calif., have dedicated an almost-debt-free church.

Patterson Park Brethren at Dayton, Ohio, have moved into their completed building. This was the first church completed by the Brethren Construction Company.

A full-time pastor has been placed in Seattle, Wash.,

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and a new Brethren church organized. Lots have been purchased and plans are under way for a new building.

In York, Pa., the pastor now serves full time. Lots are being purchased for the first unit of a church building.

A new church has been organized in Phoenix and plans are complete for the construction of a building.

The new location in Wheaton, Ill., is ready to receive the first unit of a building. This new church was organized this year.

A strong Bible class has been organized in Salem, Oreg., and will be pastored by a young man working at secular work to support himself.

"The Forgotten Navaho," new Brethren home-mission film, has been shown with great effect and interest all over the nation in churches, schools, colleges, and before civic groups.

This list could be expanded indefinitely.

But the greatest blessing of all is the fact that 632 souls were saved in Brethren home-mission churches last year. Probably the great reason for this precious harvest is the fact that home-mission workers made 11,144 calls in various homes during the year.

### Home-Mission Churches Not Parasites

The sacrifice and hard work of our home-mission pastors and their people is an honor to God and a lesson to the Lord's people everywhere.

Beyond the hundreds of hours of hard work which home-mission folks put into new building projects, they have sacrificially given over \$202,000 through their own treasuries. More than \$42,000 of this amount went to missions. The total amount given was \$65,000 more than the entire Brethren Church gave to Brethren home missions in the Thanksgiving offering.

Our home-mission churches are absolutely worthy of the sacrificial support of Brethren everywhere.

### Program May Be Expanded

Is it possible to expand the program? Brethren people have the answer to this question in their own hands during the home-mission season. As you pray and give week by week you will enable us to establish many more new churches, which churches will in turn become the supply line for all other denominational activities.

### Association to Combat Conversion

In Israel recently an organization with the above name was formed to combat conversions to Christianity among Palestine Jews. The source of this movement is the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem. Their appeal, which was published in the press, starts with the words, "Four hundred apostles of Satan, missionaries, among them baptized Jews, traitors to their own heritage, have descended on our country like a swarm of locusts."

This is rather rough language to apply to the missionaries of Christ who have a burning love for the souls of the Chosen People. However, it does indicate that the same hatred for Christ and His followers still exists in the hearts of Jewish rabbis and among the Jewish populace. If the Rabbinate in Jerusalem had its way there would be no Christian missionaries on the scene. The "veil" still hangs heavily over the Jewish spiritual vision.

How was this statement received by the press and the government?

The words of Ben-Chorin, of the Yediot Chadashot daily, express the attitude of the press. "An enlightened

Jewish citizen will receive this cannonade of abuse with grief and amazement. It is unworthy of the supreme religious authorities of the Jews. . . ."

"Two days after the appeal of the chief rabbis, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion declared solemnly in the Knesset [Parliament] that the government will support complete religious freedom and freedom of expression and will not permit any kind of religious compulsion, from whatever quarter."

This is indeed good news, for with the press and the government guaranteeing religious freedom for Christian missions an effective missionary program can win many Jews for Christ. Our missionary societies should certainly take advantage of this golden opportunity.

In discussing this matter the Jewish press gave the church some much-needed exhortation as it described the very nature of Christianity.

"Christianity is by its very nature a missionary religion. The differentiation between church and missionary effort rests mainly on the lack of understanding of the structure of Christianity. The church ceases to be a church when it stops obeying her Lord's commands, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures.'"

How true! But how often the church forfeits its right to be called a church by failing in missionary vision and activity. This statement is a challenge to missionary activity among the Jews wherever they are found.

America has more than 5,000,000 Jews, with the population increasing. Jewish communities are largely concentrated in the larger cities. In one such community of approximately 100,000 Jews our own Brethren Messianic Witness is located. But with only three missionaries how can we hope to even scratch the surface of the tremendous need in this great Los Angeles ghetto. More missionaries and more funds are needed to reap in this ripe harvest field.

### Converting Gentiles to Judaism

Now a counter-movement is planned by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. It is a program for the conversion of non-Jews to Judaism. A program is planned for the establishment of week-long preaching missions conducted by prominent visiting rabbis.

The utter spiritual confusion among these people is apparent. What an opportunity we have to give them the clear revelation of God's Word!

### TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THE HOME MISSION OFFERING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952-53

Long Beach, Calif. (First)	\$13,692.81
Mansfield, Ohio	6,922.82
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,477.40
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	4,553.60
Fort Wayne, Ind.	3,906.98
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	3,777.78
Winona Lake, Ind.	3,375.35
Long Beach, Calif. (Second)	3,348.78
Whittier, Calif. (First)	3,323.55
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	3,134.12

### TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN PER-CAPITA GIVING IN THE HOME MISSION OFFERING, 1952-53

Temple City, Calif.	\$32.51
Winona Lake, Ind.	30.40
Mansfield, Ohio	26.12
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	25.20
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	21.71
North English, Iowa	19.63
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	19.37
Fort Wayne, Ind.	17.92
Berne, Ind.	16.64
Los Angeles, Calif. (Second)	15.91

## *Is That All You Do?*

Sometime ago we were discussing the Home Missions Travelog with a friend and he said, "Do you list all your activities in the Travelog?" We jokingly suggested that this would be impossible.

Of course we do not list the times we enjoy wonderful Brethren hospitality, including chicken dinners, etc. Neither do we list the times when we share heartbreaks and deep discouragements with home-mission pastors and missionaries.

The days we spend in the office and in other forms of home-mission activity are not recorded in these columns.

It may be interesting to our friends to know that we piled up a total of 80,302 miles traveled in home-mission work during the past year, mostly by air transportation in our *Grace Ambassador*. It is apparent that only a few of our many contacts and trips could be listed here.

We were happy to know of the interest of this friend and others in the Travelog. If you have any comments write us!

## *Biggest Year in Brethren Home Missions*

Forty-six mission points crowd our home-mission roster as we launch into this next fiscal year. This is five more points than any previous total in one year. Many new opportunities to start churches are coming from every quarter. Our earnest prayer is that we may be able to take advantage of these opportunities.

## FINDLAY FIRST BRETHREN BUILDING



This new church building in Findlay, Ohio, is much nearer completion than this picture indicates, for it was taken early in August. This work began less than two years ago and the present pastor, Forest F. Lance, has been on the field since May 1952. Brother Lance worked in a J. C. Penney store until January 7, 1953, when he began giving full time to the church. The Lord has blessed from the very beginning. The annual report on the work shows that 28 souls were saved during the last fiscal year, and a better report is expected next year with the completion of their new building. They are presently meeting in an old condemned school building.

## *Northwest District Conference a Great Blessing*

Delegates to the Northwest District Conference in Portland, Oreg., were thrilled as they entered the recently completed home-mission church in that growing city. The main-floor auditorium had just been completed by dint of hard work and long midnight hours of labor by pastor and people.

Conference sessions were well-attended and the messages were challenging.

Intensive home-mission activity is planned for the coming year, with another new church already formed in Salem, Oreg. This great area is a tremendous challenge for church expansion.

## *Southeast District Conference at Clearbrook*

Those brethren who have not seen the Clearbrook, Va., Brethren church have no idea of the spacious facilities that are enjoyed by these folks. Here in this converted school building the district conference was held. Delegates and friends filled the auditorium for the sessions.

A strong new Brethren church is developing in this district and is located in the Washington Heights section of the city of Roanoke.

## *New Church Organized in Wheaton, Ill.*

Recently the Lord won a great victory in Wheaton, when over 60 people attended the church services and a new Brethren church was organized. This organization climaxed weeks of prayer and preparation. Several earnest families who constitute our nucleus in this section of the Chicago area, have pledged themselves to the development of a strong Brethren testimony here.

Soon a pastor will be entering this field and after plans have been completed, construction of a new building on recently purchased lots will be under way.

This is the first National Fellowship church in the State of Illinois. It is strategically located in many ways. Brethren students in Wheaton College may have Brethren fellowship here. From this point we can also reach into other sections of the Chicago area. Wheaton, with all of the new-home building is a splendid field at our front door.

## *East District Conference at Meyersdale*

Another beautiful Brethren church building housed the East District conference sessions recently at Meyersdale, Pa.

The little town of Meyersdale saw some intensive activity during these days of the Brethren conference. The East District mission board has a real vision for home-mission expansion and is planning to enter at least two new area cities this year.



# CLAYHOLE, KY., DVBS ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES



*Miss Lois Kay Landrum, Clayhole, Ky., teaching the preschool age.*



*Miss Helen Bothwell, a helper from the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., teaching the juniors.*



*Miss Joan Stuber, a helper in the school from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, teaching the beginners. (We're sorry the photographer failed to get all of Joan in the picture, but she is the engineer at the wheel of the Jeep.)*



*Miss Lucile Leichty, a helper from the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio, teaching the intermediates.*

## LATE HOME-MISSION NEWS FLASHES

*Roanoke, Va.*

The Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va., church will have broken ground by the time you read this in the Herald. The date was Sunday, September 6, 1953, which was too late to include details or pictures in this issue. Immediately after the ground-breaking the Brethren Construction Company moved in from Dayton, Ohio, to start the construction work.

*Dayton, Ohio*

The pastor, Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, invites you to the dedication of their new church on Sunday, September 27, at 2:30 p. m. Plan to attend this service and see the first church built by the Brethren Construction Company. If you are unable to attend, read the October Home Mission Herald.



*The three helpers, Lucile Leichty (left), Helen Bothwell (center), and Joan Stuber (driver).*

## NEW HOME-MISSIONS DIRECTOR ELECTED

Mr. Elmer Tamkin, Washington, D. C., was elected a director of the Brethren Home Missions Council at the annual corporation meeting held Wednesday, August 26, 1953. Mr. Tamkin fills the vacancy left by Mr. Willis Belcher, Sunnyside, Wash., whose term expired this year.



## "THANKS, BRETHREN, FOR YOUR HELP"

We especially want to thank those who responded to the call for help in providing extra building facilities at the Brethren Navaho Mission. But we would not want to fail in expressing our appreciation to everyone and every organization that has helped in any way in the work.

Two young men, Don Rough and Larry Wedertz, of the Temple City Brethren Church, used their summer vacation to help in building the new mission home. These two fellows are students at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and forfeited their vacation income to assist in this mission work. They worked hard and worked many hours overtime, for a mission work does not operate on the 40-hour week. Although it was hard work and a new experience for the boys, Brother Adams said, "They were an inspiration to have around."

A busy building contractor, Mr. Howard Lehnhart, with Mrs. Lehnhart and their son, Robert, from the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, also spent some long days working at the mission. Mr. Rex Morris, a Westinghouse employee, another Mansfield man, accompanied the Lehnharts on their "work trip" to the mission, where he proved a big help. Robert remained at the mission until he had to go home in preparation for returning to Bryan University, where he is a senior this year.

We of the Brethren Home Missions Council deeply appreciate the sacrifice made by these students to help our missionaries to the Navahos have more adequate living quarters. Certainly they received some valuable missionary experience, and we trust the Lord will supply any financial need they may have due to their inability to earn an income during their vacation months.

**THE GIVING OF THESE BRETHREN SHOULD BE A CHALLENGE TO EVERY ONE OF US.**

### RECENT CHANGES IN HOME-MISSION PASTORATES



Grant



Sandy

The Brethren Home Missions Council is happy to welcome into their family of missionaries Richard Grant and Conard Sandy. Brother Grant has been pastoring a mission work at Massillon, Ohio, and will take over the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church work. Brother Sandy, who has been editor-business manager for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, will take over the Harrisburg, Pa., church work.

The former home-mission pastor at Cedar Rapids, Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum, has accepted the position of editor-business manager at the Brethren Missionary Herald



*This is the missionary family and those who helped in building the new mission home for them. Upper left, Don Rough, and lower right, Larry Wedertz, both of Temple City, Calif. The new mission home is in the upper right corner, and the entire group in the lower left corner as follows: Don Rough, Mrs. Evan Adams (holding Laurie Adams), Robert Lehnhart, Mrs. Howard Lehnhart, Larry Wedertz, Mr. Howard Lehnhart, Evan Adams, and Danny and Timmy Adams in front. Bottom right is Mr. Rex Morris, a member of the Mansfield party, who was not present when the group picture was taken.*



Company. The former home-mission pastor at Harrisburg, Pa., has accepted a call to Hagerstown, Md.

The other two changes involve two present home-mission pastors, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons and Rev. J.



Simmons



Tressler

Ward Tressler. These two men, as directed by the Holy Spirit, actually only traded fields, and this is the first time we can recall such a procedure ever taking place in home missions. Brother Simmons, of Juniata, went to Chico, and Brother Tressler, of Chico, went to Juniata.



# NEW SUNDAY-SCHOOL-ANNEX IN BUENA VISTA



Because of great growth in each department of the church program the people and pastor of the Buena Vista, Va., church, recently planned and constructed a splendid new Sunday-school annex across the rear of the main auditorium.

This building, worth \$60,000, was constructed for approximately \$45,000 through the blessing of the Lord in providing materials and able workmen.

A large building, measuring 93 by 45 feet, it provides for eight departments in a completely departmentalized Sunday school operating under the six-point system. The attendance now averages 275 per week and can grow in this annex to at least 400. Twenty-six classrooms on two floors provide privacy for teaching and class meetings.

Dedicated in March of this year, this structure is being paid for very rapidly through a weekly envelope system which produces more than \$100 per week in building funds alone. During the course of construction these faithful brethren raised more than \$10,000.

In addition, under the leadership of Pastor Galen



*These pictures were taken during a recent revival and soon after the dedication. They include Rev. and Mrs. Galen Lingenfelter and family, Brother Lingenfelter's Sunday-school class in front of the new annex, the large Buena Vista congregation, and the church with the new annex to the rear.*

Lingenfelter, during a five-year period, a new parsonage has been constructed and plans are under way for the replacing of the older church auditorium with a new structure in the future.

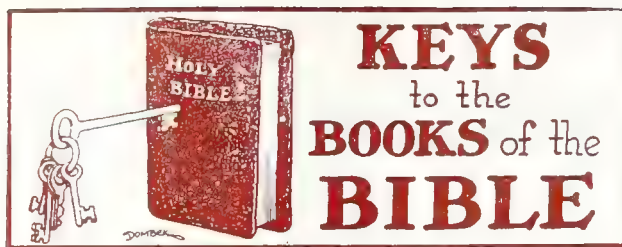
## "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY . . ."

Does not this picture bring Isaiah 53:6 to your memory? It was taken by Rev. Sam Horney, superintending missionary of our Spanish-American work, and is symbolic of everyone without Christ. Study the picture carefully and you will notice the sheep are grazing along, and even walking upon a very dangerous highway. These sheep do not realize the danger at hand, and you will also notice there is no shepherd to protect them. This illustration could apply to millions in our own beloved country today. They must be told that John 10:7 is for them: "Then said Jesus unto them again,



Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." This is a Brethren home-missions responsibility to remember during this season of the year.





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## II TIMOTHY

### I. Presents.

A. Reason of—The perils threatening the church, which were likely to prevent the church fulfilling its function (3:1-5).

B. Purpose of—The preparing of Timothy for the fulfillment of his responsibility for the church, in order to the maintenance of its testimony.

C. The central teaching—The revelation of the true minister of Jesus Christ.

### II. Key Words or Phrases.

- A. Hold fast (1:13).
- B. Commit thou (2:2).
- C. Endure hardness (2:3).
- D. It is a faithful saying (2:11).
- E. Study (2:15).
- F. Sun (2:16, 23).
- G. Flee (2:22).

### III. Key Verses.

- A. The minister's perfect equipment.
  1. 1:6—Stir up the gift.
  2. 2:1—Be strong in the grace.
- B. The minister's prevailing methods.
  1. Construction and character (3:16).
    - a. Reproof—prove over again.
    - b. Correction—pulling that which is out of line into a straight line.
    - c. Instruction—means construction, carrying the building higher.
- C. The minister's supreme work.
  1. 2:15—know the writings.
  2. 4:2—preach and teach the Word.

### IV. Key Outline.

- A. The making of a Christian (1:1-18).
- B. Some characteristics of a Christian (2:1-23).
- C. World prospects (3:1 to 4:5).
- D. Paul's life in retrospection and prospect (4:6-8).
- E. Personal matters (4:9-22).

### V. Key Thoughts for the Day.

- A. Fulfill thy ministry (4:5).
  1. Equipment.
    - a. 1:6—stir up the gift of God which is in thee.
    - b. 2:1—be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
      - (1) Prayer.
      - (2) Devotional Bible study.
  2. Methods.
    - a. Construction.
      - (1) 4:2—give diligence.
      - b. Character (2:22).

## DENVER, COLO., GETS NEW PASTOR



Pastor Lowell Hoyt, who was the first pastor of the Denver work, resigned and has been called to pioneer a new work at Elkhart, Ind. Bro. Tom Inman, shown above with Mrs. Inman, arrived on the field July 1, 1953. Brother Inman graduated with the 1953 class of Grace Seminary and was assisting in the DVBS work at Taos, N. Mex., previous to taking over the Denver work. One week after arriving in Denver they were called upon to assist the district youth camp. Following camp, a two-week DVBS was conducted with an average attendance of 60 and an enrollment of 130. Twenty-two boys and girls accepted Christ during this time. The floor of the lower auditorium has been tiled and other work has been finished on the building. The group picture was taken on Sunday, August 23, with over 60 present for Sunday school. Immediately after the Sunday services on August 23, the Inmans left for National Conference. In addition to accomplishing the above tasks in less than two months, they also found it necessary to spend time looking for a house. Brother Inman says, "It is good to be busy for Him."

3. Work.
  - a. As to the Scriptures (2:15; 3:14).
  - b. As to the church (4:2)—"preach the Word."
- B. Comfort to the minister (1:12).
- C. Minister is the trustee of the Word of God (1:12). This demands fidelity to the trusteeship; in the exercise of the gift; because of Christ's appearing presently.
- D. The constant appeal.
 

"The apostles, prophets, evangelists, preaching-teachers, fulfill their ministry and passion; but the Word abides, and the responsibility of those who follow in their train abides."



# ISRAEL CALLS!

IT'S REAL!

By Hymie Williams

*I met the writer of the following article while in Canton, Ohio, and I was very much impressed with his clear, ringing testimony for the Lord. Brother Williams is an accomplished musician. His work on the trumpet is well known in the world of popular music. I know he can do just as fine work in the field of the Lord's music. Because of an eye condition, Brother Williams' only means of support is his trumpet. He feels called to the ministry of music in the field of evangelistic endeavor. He has the ability to direct group singing and to complement any meeting with the music of his trumpet. Any who might be interested in his services can contact him through Pastor John Dilling, First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio.—Bruce L. Button.*

Salvation has to be real to me. The Lord Jesus has to be a real Person as far as I am concerned. Salvation can't be passive. It must be vital, tangible, possessive—because I am a Jew. There can be no half-way measures as far as my belief is concerned. Because of my belief my people have no fellowship with me. Therefore, I must have full fellowship with the Lord.

I was born of Jewish parents in the city of Canton, Ohio, in 1924. My father and mother were religious Jews. They had above-the-average means. They loved me dearly, because I was the favorite child, being a son. They gave me the advantage of a good home and I was educated in the public schools. They went even further than this, for they sent me to the Hebrew school that I might learn about Jewish culture, the Torah (Law), Yiddish, and Hebrew. Thus my early life was steeped in the teachings of Judaism. When you take into account that my parents tended toward orthodoxy, and that they attended the *Schule* (temple) on the high holy days, as well as on the Sabbath, you can get a small idea of how great the grace of the Lord must be to save even me.

About the age of 12 years it became apparent that my eyesight was very defective. After a series of attempts to correct this deficiency, I realized my eyesight would never be any better. This had a great bearing on my decision to enter the field of music. I chose the trumpet as my instrument. For the next two years I applied myself to the task of learning to play the trumpet, and at the end of that time I was able to sign up with a local dance band. Shortly after this I went to New York City and became a member of a nationally known dance band. From then on I was on "easy street," for I played with such well-known dance bands as Tommy Dorsey, Woodie Herman, Les Brown, Glen Miller, and others. For the next several years I followed this business as my profession—and I loved it!

It was during a visit to Canton that I was first impressed by the thought that this work might not be for me. It was at this time I was contacted by a Christian whose name was Rosemond Ivey. She spoke to me of the Lord Jesus. She told me of His death, of the sin burden that He bore for the world, of the fact that He was MY Messiah and God. She was very tender and

kind as she spoke, and finally she prayed. I'll not soon forget how she asked the Lord to reveal Himself to me in all His glory. What she said impressed me greatly, but my stubborn pride would not permit me to make any confession at that time. I had always had the feeling in the back of my mind that Jesus MUST be the Jewish Messiah. But stubborn pride and, I suppose, fear of the reaction of my people, had always prevented me from taking a stand for the Lord. However, from this time on I was under conviction of sin. Constantly I had the face of Him before me, and the thought of Him on my mind. I was very unhappy.

I had learned that Miss Ivey had contacted my mother from time to time and I had a premonition that she had accepted the Lord as Messiah and Saviour. But it was not until her death that I was sure. At that time Miss Ivey told me that Mother had taken a stand for the Lord and had loved Him dearly. As she told me of this, the Lord spoke to my hard heart and, casting aside pride and fear, I gladly received Jesus as my God, Messiah, and Saviour. At once joy and peace flooded my soul. Since that time I have been so happy in the Lord.

I did not make a public confession until later. This took place in the First Brethren Church in Canton, Ohio, in February 1951. Brother Ralph Colburn was speaking to the young people and, at his invitation, I took a public stand for the Lord. The next step in my Christian life, baptism, seemed almost too great to take. But the Lord sent Evangelist Max Cohen to encourage me toward this step and, praise God, I was baptized shortly thereafter by Pastor Jesse Hall.

Since that time I have had the peace of God which passes all understanding. I needed it, for persecution followed. The day after my baptism, while walking in the business section of Canton with Brother Cohen, I met one of my Jewish friends. The news of my baptism had traveled fast, and he had already heard of it. As I greeted him he cursed me and spit in my face. This was just the first of many incidents brought on by my stand for the Lord. Even my loved ones were against me. Some went so far as to do me bodily harm. At the present time I stand as one dead to my family. I have been ordered from home. The candles have been burned. As far as they are concerned, I am DEAD.

But, praise God, I am alive unto Him who is so gracious and loving. I can never thank Him enough for His great grace toward me. I shall always praise God for the encouragement of Miss Ivey, Evangelist Cohen, and Pastor Hall, as well as the many other Christians in the Canton area. They have helped to make life very sweet to me. They have imparted to me the deep desire to serve the Lord in some way. I did such a good job of serving the Devil in the dance band that I know I can do a much better job of serving the Lord in the ministry of music. I am waiting for His leading.

One last word—I praise God that the Brethren Church is trying to reach my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, with the Gospel of Jesus, the Messiah. My prayer is: Oh, might my people hear and heed.

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*Sampleville, Ohio.* An all-time high was reached in this Sunday school on August 23, with 112 present. Charles A. Flowers is pastor.

*Akron, Ohio.* Rev. Harold Etling, pastor of the Ellet Brethren Church since 1948, resigned on September 2. Brother Etling will assume his new duties as national director of Sunday schools for the Brethren Church as of January 1, 1954. The new unit being added to the Ellet church will be dedicated to the Lord late in October.

*Berne, Ind.* Oct. 11 will be "home-coming" at Bethel church, with the Grace Trumpeters featured at the afternoon service, and Prof. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, as the evening speaker.

*Tracy, Calif.* Plans have been laid for the opening of a Bible institute with classes in teacher training, personal evangelism, and Bible. The First Brethren Church, William H. Clough, pastor, and the First Baptist Church are cooperating in the school.

*Johnstown, Pa.* Rev. Thomas Hammers, of Seattle, Wash., preached here on Sunday morning, August 23. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* All correspondence with the Board of Evangelism, or the Crusade teams should be sent to Box 15, Winona Lake, Ind. Offerings should be sent to the same address, with checks made payable to the Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church.

*South Bend, Ind.* Mrs. W. Russell Ogden, wife of Pastor Russell Ogden, is recovering slowly from her recent operation. Continue to pray.

*Beaumont, Calif.* During the absence of Pastor Gene Farrell, Mr. Roland Rasmussen, graduate of Bob Jones University, occupied the pulpit.

*New Rochelle, N. Y.* Capt. Orville A. Lorenz, chaplain, U. S. Army, was

awarded a diploma during graduation ceremonies at the Chaplain School at Fort Slocum. The advanced course studied was one in field grade chaplaincy.

*Lemon Grove, Calif.* Rev. Walter Haag has started a weekly Bible class in the home of Mrs. R. W. Nevogold.

*Waynesboro, Pa.* Rev. Ray Layman preached at the evangelistic service Sunday evening, August 23. During the month of August the morning services were broadcast. D. I. Holliday is pastor.

*South Gate, Calif.* The First Brethren Church has sold all the buildings on "the old State Street property," and the new three-story building project will be started soon. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

*Ashland, Ohio.* Pastor and Mrs. Miles Taber were given a surprise reception on Sunday evening, August 23, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.



*Glendale, Calif.* The Men's Magnify Club of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach had charge of the evening service August 30. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.

*Syracuse, N. Y.* Contrary to announcement made last spring, Evangelist Billy Graham announces cancellation of plans to purchase the Glen Eyrie property in Colorado Springs, Colo., which was to be used as a Christian retreat and Bible conference center.

*Tracy, Calif.* The First Brethren Church, William Clough, pastor, has entered into a Sunday-school contest with the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, Rev. Harold Painter, pastor. The contest closes October 18.

*Enid, Okla.* Judge J. H. Glasser reports that the records of his office show a decline in juvenile delinquency during the four years that a released-time religious education program has been under way in the public schools of his county. Prior to the released-time program, there had been an increase of 150 percent.

*Negev, Israeli.* A comprehensive plan to produce artificial rain in selected parts of Israel, especially in

ANNOUNCEMENT

The new "Teenage" quarterly being published by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will start with the January 1954 quarter.

the Negev, is being carried out this summer. It is said that the success of the project might revolutionize the development of Israel's agriculture.

*Chicago, Ill.* September 27 through October 4 is National Sunday School Week, according to the National Sunday School Association and the National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church. The eighth annual National Sunday School Convention will be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Minneapolis, Minn., October 14-16.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The Brethren Missionary Herald Company suggests to all our churches that your orders for Promotion Day (Sept. 27) and Rally Day (Oct. 4) be forwarded immediately.

*Washington, D. C.* The Department of Commerce report shows that Americans contributed an estimated \$1,296,000,000 to churches and religious organizations in 1952, setting an all-time record—almost \$25,000,000 a week.

*Jerusalem.* In 1949 the United Nations recommended that Jerusalem be kept an international city, out of respect for its Christian shrines, and the interests of the Moslem. However, it is of interest to learn that the Israeli government has moved its foreign office there from Tel Aviv, and has invited 25 foreign governments to do likewise. To date, five Iron Curtain countries have complied. This is making for a very delicate situation between the Israeli and the Moslem world.

*Dayton, Ohio.* Arnold R. Kriegbaum preached at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on September 13. Clyde Balyo is pastor.

*Special.* A writer in This Week reports that smokers paid more than four billion dollars for cigarettes in 1952. The per-capita use of tobacco by Americans 15 years or older is the highest on record. Cigarette consumption is 10 per day per person, more than twice as much as in the late 1930's.



# INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

THE SKY IS RED (Matt. 16:1-3)

By W. A. Ogden, D. D.

"Signs of the times" is a phrase in the Word of God that relates itself to events in the program of God in the world, the church, and, especially, to the second coming of Christ. In our text Christ declares that these signs are as discernible as are the signs by which men profess to predict the weather. A red sky may mean either fair weather or foul. It all depends on whether one reads the sky at evening, or in the morning.

The true Christian, one who loves the Lord and is waiting for His coming, is living in the evening time of this age. To him the red sky is a token of the soon coming of Christ. He has nothing to fear, nothing to lose, everything to gain. He looks into the glowing heavens and declares, "It will be fair weather."

But to the great mass of unregenerate men the same red sky is a "morning" sky, and it bodes danger and strikes terror to their evil hearts, and they say, "It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering."

My sympathy goes out to these "morning" (mourning) prophets who see nothing ahead but stormy weather. Listen to these words from their fearful hearts: "The world is at the end of its rope; the end of everything we call life is close at hand" (H. G. Wells). "There is no real defense against atomic weapons."

## A LITTLE AT A TIME

A mother once said to her little girl who was sewing: "If you look the whole length of your seam you will get disheartened, for it seems so long; look only on the little bit between your thumb and finger."

Our life is mercifully cut up into "littles." God knows that if its "whole" were presented at once, it would crush us down. Let us live today and ask for grace to set about doing cheerfully the "littles" of tomorrow.—*Selected.*

... There are no satisfactory medical and sanitary safeguards for the people of atomized areas" (Bradley Davis in "No Place to Hide"). Our Lord predicted these very conditions as a sign of the end of this present age: "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-26).

One very ominous sign of these days is found in I Timothy 4:1-3 and II Thessalonians 2:1-3—the "falling



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away." This is primarily a movement of negation. Its first act is to deny the "miraculous infallibility" of the Scriptures, and then making each man's own conviction of truth the court of last resort. "Some of the Bible content," it is affirmed, "may be set aside." These rejected portions may be those "which are ascribed to Christ." Having denied the authority of the Bible, the "faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" is cut down to meet the mental level of men who supposedly approach the Bible as a means of finding God.

The modern teaching of the "Kingdom of God"—a social concept of a gospel which does not require the new birth—is substituted for the Gospel of God's grace wherein the individual finds redemption and the forgiveness of sins through the vicarious death of Christ at Calvary.

In such a scheme there is, of course, no need for a Saviour who is God incarnate, who died and rose again, who sits at the right hand of the Father, and who will come again to establish His kingdom on the earth.

The National Council of Churches of Christ, through its liberal theologians, now assumes to speak for the Protestant world. This council would have the world believe that the New Theology is the voice of Christianity in the world today. The ecumenical movement in which these self-appointed leaders are attempting to form a one-world church is effective on the basis of its denial of the necessity of a common faith, rather than on an agreement of essentials of any kind. It is affirmed that no one has the right to "sponsor a system of doctrine the acceptance of which is demanded as essential to salvation." Thus the farther they move from the Bible, the closer they come together in their great social movement to make the world Christian without a Saviour who is God.

The goal of this ecumenical movement was revealed clearly in the recent testimony of Bishop Oxnham before the House Committee on Un-American Activity. There is to be a final merger with Roman Catholicism "so that all churches of the world will kneel at one common altar as the Holy Catholic Church." The Word of God (Rev. 17) reveals that there will be such a universal church in the last days of this age. It also reveals that this will be an apostate church which the Lord will judge and reject. This segment of the prophetic sky is red indeed!

Not all things else are half so dear  
As is Christ's blissful presence here,  
What will it be in heaven!

'Tis heaven on earth that we can say,  
As now we journey day by day,  
'Himself has borne our guilt away,  
Our sins are all forgiven."

—Swain.

# A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

## HITTING BROADSIDE

By Evangelist Walter A. Lepp, Team 2, Evangelistic Crusade

I believe that God almighty has a standard for Christian living which challenges us to be or do nothing less than the very best for Him. I believe there is a standard for individual Christians and a standard for the Christian church. And He expects us who are Christians to be living that kind of a life, to be doing, and saying, and being some certain thing.

In Acts, chapter 2, beginning with verse 37 and concluding with verse 47, we have the record of a church which hit broadside for Jesus Christ, whom they loved and whom they served. Is it any wonder that 3,000 souls were saved in one day? Is it any wonder that Acts 4 and verse 4 tells us the number had grown to 5,000? Are we surprised to read in the fifth chapter of Acts and verses 13 and 14, "And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, *multitudes* both of men and women."

Nearly 2,000 years have passed into history since our blessed Lord commanded His church to hit broadside when He spoke the following words: "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23b); "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19); "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

The church has failed miserably to hit broadside for Jesus Christ and has not obeyed His great marching orders to evangelize the whole world. Our failures and negligence we well know. But shall we continue to stand gazing and sit idly by, while our next-door neighbor perishes in his sin? Shall we continue to dream about world-wide revival while our young people are going down the path to eternal destruction? God

forbid. We shall and we must catch the spirit and fervor of the early Christian church and once more hit broadside for Jesus Christ and we must do so now. This involves,

### I. The Power of the Holy Spirit.

The early church had this power, and the right kind of a church today and the right kind of a Christian today will have the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. It is unthinkable



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able to forget Acts 2:4 in the light of what followed when Peter preached.

### II. The Passion for Lost Souls.

Peter was on fire to draw men and women to Jesus Christ. That is what we need today: a passion for the lost. I don't know how to describe "passion." It means we are rejoicing in the Lord Jesus who saved us. Our hearts will be so tender and full of love for Him that we will determine to tell other people about Christ.

### III. The Preaching of Jesus Christ.

The church hits broadside which determines with Paul "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." And they preached persistently. You could not stop this bunch! May God give us such persistence and in this hour of need help us to hit broadside for Jesus Christ. You and I have not the persistence that we ought to have. We must tell it, and keep on

telling it, and I believe God will help us to win someone to Christ.

### IV. The Power in Prayer.

In Acts 12:5 we read that Peter was in prison, and prayer was made in the church without ceasing for him, and, thank God, He opened the prison door, and performed a miracle, and took Peter out of prison. The early church had power in prayer, and I have the feeling in my heart that if we get down on our faces before God, and humble ourselves, He will answer in some tremendous way again.

### V. The Willingness to Pay.

We find that the early church not only prayed, but paid. They took all they had, and gave it to God. The church that hits broadside will pay—yes, even the Scotch members! Those who dodge their financial responsibility to God are poor indeed and cannot be used in the great battlefield for our Lord.

The world needs to experience today, more than ever before, the tremendous impact of the church hitting broadside in preaching and witnessing. This is the world's only and last hope.

## STARTLING INFORMATION!

A statistician has figured that 5 percent of all church members do not exist; 10 percent of them cannot be found; 25 percent never go to church; 50 percent never contribute a cent to the Lord's work; 75 percent never attend the midweek prayer service; 90 percent do not have family worship in their homes; and more than 95 percent have never tried to win a lost soul to Christ.

What is your percentage?

—Selected.

Matrimony is an institution of learning in which a man loses his bachelor's degree and his wife acquires a master's.—*Warsaw Credit Guide*.



# "It's in the Book"



BRETHREN  
DOCTRINE

## SWEAR NOT AT ALL

By Vernon J. Harris

When the Bible says, "Swear not at all," it means just exactly that. There is no form of swearing that is a credit to any believer. Generally speaking, when we think of a person who swears, we picture a foul-mouthed man or woman whose vocabulary is so limited he breaks the Third Commandment every time he wags his tongue. This is a dangerous habit to get into because the Lord said in Exodus 20:7: "For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." This kind of talk should be foreign to the Christian.

However, our Lord had another kind of swearing in mind when he said, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: but I say unto you, *Swear not at all*; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne: nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil [of the evil one]" (Matt. 5:33-37). This is more of a legal matter. It is a device used today by the world to force men to tell the truth. It assumes that when a man takes an

oath and swears, with his right hand upraised, to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God," that he will not dare to lie because of the oath which he has made. However, the practice seems to be that it is lightly taken and easily broken.

The taking of the oath has a long history. The earliest peoples used it. The Lord Himself instituted it as an integral part of the Mosaic Law (Ex. 22:11), and it became an established custom among the Jews. Nevertheless, the words of Christ and

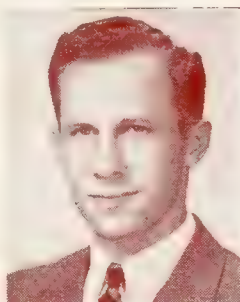
testimony. "But let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay" (Jas. 5:12b). Matthew Henry aptly says, "The frequent requiring and using of oaths is a reflection upon Christians, who should be of such acknowledged fidelity, as that their sober words should be as sacred as their solemn oaths." The very fact that one is a born-again Christian should automatically preclude that he will tell nothing but the truth.

Secret societies, lodges, etc., demand the taking of oaths which are absolutely contrary to Scripture and should be avoided by all Christians. There is nothing secret about Christianity.

Because of pressure from groups who feel as we do on this matter, our Government has made provision for Christians, so that they are required only to "affirm" and not swear" by civil oaths.

When you are asked to "swear" when signing legal documents or in court, you need only to "affirm" in response to their question. If you do so, your testimony will usually be more highly respected. A contract I recently signed had in writing whether I chose to *swear* or *affirm* its validity. Herbert Hoover "affirmed" when taking the oath of office as President.

One truth all Brethren should affirm is to "swear not at all."



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the teachings of the New Testament age of grace shed a different light on this subject. The change is so great that those who "swear" do the following two things:

1. They disobey the Scriptures (Matt. 5:33-37, above). James also said, "But *above all things*, my brethren, *swear not*, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath" (Jas. 5:12a). The Holy Spirit must have impressed this truth upon the mind of James as being of utmost importance or he would not have used the expression, "above all things." It is as much as to say, "Whatever you do, don't swear by anything." And the reason is given, "Lest ye fall into condemnation." God's wrath is invoked upon those who break it.

2. They cast an insult upon the honor and integrity of the Christian's

## A GOOD PRACTICE

I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. It employs about an hour of my time, and seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day. In what light soever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.—*John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States.*

## SEND IT IN

If you have a bit of news,  
Send it in!  
Or a tale that will amuse,  
Send it in!  
A story that is true,  
Or an incident that's new,  
We want to hear from you—  
Send it in!  
Never mind the style  
If you think the news worth while  
It may help, or cause a smile—  
Send it in!

—Anonymous.

# ADVENTURE

## WITH UNCLE PAUL IN THE ROCKIES

By Paul Eiselstein

Hi there, boys and girls! Would you like to hear a story of an experience Uncle Paul had one day up in the Medicine Bow Range in Wyoming?

Uncle Paul is your Brethren missionary, working under the American Sunday School Union, and when he learned of a remote logging camp where they had not been told about Jesus, he purposed to go there at his first opportunity. We'll let Uncle Paul tell the story.

It was early one Sunday morning that I jumped into my truck and headed down the highway toward Snowy Range Pass with a prayer on my heart that God might make me a blessing to some soul for Jesus. Mile after mile passed, until finally I approached the junction where the road to the Medicine Bow country intersected. Turning up the old dusty road, missing one chuckhole to hit another, I bounced along. Soon I was in the foothills and then the canyons of Medicine Bow, where lumbering is the business of those who live there.

Medicine Bow country is wild. Did you ever see a wild deer in the woods? Well, maybe you did, but I

doubt if you ever saw a great big moose. Boy, they are big! Sometimes they grow as tall as a horse, and weigh as much as 1,000 pounds. Medicine Bow country is filled with wild animals, such as deer and moose. Not only are the woods filled with wild animals, but the swift mountain streams are alive with beautiful big bass and trout.

Right in the very heart of this wild country, and not far from Snowy Ridge Pass, is a lumber camp where the men live who are known as "loggers." Early that crisp Sunday morning I arrived at the logging camp. Dwarfed among great, majestic trees of every size and kind were the typical mountain log cabins of Medicine Bow country. A thin curl of smoke arose from each chimney as, no doubt, breakfast was in the "makin'."

I stopped the truck right in front of what appeared to be the main building of the camp. It was a very weathered building with a slab roof and a rickety porch. Soon I learned that this was the main building, for a couple of old signs listed this building as the post office, general store, and assembly hall.

On the porch sat six roughly dressed men with bearded faces. I walked up on the porch and one close look at the men told me that they were bound in sin. Their slow and uncertain actions, together with their blurry eyes, were all evidences that they were victims of the sin of drink. I walked up to one of those rough-looking characters and asked, "Is there a Sunday school in this camp?" "A what?" inquired the stranger. "A Sunday school! Is there one held in this camp?" The stranger tried to arise from his old bench, but only slipped out on the edge and said, "Mister, we ain't got none." I assured him I had come to start one. One of the loggers seated on the porch yelled, "Mister, you take a keg of beer down to your Sunday school and we'll all be there." I smiled and said, "I don't know about the keg of beer, but God's Word will be there."

Thanking the men, I stepped down from the porch and headed for the nearest cabin. For the next hour or so I went from cabin to cabin, and in each I found boys and girls who were eager to hear some stories and see some magic tricks. By 10 o'clock 22 boys and girls had assembled in our open-air Sunday school, with only God's heaven as a roof, the giant trees as curtains, and God's earth as the floor. This was the first Sunday school ever held in the logging camp just beyond the Snowy Range Pass.

Just as in your Sunday school, I taught them the chorus, "For God So Loved the World," and the children quickly learned John 3:16. Those boys and girls were so eager to hear the truth of God's Word that the next week I went back to that camp with workers, and we held a vacation Bible school. To the boy or girl learning the most Scripture a Bible was promised. The girl who won the Bible gave this testimony: "I'm so glad to have Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I'm so glad that we are going to have a Sunday school here and that I have a Bible."

## GEORGE MULLER'S PLAN FOR GETTING THINGS DONE

The first three years after conversion I neglected the Word of God. Since I began to search it diligently, the blessing has been wonderful. I have read the Bible through 100 times and always with increasing delight. I look upon it as a lost day when I have not had a good time over the Word of God. Friends often say, "I have so much to do, so many people to see, I cannot find time for Scripture study." Perhaps there are not many who have more to do than I have. For more than half a century I have never known one day when I had not more business than I could get through. For 40 years I have had annually about 30,000 letters, and most of these have passed

through my own hands. I have nine assistants always at work corresponding in German, French, English, Danish, Italian, Russian, and other languages.

Then, as pastor of a church with 1,200 believers, great has been my care. Besides, I have had charge of five immense orphanages; also, at my publishing depot, the printing and circulating of millions of tracts, books, and Bibles. But I have always made it a rule never to begin work till I have had a good season with God. The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Word in our life and thoughts.—From "George Muller of Bristol."



# "INTO THE DEPTHS"



## TREASURES IN ISAIAH 53 (Part VIII: The Exaltation of Jehovah's Servant)

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

When Christ offered His sinless, infinite soul upon the cross as a trespass-offering for lost humanity, then three definite results followed, which may be considered as the Father's rewards to His beloved Son. These three results are enumerated in the last part of Isaiah 53:10, "He should see posterity, should live long days, and the purpose of Jehovah should prosper through His hand" (paraphrase). These rewards may be classified as: (1) numerous offspring; (2) great length of life; and (3) final success in God's purpose. To the Jewish mind there could be no greater blessings than these. Let us examine each one briefly.

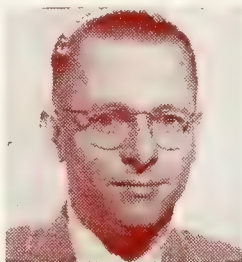
### *The Triple Reward*

In what sense can it be said that Christ has *numerous offspring*? Jewish rabbis claim that Jesus could not be the fulfillment of this verse, because He had no children. But the verse itself indicates that the offspring come *after His death*, and therefore must be *spiritual children*! Our Lord was that "corn of wheat" which first had to die, and therefore now "bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). The Holy Spirit applies these verses to Christ: "Behold I and the children which God hath given me" (Heb. 2:13), and "A seed shall serve Him" (Psa. 22:30). No longer children of Adam, we are now children of God through Christ, the last Adam, who is the "author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

As for *great length of life*, what better can we do than to quote the words of our risen and glorified Lord: "I was dead; and behold, I am *alive for evermore*" (Rev. 1:18). A lengthening of days was promised by God to Solomon if he kept the commandments (I Ki. 3:14), but only the "greater than Solomon" could meet the infinite standards of a holy God, and therefore death itself had no hold upon Him (Acts 2:24).

*Final success in God's purpose* was achieved by our blessed Lord when He cried out from the cross: "It is

finished!" Neither family (John 7:5) nor friends (Mark 3:21) nor disciples (Matt. 16:22) nor enemies (Luke 13:31) nor Satan (Matt. 4:10) could prevent our Lord from faithfully carrying out the purpose of the Father, which had been entrusted into His hands as the perfect Servant. Even now, as the Mediator at the Father's right hand, our Lord is bringing to final success the eternal purposes of God. What an amazing idea is contained in this verse! A Person first



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offers Himself as a trespass-offering, and then still lives, bears children, and continues to work! Only in Christ can such a prophecy find fulfillment!

### *Christ's Soul Travail*

Verse 11 continues the account of Christ's exaltation, as He reaps the fruit of His self-sacrifice in a continuous priestly course. A literal translation of the verse would be as follows: "Because of the travail of His soul, He will see and be satisfied; through His knowledge will He procure justice, my righteous servant, for the many, and will take their iniquities upon Himself." What is that *soul travail* which our Lord looks back upon and is satisfied with? Surely it is more than the mere physical sufferings of the cross. It must include everything that our Saviour referred to when, in the Garden of Gethsemane, He said, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." It was nothing less than the bitter cup of eternal death

which He drained for each of us. The thought of such soul travail brings satisfaction to the heart of Christ now, because it continues to bear eternal fruit.

How can the Lord Jesus justify many "by His *knowledge*"? Was it not by His atonement that He justified many? Certainly, but it was the perfect knowledge of God's eternal purpose in redemption that led our Saviour to the cross. It was because "the spirit of knowledge" (Isa. 11:2) rested upon Him, that God's redemptive work could be entrusted into His hands. And so in like manner we read that "by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19), because it was His obedience to the Father's will that led Him to the cross.

### *Victorious Dominion*

Let us now give a literal translation of the final verse of our chapter: "Therefore I shall give Him a portion among the great, and with the strong ones will He divide spoil; because He has poured out His soul (life blood) into death: and He let Himself be reckoned among transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Victorious dominion is His last great reward for vicarious suffering and faithful high priesthood. And it is GOD who does the bestowing of rewards here, not man (compare Psa. 2). The saints of all ages are graciously entitled "the great" and "the strong ones" in this verse, and with them our Lord will share the spoils of His victory. They will surround Him and fight along with Him in the day of His power (Psa. 110:3), and will follow Him in the final world conquest (Rev. 19:14).

### *Christ's Precious Blood*

Why will such dominion and glory belong to Jehovah's Servant? Because "He poured out His soul into death," and because "He let Himself be reckoned among transgressors." On the basis of Leviticus 17:11 ("the

life of the flesh is in the blood"), we find here literally the pouring out of the very last remnant of Christ's life blood for the sins of men. Furthermore, our Lord allowed Himself to be considered by His countrymen as a wicked apostate and transgressor of law (Luke 22:37), and finally died between two thieves, all for the purpose of our redemption. For that reason the Father shall delight to highly exalt Him, and give Him "a portion with the great." The perfect Servant shall receive His perfect reward.

May God grant to each of us, as a result of studying again these precious treasures in Isaiah 53, a deeper understanding of the intent of the Spirit of Christ, when He "testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow" (I Pet. 1:11).

(The End)

### GOETHE'S NEEDLESS DISTRESS

One afternoon Goethe and Beethoven walked out together in the Carlsbad Valley to talk at ease. Everywhere, as they walked, passersby saluted them, pointed them out, and bowed with ostentatious deference. "Isn't it maddening?" exclaimed Goethe. "I simply can't escape this homage." "Don't be too much distressed by it," said Beethoven; "it is just possible that some of it may be for me."—*Christian Faith and Life*.

### YOU MAY—AND YET BE LOST

Reader, ponder over the following statements. You may *offer* like Cain (Gen. 4:3), *weep* like Esau (Gen. 27:38), *serve* like Gehazi (II Ki. 5:20), *leave* Sodom like Lot's wife (Gen. 19:26), *tremble* like Felix (Acts 24:25), *be zealous* for God like Israel (Rom. 10:2), *be a disciple* like Judas (Acts 1:25), *take part in worship* like Korah (Num. 16), *have a house of worship* like Micah (Judg. 17:5), *desire to die* the death of the righteous like Balaam (Num. 23:10), *make long prayers* like the Pharisees (Matt. 23:

### HONESTY, RIGHT AND WISE

A lady was recently surprised when she answered the doorbell to find the collector of waste papers. The man, an Italian, had taken a lot of paper out of the ash barrel, according to his weekly practice. But among the waste papers he happened to find a silver tablespoon. Immediately he stopped work, went to the door and returned the spoon to the lady, who was pleased to learn that the spoon had been discovered. She had missed it for several days, and had given up all hope of finding it again. It was evident, however, that when taking some papers out of the kitchen, or in removing some papers from the pantry shelf, the spoon had been rolled up in them.

The spoon was of solid silver and was one that had been in the family for two generations. Naturally it was highly prized. The Italian was warmly praised for his honesty, and informed that henceforth all waste papers would be saved for him. The local paper which recorded the incident, made this comment: "No doubt through the interest that will be taken in saving waste paper for him in the future, the Italian will benefit a great deal more than would have been the case had he kept the silver spoon and sold it. This is another incident which shows that good old-fashioned 'honesty is the best policy.'"—*Rev. J. W. Hart*.

"Character is what a man is when he's alone."—*Our Hope*.

14), *prophesy* like Saul (I Sam. 10:10), *have lamps* like the foolish virgins (Matt. 25:1-13), *be near* the kingdom like the young man (Matt. 19:16), *almost a Christian* like Agrippa (Acts 26:28)—*and yet be lost!*

Reader, think over this! Are you saved? "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). "Now if any have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 13:9). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).—*Our Hope*.

### EXPERIMENTAL HOLINESS

A mother sat searching her Bible, trying to probe the secrets of a life of holiness. She spent so much time seeking spiritual help that the duties of her household became irksome and were either hurried through or neglected. The "homeliness" of home was gone. One day, as she was deep in study, her little girl toddled up to her side with a broken doll. "Mommy, please mend dolly for me." With an impatient gesture, the mother brushed the little one aside. "I've more important things to do than trouble about dolly!" The little one turned sadly away, and the mother continued her search for holiness.

But the search was a fruitless one, and the mother closed her book with a sigh, and sought the little child. She was lying on the hearth rug clutching her darling doll, and with the tears still wet on her pretty face. The mother's heart was smitten. God spoke to her then and there. Tenderly stooping over the little one she woke her with her kisses. Then, taking her into her arms, she breathed a prayer to God for forgiveness. *She saw that holiness could not thrive on neglected duties. Her devotion to her Lord was henceforth seen in her care of the household, and shone out even in mending broken toys!* Home became home again. And the very page of Scripture was lighted up with a fresh glory!—*An Unknown Christian, in "How to Live the Victorious Life."*

### LEAKY CHRISTIANS

Most of us fit the description of the old woman quoted by Charles M. Alexander at Northfield. Down in Tennessee, Alexander said there was once a meeting of intense power, and one of the variety of disciples who blew hot and blew cold, who was revived at each annual revival and who backslid in the interim, was praying in the assembly with a great burst of emotion. There was present an old woman who knew him well, who read correctly his character, and had witnessed his many revivals and backslidings. So when he suddenly burst into prayer for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to be given him, the old woman emphatically cried: "Don't you do it, Lord. He leaks!"

How sad a commentary! In the same sense, most of us "leak"—we fail to retain the bestowed blessing.—*Christian Life*.



# The Brethren Missionary Herald

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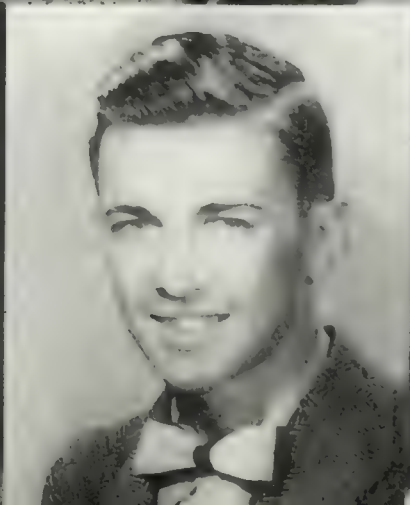
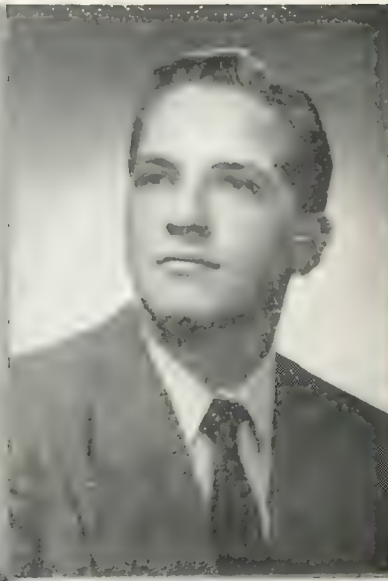
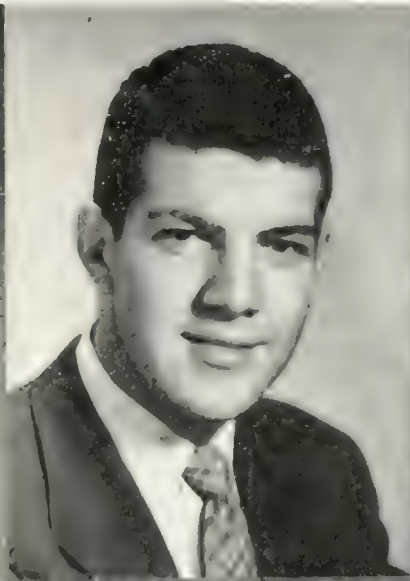
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## *Gingerbread Choices*

In the following press release, sent to us on August 24 by the press relations office of Valparaiso University, President Kretzmann gives some impressions of a flying trip to Europe. The material is quoted in full not only because it represents the thinking of a distinguished educator, but also because it confirms the conviction possessed by many of our own church leaders that the time is past due when the Christian people of America especially "must look hard and close at our entire educational system." Grace Theological Seminary, and more recently its college division, came into existence because of a realization that no educational system is adequate unless it emphasizes the moral and spiritual values as set forth in the Word of God by a Bible-believing faculty. No other education will meet, either today or tomorrow, the needs of a world that is sick unto death. Parents and pastors should think long and hard before they influence young people to attend institutions where these values are not taught. Dr. Kretzmann's comments follow.

"Much of Europe's suffering is due to the wrong kind of education," said Dr. Otto Paul Kretzmann, Valparaiso (Ind.) University president, after a flying trip into Europe, where he conducted daily spiritual retreats at Geneva, Switzerland, for U. S. Air Force personnel.

"In certain places," the distinguished Lutheran clergyman-educator said, "it was evident that God, and morality, and faith, and love had been set aside for their opposites. One could almost feel in the air the lowering of the standards of civic and public morality.

"I came home with a renewed conviction that we in America must look hard and close at our entire educational system."

Dr. Kretzmann stated, "It is time for us to understand very clearly that only an education which emphasizes moral and spiritual values can possibly be adequate and relevant in the world of tomorrow."

Writing in the president's annual report to Valparaiso University patrons, scheduled for publication October 1, Dr. Kretzmann recalled a visit with the rector of the 567-year-old University of Heidelberg during his Air Force-sponsored European tour June 9-27.

"I thought of the ancient tradition of dueling and the haunting melodies of 'The Student Prince' for which this university is best known when I heard the rector tell me something about the quiet, unspectacular work of the university in many fields of knowledge.

"The day-by-day routine of faithful teaching, wise counseling, and unashamed search for truth is the very real secret of Heidelberg's long and honorable existence.

"I was forcibly reminded of this when I returned to our own country and heard the reasons why students are choosing certain institutions of learning these days. In many cases it was the gingerbread rather than the heart of the college which attracted them.

"This I believe is a tragic development in American education," Dr. Kretzmann concluded.

## *A Record Enrollment*

As the material for this week's issue of the Herald goes to press, it appears that there will be a record enrollment of at least 87 new students in the first-year classes of the seminary and college student bodies this fall. Thus far 44 students have been enrolled in the junior class of the seminary, and 47 have been enrolled for the first time in Grace College. Not all of the new college students will be freshmen, for some have come with credits from other schools. A complete record of student enrollment will appear in the Herald next month. Pray for the new students especially. Many of them are away from home for the first time.

## *The Seminary's Conference Offering*

Delegates who attended the National Fellowship sessions at Winona Lake in August, and our readers in general will rejoice to know that the offering for Grace Theological Seminary received during the conference amounted to approximately \$1,800 in cash, with an additional \$50 in pledges. This amount, in addition to caring for the cost of the Bauman memorial bronze tablet, helped much toward caring for the August deficit. It was possible for the school to close its books for the month with receipts totaling \$5,324.37. We are praising God once again for His provision.

## *Gift From American Association for Jewish Evangelism*

All who were acquainted with the ministry of the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman will recall his great love for Christ's brethren according to the flesh, the Jews. Much of his writing was devoted to subjects dealing with God's plan for Israel, the time of Jacob's trouble, the return of the Jews, and the restoration of the land. Dr. Bauman was a member of the original group of men who met in Chicago to form the American Association for Jewish Evangelism, and he served as a member of the advisory council until his death. It was not surprising, therefore, that the organization should request the privilege of making a contribution of \$50 toward the Louis S. Bauman Memorial Lectureship Fund and the purchase of the bronze memorial tablet. The association's gift will help to perpetuate Dr. Bauman's work through the annual lectures to the students of Grace Theological Seminary. One of the rules under which the lectureship operates is the provision that "subjects be chosen within the range of Dr. Bauman's ministry," and among those specifically mentioned is the field of "Biblical prophecy."

## *Are You Using Your Monthly Plan Envelopes?*

The little yellow envelopes of the seminary's monthly plan have been graciously used of the Lord to meet the needs of the school. Do you have a packet of these to supply you for the remainder of this year? Are you using them regularly? If you need a packet, ask your pastor. If the supply at your church is exhausted, write us. Remember, we have a big responsibility at Grace Seminary this year!



# DEDICATION OF THE L. S. BAUMAN MEMORIAL TABLET

As many readers will recall, the 1952 National Fellowship adopted certain recommendations of a committee with reference to a suitable memorial for the late Dr. Louis S. Bauman. The central feature of the recommendations was a "Louis S. Bauman Memorial Lectureship," which will begin in 1954. In addition to this, it was decided that a memorial bronze tablet bearing Dr. Bauman's likeness and an appropriate inscription be placed in the seminary building. This page of the Herald contains the dedication address and in a slightly condensed form the memorial tributes given by four individuals representing various periods of Dr. Bauman's ministry. The dedication service for the memorial tablet was held on Thursday, August 27, as a part of the Grace Theological Seminary program at the National Fellowship.—A. J. M.

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

*President of Grace Theological Seminary*

In the recorded history of our race, it is an invariable mark of any worth-while culture to find men striving to capture the intangible values of their times and preserve them for the sake of generations to come. Sometimes these values appear in great spiritual experiences of God. At other times they appear in a life. Yet the two are not separable. For it is certain that no generation of mankind has ever shared in any great experience of God apart from some great human personality. "How can I understand except some man should guide me," voices the wistful cry of every generation of our sinful race.

For the preservation of such values, men have often resorted to the medium of material records, monuments, and emblems. Thus, to commemorate in an unforgettable manner his experience with the Everlasting God, Abraham "planted a grove in Beer-sheba." For the same purpose, Jacob set up a pillar that he might not forget the vision of God at Bethel. So also the tribes of the children of Israel, having crossed the Red Sea and the Jordan, made a pile of 12 stones, that their unborn children might preserve the glory of those experiences. The material object, changed by the strange alchemy of the human mind, becomes both a memorial of the triumph of the past and also a symbol of the infinite possibilities of the future under God.

We are assembled here tonight to dedicate such a monument to the memory of one whose life and ministry became the divinely appointed medium of a great spiritual experience for many men and women of his day, some of whom are here in this auditorium tonight. It was not within our feeble power to prolong his day. But we can prolong the values of its spiritual and moral glory.

The tablet we are about to unveil is intended to serve as a tangible symbol of the spiritual values in a life which became great because of the ineffable grace of God. It is fitting that this tablet with its inscription, a memorial to our beloved friend, Louis S. Bauman, should be dedicated here in this auditorium during the annual conference of Brethren churches, where he stood for so many years as the champion of Christian truth and righteousness.

It is also fitting that this memorial tablet should be erected, as it shall be, in the hallway of the building of Grace Theological Seminary, an institution which in large part exists by reason of his vision and faith. In that building his face will look down on students and teachers, and the inscription will be read, to remind us that we have a sacred trust to keep, a battle to fight in the unceasing warfare of truth and righteousness against darkness and error; and that our task will not be finished until all nations have heard the testimony concern-



DR. LOUIS S. BAUMAN

ing the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of Louis S. Bauman, and our Saviour.

Let us, therefore, dedicate not merely this material symbol, but let us rather dedicate ourselves anew to the task committed more largely than ever into our hands by the homegoing of our friend, whose Lord still lives and who at last will have the victory.

The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget.

By Dr. Charles H. Ashman

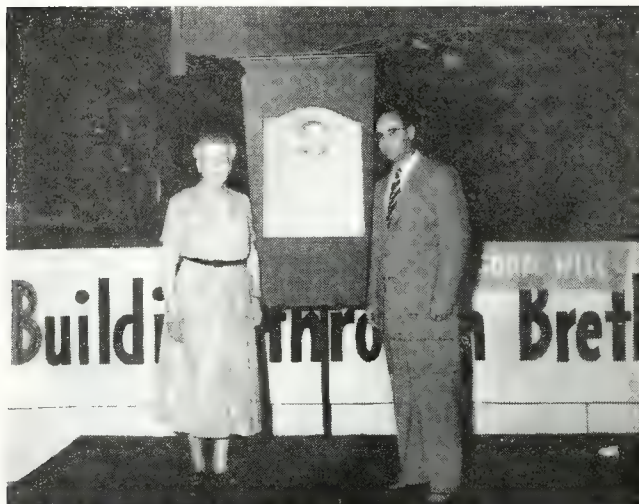
*Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Grace Theological Seminary*

I want to speak a few words concerning the man I knew, or Dr. Bauman as I knew him. Forty-seven years ago I became acquainted with Dr. Bauman. When I was a student in Ashland College and Seminary he came for

an evangelistic meeting, and throughout more than 40 years that elapsed until the time of his death, we were very closely associated in many respects in the work of the church.

I knew Dr. Bauman as a man with a message. Regardless of the length of the message, it was always a message. It was not just a sermon—it was always something that would challenge the thinking and stir the heart. I knew him as a man with a message.

I knew Dr. Bauman as a man of strong convictions. This aspect of his character impressed me greatly as a young man in the ministry. He had strong Scriptural convictions and was known everywhere as one who



*The above picture, taken at the dedication service, shows Mrs. Louis S. Bauman and Dr. Paul R. Bauman standing beside the facsimile of the bronze memorial tablet of Dr. Louis S. Bauman. The tablet itself will soon be installed in the seminary building.*

earnestly contended for "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints." He had strong convictions concerning separation and was always bold yet constructive in lifting his voice against any compromise of the standard of separation from the world. He had strong convictions concerning service. Many young men were challenged and helped to enter the ministry because of his influence, and many received inspiration also to give their lives on the altar of service as missionaries.

I knew Dr. Bauman as a man of wonderful Christian fellowship. Especially in later years, though in a limited way throughout all these 47 years, the Ashmans and the Baumans had fellowship. We often met in fellowship spending evenings together in the home. Dr. Bauman loved such seasons of fellowship, especially in the playing of games.

I knew Dr. Bauman as a man who stood for a square deal for his fellow Christians. He maintained the right of freedom of speech on the floors of our conference, and he always extended the same courtesy and would contend for it for all. We didn't always agree, but he stood

for my expression of my convictions with the same liberty that he asked for himself. Dr. Bauman did have a strong influence in my life. I tell you frankly, I miss him much. There are times when I actually grow homesick for Dr. Bauman.

**By Mr. Carl Seitz**

*Member, Board of Trustees, Grace Theological Seminary*

I feel greatly honored to speak in behalf of Dr. L. S. Bauman's ministry in Philadelphia. I was not a Brethren when he was in Philadelphia, but I have always felt a relationship to him because Dr. McClain was saved through Dr. Bauman's ministry, and we came into the Brethren Church through Dr. McClain. It was also through Dr. Bauman's strong Bible teaching and preaching that a little frame church at Tenth and Dauphin Streets in Philadelphia was soon crowded. Soon souls were being saved, and in 1905 a beautiful stone building was erected which I understand was one of the best in the Brotherhood at that time. Many people were blessed through his ministry and came to know of the Lord's second coming. Who can forget Dr. Bauman's realistic messages? I can see him yet (can't you?) as he illustrated David picking up those stones, putting them in his bag, and throwing one of them at Goliath.

Dr. Bauman moved on, but his influence continued in Philadelphia. In 1942 a building was erected in a new section of Philadelphia and the old cornerstone was opened up at Tenth and Dauphin. When the box was removed and placed in the new cornerstone, we were privileged to have Dr. Bauman bring the dedication message at that service.

Dr. Bauman was not only a great preacher but he was one of the most human men I have ever met. We had the privilege of becoming very intimately acquainted with him in his later ministry and had the pleasure of entertaining him in our home a number of times. These were precious occasions, indeed.

Dr. Bauman has gone to be with the Lord, but his influence in the Philadelphia church still remains. We're proud in Philadelphia to have Dr. Bauman's remains lying in the old Germantown cemetery which adjoins the first Brethren church erected in America.

**By Miss Johanna Nielsen**

*Missionary to Argentina, South America*

I am sure that I would like to be able to express in words that are adequate the appreciation of every one of the missionaries on the foreign field who went out while Brother Bauman was serving as secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Those of us who knew Brother Bauman certainly cannot fail to realize the wonderful blessing that we all received from his ministry of letter writing. He had a very special gift for it, and it seems as though the Lord put it into his heart to write the letter we needed at just the time that it was needed. I do not know how many times the missionaries on the field told me of the real lift that was given to them in a time of trouble or dis-

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couragement when a letter came from Brother Bauman. We praise God for that as well as for the wonderful friendliness he always showed for the missionaries when they were at home.

Then I would like also to express my appreciation for what the Bauman family has meant to the Nielsen family and for the precious times of friendliness and fellowship we were privileged to enjoy together in the years that have passed. I was one of the six original members of the Long Beach First church. When one looks at that church today he can't help but realize that its greatness is largely due to the foundation that Brother Bauman laid and built upon in real Biblical doctrine and teaching. We praise the Lord for his faithful ministry through many years in Long Beach.

I want to add a word of very personal appreciation for what his life and ministry meant to me because it was through his ministry that I came to have an entirely changed vision of life and the values of life. It was in his ministry that I was constrained to dedicate my life to the service of the Lord. I praise the Lord for Dr. Bauman as pastor, friend, and counselor.

By Rev. George O. Peek

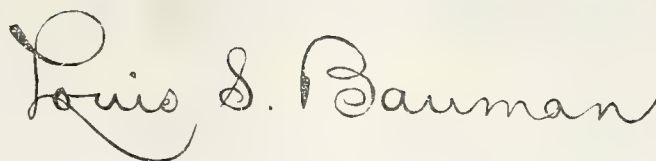
*Pastor, Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.*

I am beginning my 11th year in the ministry, and more and more as I look back over the years I thank God for the wise counsel which Dr. Bauman gave to me in the early years of my ministry. There are many precious memories that I have of him tonight—three of them I would like to mention.

First, I remember his sermons—many of them. It was through his preaching of God's Word that I as a young Christian was strengthened in the faith and brought closer to the Lord. It was also through his teaching of the truths that are precious to us in the Brethren Church that I became a member of the Brethren Church. Then I also remember many of his sermons—special ones. I'm thinking tonight particularly of that sermon on "Why Did Adam Eat That Apple?" You know, he could picture Eve as few have ever pictured her.

I also remember something of his humor. Even after he was well advanced in age he still enjoyed a good laugh and a good time. I'll always remember the first time I faced serious repercussions over a stand I had taken as a young pastor. So I went to Dr. Bauman, and I'll never forget seeing him seated at the south end of his study where the sun came in. When I told him my troubles, he laughed at me and said, "Now you're beginning to amount to something! The Book says, 'Beware when all men speak well of you.'" On another occasion I remember when Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer (a Presbyterian), a man well-loved by Dr. Bauman, was there to preach for us. Dr. Bauman gave him a very fine introduction and then he said, "Now preach on whatever you wish, Dr. Chafer, but don't talk about baptism!" I learned from him that a minister needs a controlled sense of humor as much as he needs the more serious moods.

I also remember Dr. Bauman's love and devotion for his calling. The ministry was indeed a high and holy calling to him. Something of the understanding which I have concerning that calling was given to me through the little things that he said to me upon different occasions when I called at his office. I remember one day he said to me, "Never let your people catch up with you,



*Dr. Bauman's signature was familiar to thousands of people who through the years received cards and letters from him. Many loved the beauty of his handwriting which, once seen, was never forgotten.*

George." Now that could be taken two ways. But then he went on to explain and said, "What I mean is: be continually in the Word of God—studying, studying, studying! Burn the midnight oil in order that you might always have food to give your people on Sunday." And certainly he was faithful in this regard. I'd love to hear a good two-and-one-half-hour sermon tonight on prophecy, wouldn't you? I have no strange ambitions or aspirations this evening largely because this great man of God counseled me in the early years of my ministry. I thank God for his influence upon my life.

## WHY I AM ENTERING GRACE COLLEGE

"Lord send me, here am I, send me." I have made this vow with our blessed Lord and now I know it's my duty to fulfill it to the best of my ability. I also know that I should prepare for His service at an institution which will help equip me spiritually as well as mentally.

After hearing of the fine spiritual atmosphere of Grace College and counseling with some of its fine Spirit-filled teachers and leaders, I believe that Grace has just what I need—plenty of good accredited subjects both in the secular field and in Bible, fine fellowship, and high spiritual standards.

To be frank, about two months ago I said that I wouldn't go to Grace and didn't want to go, but since that time the Lord has dealt with me concerning the matter. Since then I have completely changed my mind and want to come to Grace above all other schools. Due to capable advisors, circumstances, and certain impressions, I believe the Lord is leading me to Grace.—*Midge Perdue, Covington, Va. (No. 2 on front cover).*

## PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT IN PHILISTIA

The supernatural character of the Bible is shown by its many instances of fulfilled prophecy, often in great detail. One such instance concerns a city of ancient Philistia. "Ekron shall be rooted up" (Zeph. 2:4). The words are unusual and striking, yet few would think of laying special stress upon them. Let the event instruct us. The site is still called Akir, and there still remain upon it a few inhabitants. But around the small village no mounds are seen such as mark the sites of other ancient cities. *Ekron has literally been rooted up.* The place where it once stood is now ploughed fields; and the only evidence that a city ever existed there is found in the stones of handmills and the ancient cisterns which are occasionally met with by the cultivators.—*From "Wonders of Prophecy," by John Urquhart.*

## PART I

September 8, 1953, was the date of a papal bull decreeing 1954 to be *Anno Mariano* (Year of Mary), according to an August 12 press notice. This will not be to honor the mother of Christ. Rather, 1954 is to be the year to focus attention of Catholics around the world on the 100th anniversary of the defining of the doctrine of Immaculate Conception of Mary by Pope Pius IX.

This doctrine, misunderstood by many Protestants, is one of the holdest attempts to deify Mary. The effort is only equaled by Pope Pius XII's proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on November 1, 1950. Since it appears much will be said in 1954 about the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, some data concerning this doctrine, which is one of the chief cornerstones of Roman Catholicism, should be noted. Also the deception of such teaching should be observed as well as the means of refuting such perversion of Scripture.

### THE DOCTRINE DEFINED

Pope Pius IX's bull, "*Ineffabilis Deus*," read before an assembly of cardinals and bishops at St. Peter's (Rome) December 8, 1854, defines this teaching as,

"The doctrine which holds the blessed Virgin Mary to have been, from the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ Jesus the Saviour of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was revealed by God and is, therefore, to be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.

As O'Brien points out ("The Faith of Millions," 7th ed., p. 460), this doctrine is not identical with nor does it concern the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception deals with Mary's conception in her mother's womb. In other words, at the moment Mary was conceived she "was immune from original sin in which all the descendants of Adam are conceived, and from which they are freed at baptism."

### DOCTRINAL DICTATORSHIP

Pope Pius IX's bull, containing the official definition of the doctrine of Immaculate Conception, concluded thus:

"Therefore, if some would presume to think in their hearts otherwise than we have defined (which God forbid), they shall know and thoroughly understand that they are by their own judgment condemned, have made shipwreck concerning the faith, and fallen away from the unity of the Church; and, moreover, that they, by this very act, subject themselves to the penalties ordained by law, if by word or writing, or any other external means, they dare to signify what they think in their hearts."

By declaring that whosoever disagrees with the dogma in his bull is condemned, Pope Pius IX introduced a novel interpretation of I Timothy 1:19, which does not coincide with the idea of shipwrecked faith as expressed by the Apostle Paul. The words of the bull which read "... if some presume to think in their hearts otherwise than we have defined (which God forbid) ..." is in marked contrast with the apostolic humility which the apostle showed, for example, in I Corinthians 7:10 and 12. The above-cited concluding words of Pope Pius IX's

bull are utterly lacking in Christian love and reminiscent of threats contained in speeches and documents of Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin.

### DERIVATION OF THE DOCTRINE

From the standpoint of Roman Catholic theologians the Scriptural derivation of the doctrine of Immaculate Conception is from the following sources:

#### 1. *Vulgate version of Genesis 3:15:*

The emphasis is on the second half of verse 15, which reads in the Vulgate: "*she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt assail her heel.*" This is not in accord with the Hebrew, which plainly reads *he* (for *she*) and *his* (for *her*).<sup>1</sup>

The official Catholic interpretation makes Genesis 3:15b apply to the Virgin Mary. However, some members of the hierarchy have not been so dogmatic about this. Cardinal Gibbons has said that Genesis 3:15b merely *implies* the doctrine of Immaculate Conception ("The Faith of our Fathers," 47th ed., p. 205) and not that Genesis 3:15b is proof positive of the doctrine.

However, the use of Genesis 3:15 by the hierarchy as an ironclad proof text for the doctrine of Immaculate Conception has greatly influenced Catholic minds everywhere. A manifestation of this is in the painting, "The Immaculate Conception," by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo (1693-1770). In his painting a fully robed Mary is depicted crushing a serpent with her bare heel—a picturization of the Catholic interpretation of Genesis 3:15!

2. *Interpretation of Song of Solomon 4:7* to refer to Mary instead of the Christian church (although standard Catholic commentaries on Song of Solomon refer the entire book to Christ and the Christian church!).

3. *Arbitrary allegorical interpretation of Song of Solomon 4:12.* The words "garden inclosed, and fountain sealed" is spoken of the spouse (church of Christ), but Catholics refer it to Mary.

4. *Apocryphal book, Wisdom 1:4* ("Into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject to sin.") This does not refer to Mary or any individual person, but is a general maxim like some of the statements in Proverbs.

5. *Luke 1:28, the angelic greeting:* "Hail (Mary), full of grace (*gratia plena*)."

The general Roman Catholic view is that since grace excludes sin, Mary could not have sin in her or the stain of sin and be full of grace; moreover, the Greek suggests (say the Catholics) "completely filled with holiness." The reader may see Rumble and Carty, "Radio Replies," vol. I, p. 159, for further discussion.

*Note: This article will be continued in the October Educational Number of the Herald.—Ed.*

(1) The Roman Catholic Church makes the Vulgate the only Bible which is authoritative and divinely inspired and this is so decreed by the Fourth Session (April 8, 1546) of the Council of Trent as follows:

"But if any one receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books (O. T., five apocryphal books, and N. T.) entire and with all their parts, as they have been used to be read in the Catholic Church, and as they are contained in the old Latin Vulgate edition; and knowingly and deliberately condemn the tradition aforesaid; let him be anathema."

Also Chapter II of "The Dogmatic Decrees of the Vatican Council concerning the Catholic Faith and the Church of Christ, published in Rome in 1870, forbids Catholics to consider as authoritative anything aside from the Vulgate edition.



# YOUTH FOR CHRIST EVANGELISM IN JAPAN

Many of our readers prayed for God's blessing upon the ministry of the great Youth for Christ evangelistic team that invaded Japan during the month of August, and for Eddie Smith, a senior in the college and a member of the Grace Trumpeters. In a recent letter to the editor, Eddie says, "This is a wonderful and fascinating country, but the needs of the people are great. It is heartbreaking to see how many have never heard the name of Jesus once. However, we have seen souls saved every day, and the Japanese church is being revived. Continue to pray for them." The following article gives some account of the Youth for Christ work in the Japanese islands.—P. R. B.

A new note of cooperation for the evangelism of Japan and the Far East was struck by missionaries, Japanese Christian leaders, and foreign delegates attending the Youth for Christ International Congress on Evangelism during the week August 10-16.

More than 800 delegates prayed, wept, and met together in the inspirational sessions of the congress before fanning out into city-wide evangelistic campaigns across the islands. Of these delegates, more than 200 came from 20 different countries outside Japan, of which three-fourths came from the United States and Canada. "It would be hard to find a more strategic and important center in today's world than Tokyo," Youth for Christ International President Robert Cook told the delegates in his keynote address. "The reason for world congresses such as this one is to make a serious and adult attempt to tell everyone that we can possibly reach in Japan that Jesus Christ can cleanse the life from all sin and that there is hope of eternal life through Him."

Unique features marked the congress. The Youth for Christ all-star basketball team, spending the summer in exhibition games and in preaching in the Orient, defeated two of Japan's top amateur teams before capacity crowds on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Before the games, the 10-man team, headed by Coach Don Odle, of Taylor University, Ind., sang and gave their testimonies of their faith in Christ.

Colorful scenes were contributed to the congress by many foreign delegates. Bishop Mar Athanasius, head of what is probably the oldest Christian denomination in the world, the Mar Thoma church of India, was present at all sessions in his red robe and hood. He hopes to spearhead a new evangelistic movement of Indians throughout his own country. Miss Winnie Bonner, outstanding woman evangelist of India, was another colorful figure in the conference sessions. A number of Chinese Christians now doing evangelistic work in various Far East countries were also present.

In 60 key cities in Japan's 45 prefectures city-wide evangelistic campaigns are being held following the congress in Tokyo. In these cities, teams composed of visiting delegates, missionaries, and Japanese pastors are making a concerted effort for evangelism throughout Japan's four islands. All leading evangelistic mission societies and churches are cooperating in this effort, a new thing for Japan, many said.

Eddie Smith, from Xenia, Ohio, a student at Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., was assigned to minister in the prefecture of Kagoshima. Kagoshima city is located 900

miles southwest of Tokyo and has a population of over 300,000. It is said by many missionaries to be the most needy part of Japan. Statistics show that there is only one missionary to every 359,000 persons. It is also a Communist stronghold and refuge for homeless Koreans. Mr. Smith was accompanied by Mr. Paul Veenstra, song leader from Grand Rapids, Mich., and by a Japanese university student who acted as interpreter for the team. Their ministry carried them into seven cities in 14 days, preaching the Gospel in churches, schools, prisons, hospitals, and wherever they could gain an audience. Christian people should pray for this vital ministry. Many in the Far East believe that the door of Christianity is rapidly closing in Japan.

President Cook announced the next world congress for the spring of 1955 in Brazil.

## GRACE SEMINARY OFFERING REPORT

FOR AUGUST 1953

Akron, Ohio .....	\$22.00	Martinsburg, Pa. ....	\$2.00
Albany, Oreg. ....	6.00	Martinsburg, W. Va. ...	80.00
Aleppo, Pa. ....	2.00	Meyersdale, Pa. ....	2.00
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Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...	16.00	Portland, Oreg. ....	8.00
Clay City, Ind. ....	177.00	Radford, Va. ....	4.00
Clayhole, Ky. ....	1.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	35.00
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Cleveland, Ohio ....	82.00	Roanoke, Va. (W.H'ts)	1.00
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	20.00	Seal Beach, Calif. ....	10.75
Covington, Va. ....	67.00	Seattle, Wash. ....	5.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio ..	11.00	Seven Fountains, Va. ...	6.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ....	12.00	Sharpville, Ind. ....	11.00
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Davenport, Iowa ....	10.00	South Gate, Calif. ....	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (1st) ....	82.00	South Pasadena, Calif. .	100.00
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Hagerstown, Md. ....	3.00	Wheaton, Ill. ....	16.50
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Limestone, Tenn. ....	9.00	National WMC .....	104.78
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	309.34	Isolated Brethren ....	195.00
Long Beach, Calif. (2) ..	126.50	Non-Brethren ....	93.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) ..	128.00	Conference cash offering	99.32
Los Angeles, Calif. (2) ..	10.00		
Mansfield, Ohio ....	28.00	Total .....	\$5,324.37

"The longer I live the more I believe in sermons preached by one man with one man as his congregation."  
—Henry Ward Beecher.





## HOMILETIC SEMINAR

Once to each middler comes the golden opportunity to develop an exposition of a single verse of Scripture and to deliver the message before the faculty and student body in regular chapel. Thursdays are set aside for this purpose. The two middlers selected for each week are assigned texts. They arrange for the entire service, selecting a master of ceremonies from the junior class, choosing special music and the Scripture reading. These pictures show Donald Tschetter, from Huron, S. D., in some of the situations familiar to everyone who has survived the middler "homiletic seminar." Mr. Tschetter spoke from John 16:24 on the subject of "Prayer." Al Tschiegg led the singing, and Vernon Buller sang a special number.

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD STUDENT?

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

With the opening of school each fall comes the question, What makes a good student? Thousands of young people will be entering halls of learning across the land, aspiring to achieve success in their studies. Some will succeed, many will fail. What is the reason for the result in either case? When in college, a good many years ago, the writer listened to one of his professors speak in chapel on this matter. He presented seven characteristics of a good student. Hoping that their repetition here may be with some profit to the reader, they are as follows:

1. *The good student tries to cure his intellectual defects.* His attitude is like that of the patient in the presence of his doctor. He wants to be cured of his intellectual deficiencies.

2. *He tries to develop clear thinking.* It is a source of real personal satisfaction to be able to think clearly. Then, too, one's influence to a large degree is dependent upon this ability. How can one help others to think clearly if he does not think clearly himself?

3. *The good student welcomes critics as friends.* Ofttimes it takes criticism to point out some outstanding defect in an otherwise successful development.

4. *He is also enamored of accuracy.* He is never satisfied with indefiniteness. Glittering generalities do not appeal to him. He wants to be able to hit the mark. Carefulness is his constant companion.

5. *Moreover, he keeps an open mind.* He is not given to snap judgments that become final. He is desirous of a well-rounded grasp of truth.

6. *The good student utilizes the recitation experience as an opportunity for convincing, forceful speech.* It is said that many men failed to obtain the position of captain in the Army during the first World War because of inability to give a command clearly—lack of clear enunciation proved their downfall. Do some preachers need to take note at this point?

7. *Finally, said this college professor, the good student joins a literary society.* Surely he will be interested in what the great masters of thought and language have produced and will seek to store his mind with these treasures. We scarcely need to remind our readers that the greatest literary treasure of all is the Holy Bible.



# THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

Featured on the cover of the December 20, 1952, issue of the Saturday Evening Post was this title—"Skid Row: Junk Heap for Human Beings." In the table of contents the same article was listed as "The Shame of Skid Row." Anyone familiar with this sort of district in the modern city knows exactly what the writer was describing, a section of the city inhabited by human derelicts. Here amidst the dives, dumps, back alleys, flophouses, and saloons miserable creatures exist and degenerate and die. Filth and squalor, vermin and disease, drunkenness and depravity are the common lot of all who enter there.

Several years ago, in the city of Detroit, the exposure of these conditions so aroused the mayor of the city that he determined to seek a solution. After consultation with some of the leading citizens, four measures were proposed: enforcement of the State liquor laws, a rehabilitation camp, physical change in the Skid Row area, and a counseling and employment service. The fourth was the only thing that materialized.

The staff of this counseling and employment service consists of an administrative officer, an employment counselor, a personal counselor, and a clinical psychologist. Within a period of several years some 1,670 clients from Skid Row have voluntarily entered the place for help. The committee feels that it can do nothing for 400; 520 never came back a second time; 500 are still troubled with relapses. Out of the 1,670 the committee feels that 250 may turn out as permanently cured.

Probably this effort is to be commended as the best that can be done by a city-government of this world. But how gratifying it is to know that there is real help and an eternal cure in the salvation which Christ provides (Heb. 7:25). But what adds to this joy is the fact that where human governments fail, the government of Christ will succeed when He comes to establish His kingdom in the earth (Rev. 20:1-6).

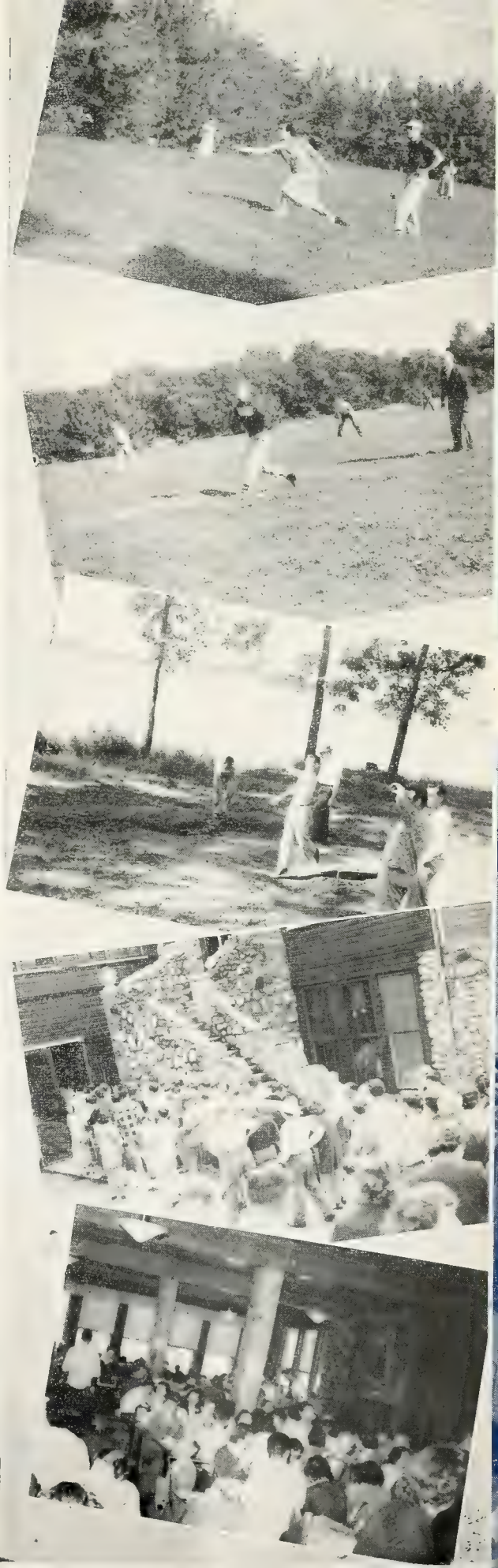
## DIRECTED TO GRACE

I was reared in a Christian home, not a strong one; we did not have regular family worship. I attended Sunday school regularly, but I did not have the assurance of my salvation until I was 12. I have gone to a Brethren camp every summer since. I received excellent training and also I surrendered my life to the Lord at camp. The Lord has not revealed to me what His will for my life is, but I am assured that He has directed me to Grace.—JoAnn Garber, Leon, Iowa (No. 1 on front cover).

## FALL RETREAT

Each year the fall retreat provides an opportunity for the members of the student body to trade classroom routine for this special occasion to renew friendships and meet new students and their families. The last two years, as previously, the event took place at Camp Alexander Mack, a few miles north of Winona Lake. But, in contrast to previous years, a parade last year featured crepe-paper streamers, honking horns, and police escort through Warsaw. About 90 cars formed the parade. Pictures on the right depict some of the activities of the day. This year's retreat took place on Friday, September 18, too late to report fully in this month's magazine.

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*Osceola, Ind.* A class for new converts is being taught by Pastor Scott Weaver at the regular Sunday-school hour.

*Fort Lewis, Wash.* The complete address of Chaplain (Lt.) Wayne Flory is Hq. 130, Inf. Reg., 44th Inf Div. Quar. 391-D.

*Lansing, Mich.* A week-night Bible class is being conducted in the Lansing and Grand Rapids, Mich., area. Any Brethren living in these two areas should contact the Brethren Home Missions Council, or Rev. Robert Griffith and Rev. Earl Funderburg, R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.

*Roanoke, Va.* Until further notice the address of Rev. Archie Lynn is 1822 Windsor Ave., Raleigh Court, Roanoke, Va. Any church desiring the ministry of Brother Lynn for meetings next spring may contact him at the above address.

*Andover, Mass.* The Universalist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association have joined in a partial federation at the first joint biennial conference August 24. The agreement was to merge their departments of religious education, publications, and public relations.

*Washington, D. C.* According to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, one crime was committed in the United States for every 76 persons in the population during 1952. A major crime was committed every 15.5 seconds.

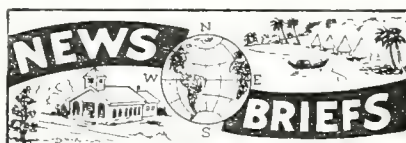
*Long Beach, Calif.* The young people of the California District Conference chartered a boat for a 10-hour trip to Catalina Island Saturday, August 29.

*Houston, Tex.* (RNS). The 42d general convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod rejected by a vote of 792 out of 800 delegates a resolution which would have identi-

fied the pope of the Roman Catholic Church as the Antichrist.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* (RNS). Robert Walker, of Chicago, editor of Christian Life magazine and director of the Christian Writers Institute holding its ninth annual meeting here, declared that daily newspapers throughout the United States are finding it necessary to print more religious news in order to retain their readers.

*Yakima, Wash.* Rev. D. F. Eikenberry departed from this life to be with Christ on Wednesday, September 9. Brother Eikenberry was the father of Mrs. Russell Williams, wife of our pastor in Yakima. The body was brought to Canton, Ohio, where services were conducted in the First Brethren Church on September 14, with Rev. Harold Etling, of Akron, in charge. Brother Eikenberry was pastor at Canton about 1912.



*Los Angeles, Calif.* The militant pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Dr. Bob Shuler, Sr., has retired at the age of 73. Dr. Shuler has been pastor of this church for 33 years. Rev. Bob Shuler, Jr., has been called as his successor. Evangelist Jack Shuler is another son.

*Yankee Stadium, N. Y.* The 19th convention of the Jehovah's Witnesses was held here in July, with 116,800 packed into the ball park. 4,640 were received into the sect by immersion. 125,000 Witnesses convened in the New York area. The entire assembly was a display of great zeal on the part of a group who have seriously departed from the Word of God.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cashman are the parents of a boy, Edwin Eugene. Mrs. Cashman is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Miles Taber, of Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Cashman is a member of the Grace Trumpeters, which traveled through the Brotherhood recently, and a son of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Cashman, of Winona Lake.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Dr. Joseph Free, professor of archeology at Wheaton College, will sail from New York in

February 1954 to continue his archeological excavations for the ancient buried city of Dothan, 60 miles north of Palestine.

*Dayton, Ohio.* Rev. William Steffler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, and Mrs. Steffler were in Philadelphia September 14-23 to visit their daughter and family.

*Belem, Para, Brazil.* Fifty-two of the most valued books of Rev. John Zielasko were lost somewhere in shipment from the United States to Brazil. The loss included all his seminary notes. Pray that the loss might be recovered.

*Special (CNS).* The Reporter, monthly publication of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, has carried an article dealing with the matter of union affiliation on the part of members of religious groups which forbid members to join unions. The article points out that many Mennonites, Seventh-Day Adventists, Brethren in Christ, etc., work in union shops, and contribute to the various unions of their crafts, but are not members. Many union-management contract clauses protect nonconformists in religion who will not join unions.

*Washington, D. C.* (CNS). The Catholic Standard, published for the faithful in the archdiocese of Washington, has featured in a recent issue a front-page story telling of how Catholic clergymen and laymen in several Latin-American states have given memoranda to Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, the President's brother, who has been on a tour of the nations of the South, detailing how Protestant missionaries are arousing anger among the populations and creating "an atmosphere of dislike and even hostility against the United States." The bishops of Paraguay lodged a particularly strong statement with Dr. Eisenhower, according to the report in Washington Religious Review. [Praise God for missionaries who are faithfully proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Read John 15:18.—Ed.]

*Wooster, Ohio.* Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Swesey, Jr., on July 23, a daughter, Jeannette Faye. Mrs. Swesey is an alumna of Grace Theological Seminary and a former employee of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company (nee Ruby Kuhn).

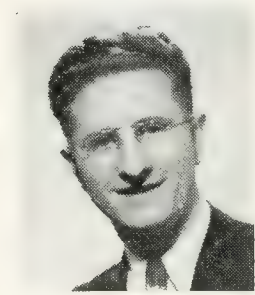
*Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* The address of Pastor Richard Grant is 1404 E Ave. N. E., and phone number is 6988.





## The Cleansing Christ

By John Burns, Johnson City, Tenn.



Rev. John Burns

In the second chapter of the Gospel of John, the apostle sets out to show us the spiritual condition of the nation Israel. The first half of the chapter deals with Israel's condition in a negative manner—"They have no wine"—while the portion of the chapter with which we shall deal puts forth the positive condition—the temple was profaned.

The disciples of Christ had been chosen and the first sign of His Messiahship (changing the water to wine) had been executed. The Passover was at hand. This is, however, the first Passover since Christ assumed His ministry, and the little group made their way from Capernaum to Jerusalem to partake of the festivities. This is the first recorded visit of Christ as Messiah to Jerusalem. The feast lasted seven days and was to be attended by every male Jew from 12 years old and upward, as set forth in the 12th chapter of Exodus. The crowning glory of the feast was the eating of roasted lamb by a party numerous enough to consume it, together with the bitter herbs. The Passover served as a memorial for the time when God "by a mighty hand" brought forth Israel from Egyptian bondage.

With this thought in mind Christ made His way up to the temple.

### *Condition of the Temple (vs. 14)*

Without a word of explanation as to what the condition of the temple might be, John simply says: "And (He) found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money." The sorrowful condition could be plainly seen, for nothing was hidden, but rather impudently set forth.

The feast which had once been known as the "Lord's Passover" in Exodus 12:11, had been so degenerated that now it is referred to as the

"Jews' Passover." The leaven which was to be absent from the feast was present in the covetousness of the people who were desecrating the temple of God. Formality had taken the place of feeling. Foolishness had replaced the fear of God. Orders of men had displaced the ordinances of God. The Passover was no more a feast unto Jehovah, but rather a religious farce of mankind.

Not only was the feast degenerated but the entire temple was profaned. He "found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money." The section of the temple which is here referred to is the Court of the Gentiles. This court was built as an invitation to all gentiles to come and worship the God of Israel. But the Jews, caring nothing for the gentiles nor their salvation, were willing to desecrate the gentiles' court and there sell the needed articles for worship. The house of prayer was changed into a den of thieves and a house of merchandise, in order to bring financial gain to certain persons. Idolatry in the form of covetousness (Col. 3:5) was present in the place where idols were forbidden.

The services of the temple were disturbed often by the lowing of the oxen, the bleating of the sheep, and the huckstering of the vendors. All was in a turmoil rather than peaceful and quiet as the temple should have been. As a result of the marketing in the outer court the entire temple was profaned.

Of course, there was a good legitimate excuse for the selling of the sacrificial animals and the exchanging of coins. It was convenient for those who had come a long distance. Certain animals were to be brought for sacrifice and the temple tax had to be paid in Jewish money. But that which was begun for the con-

venience of the worshipers soon became a greater convenience for the merchants. Christ laid His finger on the real motive as He calls it a "den of thieves," telling us that the love of money, covetousness, lay at the bottom of it all.

There was no more need to trouble oneself to rear a lamb or raise a pair of doves for sacrifice. It could all be done for you. Everything was conveniently arranged for in the very courts of the temple. What Christ found that day was "religion made easy." When worship loses the elements of discipline, it has lost its value. When it no longer costs, it no longer counts. It becomes a weakening luxury instead of a fortifying exercise.

Religion was turned into a racket as the practice of providing sacrifices for those who came a great distance was made into a profit-making machine. Monopolies were sold, prices were fixed, rake-offs were given for certain privileges, and the priestly family were foremost in collecting the spoils.

Edersheim relates how Simeon, the grandson of Hillel, led a reform against these abuses, and reduced the price of two sacrificial doves from \$3.75 to 8 cents. Religion was purely turned into a racket and the temple into a den of thieves.

This was the condition which Christ found as He came to take part in the feast of the Passover. What a picture of a great many churches today with their church bazaars, sauerkraut suppers, strawberry festivals, and other money-making schemes. "Having a form of godliness, but de-

nying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3:5).

### *The Cleansing of the Temple (vs. 15)*

As Christ entered the temple it was not as the prophets of old, saying, "They worship the work of their own hands." Rather He entered in as Lord of the temple, and acted in His own right. "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence."

Here we see the fulfillment of prophecy as recorded in the Book of Malachi. "And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple . . . and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness" (Mal. 3:1, 3). Surely there was the element of surprise as the Lord raised His hand-made whip and ordered the profiteers from the temple.

Why did they not turn upon the Lord Jesus as He brought the scourge into action upon the men and beasts and overturned the tables of money? This was more than mere man. The Son of God shone forth in all His deity as Christ put to flight the entire crowd. The terror of God had fallen and the mercantile Jews knew better than to try to save their business that day.

The anger of the Lord was kindled. His full character was displayed as He purged the temple of its mercenary element. Not only is God love, but also light. He is not only gracious, but also righteous. He is holy as well as merciful. And it was because of the full character of Christ that He boldly cast them all out of the temple.

There is the anemic form of thinking that is eager to say Christ did not smite. We are not told that He did, but neither are we told that He did not. Christ was not the type of individual to make a scourge just for the sake of construction. There was a purpose, and in all probability the scourge found its mark as Christ, fire in His eyes, wrath manifested in His face, and anger in His heart, drove them from the court of the temple.

Scripture says, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). We are also warned of "the wrath of the Lamb"

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Johnstown, Pa.			
(Riverside) . . .	Sept. 29-Oct. 11.	Ralph Hall.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Summit Mills, Pa.	Oct. 4-16.....	Leslie Moore.....	Leslie Moore.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Clearbrook) ..	Oct. 4-18.....	William Howard..	William Smith.
Clayhole, Ky.....	Oct. 4-18.....	Sewell Landrum..	Robert Ashman.
Flora, Ind. ....	Oct. 4-18.....	Charles Turner...	Kenneth Teague.
Fremont, Ohio...	Oct. 4-18.....	Lester Pifer.....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Winchester, Va..	Oct. 4-18.....	Paul Dick.....	Archie L. Lynn.
Hagerstown, Md..	Oct. 4-25.....	Russell Weber....	Miller and Team 1.
Wooster, Ohio....	Oct. 11-15.....	Kenneth Ashman.	R. I. Humbert.
Kittanning, Pa...	Oct. 11-25.....	Gordon Bracker..	Clarence Nida.
Hopewell, Pa....	Oct. 13-25.....	Sheldon Snyder...	Galen Ling'nfelder.
Leamersville, Pa.	Oct. 13-25.....	Robert Crees.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Dayton, Ohio			
(First) .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.
Meyersdale, Pa...	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	Leslie Moore.....	Miles Taber.
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(First) .....	Nov. 1.....	John Aeby.....	R. I. Humbert.

(Rev. 6:16). And the Scripture before us furnishes a solemn illustration of this. The unresisting money-changers and cattle dealers, fleeing in terror before His flashing eye and upraised hand, give a warning of what shall happen when the wicked stand before the throne of His judgment.

### *The Claiming of the Temple (vs. 16)*

There was no doubt left in the minds of the people in the temple as to Christ's reason for His action. This is made perfectly clear in Christ's own statement: "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise."

Christ clearly identifies Himself with the temple by claiming it as "my Father's house," thus affirming Sonship. This was never done by Moses, Solomon, Ezra, or any of the other persons closely associated with the temple of God. Only Christ could make such a claim. Truly this temple was His Father's house. It was the building which was originally erected in a measure upon the model of the tabernacle of the wilderness. The original tabernacle was associated with Moses and Aaron; the first temple in Jerusalem with the great kings—David, who prepared it, and Solomon, who built it. Thusly, the Lord comes claiming association with the temple as His Father's house.

The claim is made even stronger in the Matthew account of the second purification of the temple. Here the Lord says, "My house shall be

called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Matt. 21:13). The temple was more than just the house of His Father, it belonged directly to Christ. No wonder we can notice the tone of authority in Christ's action as He cleanses the temple. It is "my Father's house," and "my house." He was the Lord of the temple because He was Lord over all.

### *The Concern of the Disciples (vs. 17)*

Nothing much is said of the disciples of Christ until the smoke of the battle has cleared away. "And the disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."

Their minds were carried back to the Scripture in Psalm 69:9 which expresses what David was made to suffer in his zeal for the Lord. Thus in verse 9, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up," is explained by the next line: "And the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." David's zeal netted him reproach, hatred, and persecution. So fear comes into the hearts of Jesus' disciples that the same thing will happen to Christ, thus they apply the verse to the Lord.

The disciples think of what the zeal of Jesus will lead to for Him in the future, hence they say it will eat Him up. They thought not of the inward consuming that would use up the strength and vitality of Christ, but of a consuming that is due to

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# Christ--- Our Example

By Clair Brickel, Clayton, Ohio



Rev. Clair Brickel

There is within the last five verses of the second chapter of I Peter an example set before us by which we might pattern our lives as Christians. Jesus is said to have suffered for us, "leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps." The word "example" carries with it the idea of a writing copy such as is set before the beginner in grade school as he endeavors to learn the art of longhand. Christ is our example and we are to imitate Him in our lives.

## *Example by His Life*

"For as many, as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Being sons of God we have some footsteps to follow which were made by the Giver of Life Himself. There was a father who was being encouraged by a Christian worker to accept Christ as his Saviour. The father was unconcerned about his soul and could not see the necessity of living a Christian life. The visitor glanced outside the window and there saw the clinching argument which led the man to see his need of Christ. There in the snow was the man's little son trying his best to follow the footprints that had been made by this father. Turning to the father, he said: "Look out the window and tell me, then, if there is no necessity in believing in Christ and living a godly life."

The life of Christ was above reproach and He could not sin, for He was God incarnate. Peter says He knew no sin and therefore was a suitable sacrifice on behalf of sinners. If He had sin of His own, His death could reach no farther than His own life. But being spotless, the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. There was no guile, no deceit, no hypocrisy nor insincerity

found in Him. When He was reviled, He reviled not again. He was accused of being a seditious man. He was charged with being in league with Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. He was condemned as being a blasphemer against God, but yet there was no retaliation found within Him. He was threatened, but yet He did not call down the wrath from heaven which was in His power. Neither did He so much as predict the future punishment which was to be theirs.

All this was done by the influential men of the day and was done with the intent of alienating His friends from Him. The most cutting and severe sarcasm and irony was used. He only asked that they prove it, and when unable to do so, He left it up to the Father to vindicate Himself in His own due time. All of this reviling must have been as hard to endure as the actual nailing of His hands and feet to the cross and the piercing wound from the spear of the Roman soldier. How well we as sons of God have followed the steps of the Saviour depends upon how close we have stayed to the foot of



the cross and how much we have fed our souls from the Word of Life.

## *Example by His Death*

The schoolboy dislikes being blamed for the misconduct of his chums. Yet Christ bore in His own body the sins for the whole human race. The result of this act enables the Christian to be free from the bondage of sin and to live unto righteousness. Since Christ died for our sins we should be dead to sin. That is done by being absent from sin and not practicing it in our lives. If we are Christians, the death of Christ should stir us up to godly living. If we are not His own, the death of Christ should point us to the Lamb of God which taketh away our sins when we by faith believe on His name. We need an example, we need a shepherd to lead us, for we are as sheep going astray.

In one of the midwest stockyards there is a goat which is called "Judas." When the sheep are ready to be slaughtered he is put into their pens to mingle with them and then to lead them up the ramp into the slaughtering house to be killed. The sheep follow, each one meeting his doom. The world is following the prince of deceivers, even Satan himself. Those who trust in Christ have Him as a good shepherd. He has laid down His life for His sheep. We have Him as an example to guide us through the labyrinth of this present evil world. As a runner fastens his eyes upon the goal, let us look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

A minister is expected to have the wisdom of a scholar, the logic of a lawyer, the peripatetic energy of a family doctor, the wizardry of a financier, the sense of rhythm of a poet, the imagination of an artist, the endurance of a horse, the sanctity of a saint, and all of this for the salary of an apartment janitor.—*Selected.*

# HOW'S SCHOOL GOING?

## EXCELLENT REPORTS FROM SUMMER CAMPS

Nearly all of our Brethren summer camps report new highs in attendance, and in spiritual results. Not all spiritual victories in camps are recorded on decision cards, but we know that many are recorded on the books of heaven. But just a few of the victories thrill us.

### Camp Grace—

There were 171 present, including staff, junior week, and 155 senior week, for the largest camps ever held on this beautiful Virginia site. Although most of the campers who come here are Christians, there were nine who had accepted Christ in camp in previous years who were back this year, and one received Christ as Saviour this year. Twenty-two were in camp who had given their lives to the Lord for full-time service in previous years, and 19 more seniors made that decision this year.

A hobby program was included in this year's camp program for the first time, and was very popular with both juniors and seniors. New wrinkles in the athletic programs, such as tug-of-wars and a Yankee-Rebel softball game, added new spice to the camp, too.

### Camp Indisinewa—

Although located this year in Michigan, 300 miles from some of the district churches, Camp Indisinewa was the best-attended Central District camp for years. There were 98 junior campers and 41 senior campers present, for weekly totals, with staff, of 122 and 59, respectively. Two campers made the great decision to accept Christ, while 64 made rededications of life, and 21 gave themselves to the Lord for full-time service. Veteran campers and staff members said it was one of the best—if not the best,—camp they were ever in.

Next year this district will be divided three ways for camp, with the Michigan District holding camp at or

About this time of the year, that's a popular and sometimes painful question. Neighbors, relatives, and friends all show at least a polite interest in our educational progress. But I want to ask that question from a little different angle. No, I'm not primarily interested in how you are getting along in grade or high school. Nor even how you are adjusting to the stiffer schedules of college, Bible school, or seminary.

No, I'm not talking about Sunday school either, or even the school of experience, exactly, in which we are all enrolled from the cradle to the grave. Specifically, I'm talking about the school of Christian experience—how is it going? Are you making any progress?

It won't be long before the first report cards will be coming out in school. Say, if God gave out report cards on our Christian progress, would you be ashamed to take yours home or show it around? I'm afraid some of us would be.

If we want to make progress in regular schools, we must attend classes and study the textbooks. The same is true in our Christian experience. There is no substitute for sitting at the feet of the Great Teacher, and for attending to His Textbook, the Bible. He sends us out on assignments, too, but it's different from the homework you are given in public schools. But it is just as important, or more so, that we do our Christian assignments as it is that

we complete our school homework. How you do that may affect your final grade, too, you know!

Then in schools there are tests—how we dread them! But God gives tests, too—usually not written ones, but tests of experience, in trials and temptations. I hope you're passing all yours.

When we make the grade in school we are promoted from one grade to another, and from one school to an-



other. So it is in the school of Christian experience. When we pass God's courses He gives us greater opportunities and greater responsibilities for Him. And the successful completion of these leads to greater rewards.

So the next time someone asks you that familiar question, think twice before you answer—and I hope you'll be able to say "O. K." sincerely, and with a smile, both concerning your secular education and your Christian experience.

near the same site, the Indiana District holding camp possibly at Crystal Lake, and the Southern Ohio District establishing a camp site somewhere in their area.

### Camp Bethany—

Our national youth camp was the largest since 1948, with 203 registered campers, 19 staff members, and eight noncampers signed in for the week, and a few more spent the week end with us. We had a wonderful time, with rather ideal weather, although it did get a little warm the end of the week.

A special Bethany project was launched in Bethany Vespers—the purchase of a tent for evangelistic work in France—cost estimated at

\$500. Offerings in Vespers for the week totaled \$424.84! In addition, the boys launched a new missionary project—a chapel for Brazil—and now have more than \$100 of the \$400-\$500 necessary. The girls got a splendid start on their new project—furnishings for the missionary residence at the Navaho mission, too, and campers still had enough spirit, and enough money, to chip in to purchase a couple of beautiful Bibles for campers who didn't have any. That kind of spirit is good to see!

One hundred seventeen campers participated in the faggot service Saturday night, and many wonderful victories were won for the Lord there. It was a great week, in every way.



# National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

## SECRETARY WILLIAM FISHER WRITES FROM ROANOKE, VA.:

[Brother Fisher, our national secretary, is employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway as a pass clerk in the president's office. He is a member of the Ghent church, Roanoke, Va.—Ed.]

I have a profound conviction of the great need in the Brethren Church for the laymen's work on a national scale. The Brethren laymen's work is indeed very dear and close to my heart. The laymen's work has been a real joy and a constant blessing to me. What a privilege to be a Brethren layman! What opportunities we have to serve our blessed Saviour and Lord!

As I see it, there is a need that every church should have a local laymen's group to meet monthly to plan soul-winning activities, to have gospel teams, to have a visitation

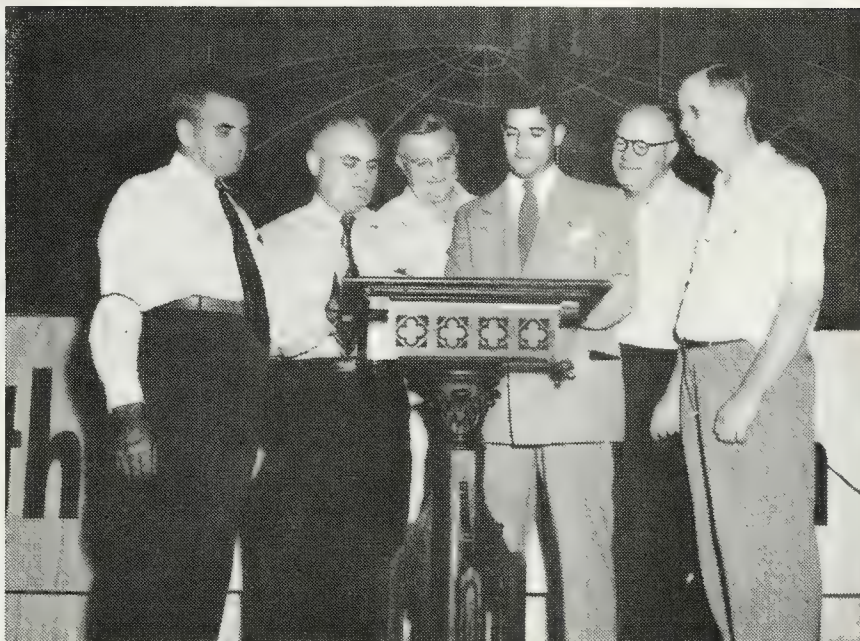


Bro. Fisher

program, to plan ways and means of helping their pastor. There is a need that every district should have a layman's organization. Out of our nine districts we have only four district laymen's groups organized. The district laymen's groups should meet at least every three months. There is a need that more of our laymen should attend our national laymen's meetings at our national conference. There is a need to awake and stir up our laymen so that they will have a burden for lost souls everywhere.

As I see it, the future possibilities

## LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS LAY PLANS FOR YEAR



Officers of Laymen's Fellowship present when this photograph was taken are (left to right): Wesley I. Miller, student aid committee; Neil Carey, boys' advisor; Owen Hacker, vice president; Mason Cooper, president; Jesse Deloe, editor, laymen's page; and Rev. H. W. Koontz, student aid advisor.

of the Laymen's Fellowship are tremendous. If we had 5,000 Brethren laymen who would give only \$1 a year, we could put a full-time man on the field to go to each church and challenge the local laymen's groups and also organize new local groups. The Brethren laymen are just beginning to wake up to their responsibilities. Yes, I am confident that the future of the Brethren Laymen's Fellowship is tremendously challenging and bright. The Brethren laymen are now on the march for our Lord Jesus Christ, and I believe they will continue to be faithful.

It is a privilege to again serve as your secretary. It makes me very humble and desirous to serve our Saviour and Lord more faithfully than ever. I do covet your prayers, that I may be in the center of the Lord's will as I humbly serve Him this year.

### PROJECTS FOR 1953-54

1. Board of Evangelism...	\$3,000
2. Grace Seminary Student Aid .....	1,000
3. Brethren Boys Clubs...	250
4. General Expense Fund..	500
Total of Projects .....	\$4,750

### LAYMEN'S OFFICERS FOR 1953-54

President—O. Mason Cooper, 1611 Staunton Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.  
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Boys' Advisor—Neil Carey, 332 Still Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.  
Laymen's Page Editor—Jesse B. Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Student Aid Committee—Frank Poland, chairman; Wesley Miller, Don Ogden, Rev. H. W. Koontz, advisor; also one student representative to be chosen by the committee.

### LAYMEN'S GOALS

1. Daily Bible reading.
2. A family altar in every home.
3. Laymen united for soul-winning through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.
4. Support the local pastor.
5. Help build our Sunday schools through national and local boards.
6. Start new local and district laymen's groups in churches and areas where they do not exist.

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## Grace

By Althea S. Miller

The night had closed in and with it the gale,  
But safe in my shelter, why should I quail?

The storm how it battered, with fury so great;  
My shelter stood firm; the storm will abate.

Now morning and quiet, its fury full gone,  
The storm only proved my shelter had won.

With care we had planned it; foundation lay deep,  
'Twas built with a purpose, a trust for to keep.

The night and the gale closed in on my soul,  
And beat on my shelter, roll upon roll.

I cried for deliverance, for peace and for rest;  
Surely such trial is not for my best.

But out of the chaos I heard a sweet Voice  
Saying, Child of Mine, you have made me your choice.

So trust me complete, I know what is best,  
And e'en through the storm you shall have rest.

With care have I planned your life and your way,  
My grace all sufficient shall be your mainstay.

Grace to work in you—foundation laid deep,  
Grace working from you, a trust for to keep.

So lean hard, dear child, I your shelter shall be,  
And GRACE all-sufficient shall never fail thee.

*(This poem was written while en route to Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., where Rev. and Mrs. Miller's oldest boy was being taken for examination. To the praise of the Lord, the report was favorable.—Editor.)*

opposition and harm inflicted by others. Here appears the limitation of the faith of the disciples. Though they believed Jesus to be the Son of God, having seen the miracle of the wine, and though they heard Him claim Sonship with the words, "my Father's house," yet they were afraid harm might come to Christ and His work might be ended.

The Lord Jesus is still the cleanser of the temples in the day in which we live. In I Corinthians 3:16 the Apostle Paul asks us this question: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Yes, even after we were saved and the Spirit of God was dwelling in the innermost part of our being, yet it was necessary that the Lord clean up the outer courts of that temple. Perhaps there were times when it was even necessary for Christ to bring His scourge into action in order to drive from our lives things which were displeasing to Him.

A young man who had acquired a high position in the liquor industry came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Following his conversion he was faced with the problem of what he should do in the matter of his employment. Despite the conviction of the Holy Spirit against it, he remained at his work. Weeks and months slipped by, with the Lord all the while dealing with the man to surrender fully to Him. The more the Lord dealt the harder the man became, until the Lord finally reached into the man's home and took his youngest child home to be with Him in glory. Oh, what an immense price to pay!

No longer does Christ purge temples of wood and stone, but rather the lives of the saints. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Heb. 12:6). Is there aught in your life that needs scourging today?

## HE STUCK

William E. Kuhnle is pastor of the Garfield Avenue Baptist Church of Milwaukee. In the 12 years he has been pastor, the membership has grown from 220 to 524, the budget from \$4,500 to \$75,000, the \$40,000 church replaced by a \$250,000 sanctuary.

He has this ministry today because

when he was a boy someone had the heart to reach youngsters. When William E. Kuhnle was seven years old he attended a children's meeting in Pandora, Ohio, where he received Christ as Saviour.

When a child is saved, a life is saved for service!—*Child Evangelism Magazine.*

We sometimes speak of men and women—even Christian men and women—as being "wrapped up in themselves," and when a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small parcel. When he has shrunk to that size so that he can be wrapped up in himself, there is not much to wrap up.—*Sunday School Times.*



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# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

*Editor, Foreign Mission Number*

## ***Our Next Challenge Is to Home Missions***

As a National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, with all the organizations and institutions cooperating, we stand or fall together. Neither foreign missions, nor Grace Seminary, nor the Herald Company, nor home missions are sufficient in themselves. We are now in the season of the year when home missions receives special emphasis, and the biggest challenge for all of us is to boost for home missions. More home-mission churches mean more workers and more tithes for the work of our entire Fellowship. Use the dime folders, use the little church banks, and lay aside some gift every week for home missions. Then, at Thanksgiving time, make a final "big" gift for home missions.

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***One for One***

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## ***Missionary Rally Broadcast***

The great missionary rally on the afternoon of Conference Sunday, August 30, was broadcast over Station WMBI, of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. The one-and-one-half-hour program was through the courtesy of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly and the Moody Bible Institute. Home and foreign missions shared equally on the program, with some 20 different missionaries speaking or singing. Brethren Grubb and Barnard, the general secretaries of home and foreign missions, respectively, were in charge. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all who made this program possible.

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***A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!***

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## ***One for One—A Foreign Missionary for Every Pastor at Home!***

Those who attended the National Fellowship meetings will remember that the foreign-mission poster gave prominence to the above goal. Such a goal was first suggested in our foreign board meeting by Dr. Alva J. McClain. The entire board saw the reasonableness of such a goal and have thus presented it to our entire Fellowship of churches. And why not? Why should we not have a missionary on the foreign field for every Brethren pastor in the homeland? Why should not any local Brethren church feel it as necessary to care for a missionary on the foreign field as to care for its pastor at home? It's possible! It's probable! To do it will supply many badly needed missionaries.

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## ***What One Church Did***

One local congregation, the People's Church of Toronto, Canada, at its recent annual missionary conference, presented an offering of \$262,000 for foreign missions. Some 55,000 different people attended the sessions of this conference. This church has been caring for the allowances of some 315 different missionaries; they will now be able to add another 25 to that list. Last year our entire fellowship of churches gave \$223,000, and the goal for the year ahead is only \$250,000. We have often heard of the "saturation point" in foreign-mission giving, but it is evident from what this one church did that we have not yet reached that dangerous point.

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***A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!***

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## ***Honor to Whom Honor Is Due***

The National Women's Missionary Council will probably make further mention of this fact, but we feel constrained to make an appreciative acknowledgment here. Local units of the WMC have saved birthday offerings toward the support of a missionary lady on our foreign field. They may choose a different lady for different years, but they have desired to give special honor to the one who will receive this support for the first year of this new plan. This is a testimony of their appreciation for the fact that she is the missionary on our oldest field, having spent the longest period of service there. They have chosen *Mrs. Loree Sickel*, who serves in Argentina. She and her husband, the late Dr. Clarence L. Sickel, began their service in Argentina in 1919.

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## ***10,000 East Germans***

Recently at Hamburg, Germany, some 60,000 evangelicals crowded the public square outside of Michaelis Church. In this crowd there were said to be 10,000 residents of East Germany and some 1,600 foreign guests. Later some 15,000 German youth crowded into the fairgrounds for a service, and of these about 2,000 were from East Germany. Such attendance is clear evidence that the evangelical faith is not dead in Germany, but there is great need for Bibles and for trained leadership to feed the hungry hearts. We continue to look toward Germany as a field of Gospel testimony for the Brethren, and we look to the Lord to supply funds and workers.

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# BISHOPS TO ARGENTINA

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Bishop have had a steadfast look toward Argentina for a number of years. Brother Bishop is a member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. He studied for three years at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; he spent three years in study at Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash., receiving his B. A. degree in 1950; and he graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with the class of 1953. Mrs. Bishop, formerly Hazel Belcher, is a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. She studied for one year at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, two years at Whitworth College, and for one semester at Grace Seminary. The Bishops have one little daughter, Gail, aged 14 months. During their years of training they have assisted in the work of our Brethren churches in the communities where they have lived.

Brother and Sister Bishop have now completed their training and have been appointed to missionary service in Argentina. They have already received their passports and have made application for permanent visas. It will take from four to six months for these visas to be issued. It is hoped that the outfit needs of the Bishops will be supplied in the immediate future so that they may make purchases, box outfit supplies, and be ready for sailing by the time the visas arrive.

Missionary candidates should look to the Lord for the supplying of outfit needs, and the supplying of these needs is at least one means by which the Lord places His stamp of approval upon the proposed missionary service. There are varieties of ways by which the Lord may supply—personal earnings by the candidates, gifts from relatives and friends, gifts from home congregations or other specially interested groups, and by gifts through the MISSIONARY OUTFIT CLUBS.

The minimum needs for the Bishops, including the original purchase of outfit, shipping costs, and customs, will amount to at least \$2,200. We wish these funds might reach the maximum amount of \$3,700. In many of our churches there are the Missionary Outfit Clubs where the members of the club have covenanted together to pray for the new missionary family, and to give at least \$1 toward the outfit needs of each family. By the time you read this article your pastor or Missionary Outfit Club chairman should have received full information and materials in regard to the Bishops. Please help through your club or church, or, if more convenient, send your part in helping this new missionary family to our Brethren Foreign Mission Office, Winona Lake, Ind., marking such for the Bishops.

## One for One

**THE COVER PICTURE**—We are indebted to Bro. Foye B. Miller for the appealing picture used on our cover page this week. His son, Rev. Edward D. Miller, one of our missionaries in Brazil, took the picture during a visit into the Indian country in Brazil. There are multiplied thousands of those represented by this picture who have never heard of Jesus Christ. Our program for the years ahead in Brazil includes work among these Indian people.



Hazel, Gail, and Don

## THE PRICE OF LIGHT

A poor blind woman in Paris put 27 francs into a plate at a missionary meeting.

"You cannot afford so much," said one.

"Yes sir, I can," she explained.

On being pressed to explain, she said, "I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw workers, 'How much money do you spend in a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work nights?' They replied, 'Twenty-seven francs.'"

"So," said the poor woman, "I found that I save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to the dark, heathen lands."—*Christian Endeavor World*.

## "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" (MATT. 5:16)

At a Jewish missionary conference in Europe many converted Jews were asked what was the first thing that made them begin to move from Judaism to Christianity. Always the answer was the same: "An act of disinterested kindness from a Christian." Dr. J. S. Conning backed this up by saying that "a careful examination of 120 converts (Jewish) in America revealed that 98 percent gave the same answer.

LOVE shining in a consistent Christian life works as well in seeking to win gentiles to Christ. Someone has pointedly asked, "Do your friends and acquaintances and relatives want to be Christians because they know you?"—*Christian Victory*.

"The primary purpose of Christian missions must be the preaching of the Gospel. This may be done with the aid of medical science or education, but they can never become substitutes for the heart of missions, which is evangelism."—*The Alliance Weekly*.



# ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

## From Recent Foreign Mission Board and Society Meetings

From the many and varied items of business considered at our recent board and society meetings we present the following:

**THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD** of trustees remains the same—Homer A. Kent, Charles W. Mayes, Alva J. McClain, W. A. Ogden, Glenn F. O'Neal, Bernard N. Schneider, in addition to the three reelected for another term of three years—Kenneth B. Ashman, Herman W. Koontz, and Ward A. Miller. Russell D. Barnard is an ex-officio member of the board. Nominees for the 1954 election are: Homer A. Kent, W. A. Ogden, Bernard N. Schneider, Gerald B. Polman, Lewis C. Hohenstein, and Vernon J. Harris.

**OFFICERS AND OFFICE PERSONNEL** include Charles W. Mayes, president; Bernard N. Schneider, vice president; Homer A. Kent, treasurer; Kenneth B. Ashman, recording secretary; Russell D. Barnard, general secretary; Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary; and Marcia Lowe, office secretary.

**CANDIDATES APPOINTED** are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bishop for Argentina, to go to that field as soon as visas and sufficient outfit funds have been received; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burk for Brazil, to go as soon after the close of this seminary year as outfit needs have been supplied; and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cone, Jr., for Africa, to leave for language study in France as soon after the close of this seminary year as outfit needs have been supplied. Miss Dorothy Robinson was approved a year ago for service in Baja California, but will continue in seminary training for this school year and begin her work next summer.

**"SOME AFRICAN LINKS"** is the title of the 120-page booklet just printed. It is a most interesting account of the many experiences of Miss Mary Emmert, the author, during her years in Africa. The board has decided to give a complimentary copy to all who have given \$5 or more to foreign missions during either of the last two years—one booklet to each family. Distribution will be made at the beginning of our next foreign-mission period, or about February 1.

**MISSIONARY INSURANCE** is carried by the board on all missionary personnel to the amount of \$1,000 in cooperation with the Brethren Board on Ministerial Relief. Those missionaries desiring it as a part of their estate pay the premiums personally, and for all others the board pays the premiums with the Foreign Missionary Society as the beneficiary.

**INCREASES IN MISSIONARY ALLOWANCES** were approved by the board. The fields in Africa, Argentina, and Brazil now have the same allowance basis—\$825 per year per adult for the years on the field, and \$1,200 per adult for the year of furlough. Other fields receive pro-

portionately equal amounts. There was also an increase made for the missionary children on any field who must board away from home as they go to school. These increases, although not large, have increased our total expenditures by about \$10,000 per year.

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.** The board carries automobile insurance in all our fields, and this is becoming a very expensive proposition. In Africa alone for the year the cost is over \$1,000, and that includes liability and property damage only.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS** for the missionaries. The board allows \$10 per missionary family per year for magazine subscriptions, aside from the subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald, which is arranged for in other ways. This would form a very fine project for some group, or groups, desiring to help in such matters.

**NEW BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT** are needed on our various fields. The board has made appropriations for at least three or four missionary residences and for one, and possibly four automobiles to be purchased during the year. Any one of these items would form a very challenging project and would supply a very great need.

**MORE ALUMINUM ROOFING** in the amount of a little over 5,000 pounds has been ordered for the field in Africa. This, with the amount already on the field, will care for our building needs for some time in the future. We very greatly appreciate the fact that the Women's Missionary Council has set as one of its project goals the giving of \$2,200 to purchase this roofing.

**PLUMBING IN RESIDENCES.** Some eight or nine of the residences in Africa have been equipped with full plumbing facilities and then, because of the need for economy, the field council suggested we discontinue this equipment. The board of trustees believes that, since each residence can be thus equipped for \$150, we should continue these installations until all residences have been cared for. Therefore, the board has authorized that all new residences shall be so equipped, and that up to three of the older residences be converted in this respect each year. The \$150 necessary for each residence would make a very excellent project.

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES** for the calendar year 1954 will be about \$250,000. This will be quite an increase over the \$223,000 received last year, but at least that amount will be needed.

**VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICAN FIELDS.** For a number of years the board has desired that the general secretary visit our South American mission fields. It seems now that this visit will be made soon, possibly from about December 1 to March 1.

**ANNUITIES AND BEQUESTS** are urgently needed

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THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD: Entered as second-class matter April 16, 1943, at the post office at Winona Lake, Ind., under the act of March 3, 1879. Issued weekly by the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Winona Lake, Ind. Subscription price, \$2.00 a year; 100-percent churches, \$1.50; foreign, \$3.00. Board of Directors: Walter Lepp, president; Robert D. Crees, vice president; Clyde Balyo, secretary; Ord Gehman, treasurer; Bryson Fettes, member-at-large to Executive Committee; Herman A. Hoyt, S. W. Link, Mark Malles, William Schaffer, Robert E. A. Miller.



by the Foreign Missionary Society, as well as by the other interests of our National Fellowship of churches. Our organizations have come to the place where we have great difficulty in meeting the challenges of expansion and increased costs through the regular offering channels. It will be largely as we receive annuities and bequests that we will be able to meet these greater challenges. Brethren annuity investments in addition to Brethren wills and bequests are needed by our Brethren organizations.

**TWO CENTERS OF ACTIVITY** in Baja California. The Roy Howard family has already moved to Calexico, which is some 150 miles in from the coast at the border between California and Mexico, opposite Mexicali, a city of some 120,000. The Haags will remain at the San Ysidro-Tijuana border crossing, where there are some 80,000 people. We believe these two centers of activity will greatly increase the effectiveness and the outreach of our work in Baja California.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** and by-laws. Two amendments were proposed and passed by the society. One discontinues the active membership granted when organizations make a gift of \$25. The other makes possible the appointment of missionaries by mail during the year by contacting the membership of the society.

**GOODMANS TO FRANCE.** The results of the polio attack on little Anne Goodman make it very improbable that the Marvin Goodman family will be able to return to Africa for a period of years. They and we believe that they might be able to serve in France and in that land receive such treatment as would be necessary for little Anne. Providing the conditions are found to be satisfactory, they will probably leave for France yet this fall.

**GERMANY.** We continue to look with very great anticipation to a Brethren testimony in Germany. We ask you to continue to pray that funds and workers may be supplied.

**A NEW PRAYER BOOKLET** will be prepared just as soon as possible. Following discussions with the Home Missions Council, it has been decided to continue the prayer booklet for foreign missions only.

**EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE.** Mr. Charles H. Croker, 715 Chandler St., Philadelphia 11, Pa., is being continued as the eastern representative of our board and society. He assists us in a very great way in helping missionaries when they arrive in or leave the United States, and also in the purchasing of supplies and equipment. His services are very greatly appreciated.

**PROJECTS.** A number of projects not suggested in the foregoing paragraphs have been approved by the board and are here presented:

(1) A tent for Argentina for revival meeting work—probable cost about \$500.

(2) Vibraharp for France—very greatly needed in our services and especially in the tent meeting work to begin next summer. The cost, between \$400 and \$500.

(3) A tent for France to be used in revival meeting work. We hope to have it ready for use next summer. The cost is about \$500 and this has been cared for by the Camp Bethany young people.

(4) Chapels for Brazil. At least two or three of these

will probably be built during the year at a cost of between \$400 and \$500 each. The society builds the chapel and then the national believers, through their offerings, return one-half of the amount expended and this becomes part of a chapel fund for building more chapels. The Brethren Boys Clubs have accepted the responsibility of building one of these chapels.

(5) Motor for Boat, Batangafo, Africa. Bro. Robert Williams, our missionary at Batangafo, Africa, is planning to build a boat during the season ahead, and we hope to supply an inboard motor for the boat at a probable cost of \$500.

The estimated cost in relation to all of these projects includes not only the purchase in this country, but transportation to the field and the customs which are necessary for the item to enter the country.

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### One for One

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## JUNGLE—FRIEND AND ENEMY

The African jungle comes right down to the road. Rather, one should say that the road is hacked through the jungle. The grass, vines, bushes, and other vegetation, whose names the white man does not know, are always trying to retrieve the ground that they lost to the white man. He is always just a step in front of Jungle, but not more than that. If he should leave Jungle alone for just a while, he would come back to find no road.

The giant trees that line the road like the columns of a medieval cathedral are beautiful in the sunlight, which light they allow to reach the ground only filtered and scattered. Passing beneath them one feels like an intruder; perhaps he is convinced he is an intruder if he should happen to be on the road during a storm. It is then that the trees, urged on by Storm, seem to get revenge for their fallen brothers by themselves committing suicide across the roads, blocking the way of Man and forcing him to wait hours or even days.

In the jungle, however, the African has found all that he needs for food, clothing, implements, and even some medicaments. To him the jungle is not so much an enemy as a friend. He knows each tree, each vine, each little bush, insect, bird, and animal by name. Most of them are useful to him.

The African knows that God provided these things for his good. He only has to be reminded of it. God is good. He did His best for man. It was man who rebelled against God and brought strife between members of the same family, tribe, and nation. It was sin that brought the weeds that forever choke up the garden that the African tries to maintain. The weeds will not be taken away until the millennium, perhaps, but God does take away the sin that brought all the curses. This is salvation. This is the missionary's message.—*William J. Samarin, M'Baiki, Africa.*

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During the months of investigation necessary before actually getting started in the work one gets restless. It is then that it seems the Lord will come before one even gets to the field to testify for Him. It is then that one needs to be reminded of these words—"It is oftentimes easier to work for the Lord than it is to wait for the Lord."—*Alys Haag.*

# THE FIELDS AT A GLANCE

(Editor's Note—In this issue and the next Foreign Mission Number we are presenting excerpts of vital interest from the annual reports of our six fields of missionary endeavor. Two reports follow—Dr. Orville D. Jobson has supplied the information for the report on Africa, and facts from Bro. Fred Fogle form the basis of the report on France.)

## AFRICA

A retrospect of the work of the African Mission for the year 1952-53 reveals the deep need of missionary body and African church alike for a spiritual awakening. No ordinary ministry can avail to convict men of deep-rooted sin and arrest them in their downward dive to hell; no ordinary service can provide spiritual food to strengthen and impart stamina to confused believers. This is the work of Spirit-filled men and a Spirit-led church.

The door to French Equatorial Africa is still wide open to missionaries and we are free to preach the Gospel in towns and villages. Evangelization has extended to hitherto unreached villages and hundreds have turned to the Lord. During this report year 2,100 have followed the Lord in baptism. Some of the African church leaders have been subjected to severe trials and testings, but have stood faithful to their Lord.

Nationalism, fed in some instances by Communistic propaganda, racial hatred, and open rebellion, has characterized some sections of this great continent. Such waves of social upheaval, though not openly manifest in Oubangui-Chari, have a decided influence on the masses here. These influences are also felt in the churches.

### Facts and Figures

There is a decided increase in offerings. The following table will show the systematic increase during the last five years.

Report Year	Offering in Dollars
1949	\$1,938.65
1950	3,396.25
1951	4,000.00
1952	5,271.00
1953	8,894.00

When in February 1951 the field council of the mission recommended that we request the necessary missionary pastors to provide continuity of ministry in the seven districts of the mission, we began to pray with high hopes for a speedy answer to that need. Since the board approved the "two missionary pastors per district plan," four pastors have arrived on the field in answer to that appeal. However, four districts still remain with only one pastor each and, what is more serious, there are none to replace them when furlough is due. Present appointments to the mission districts are as follows:

District	Missionary Pastors
Bassai-Bozoum	Pastors Sumey and Garber
Yaloke-Bossemebele	Pastor Hill
Bellevue	Pastors Sheldon and Kennedy
Bekoro	Pastor Kliever
Bouca-Batangafa	Pastors Williams and Snyder
Nzoro	Pastor Miller
M'Baiki	Pastor Samarin

We cannot possibly fill the needs of these districts without increasing the need of some other district unless the Lord undertakes in a miraculous way and sends us additional pastors. He is able to do that. Lord, help our unbelief! The 13,000 members and the 6,000 converts of the African churches can only be strengthened against the "wiles of the devil" and the "spirit of the age" by the teaching of the Word of God, and that teaching can be done best by the missionary pastor and his fellow workers.

Good attendance continues throughout the field, with about 10 percent of the population attending the Sunday-morning service. We desire to mention in particular the growing attendance at Bossemebele, where the Sunday-morning service has reached over the 1,000 mark on several occasions.

Book sales for the year have totaled over 13,000, including booklets and pamphlets. These sales are distributed as follows: Bibles and New Testaments, 2,077; Scripture portions, 1,761; songbooks, 4,169; other literature, 5,595.

### Translation and Printing

During the year we cooperated with the Mid-Missions (Baptist) in continuing the translation of the Old Testament. The following books have now been completed: Genesis, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Genesis is now being printed for circulation and the other books are being mimeographed. The translation committee meetings, which convene from four to six weeks at a time, have demanded a total of many weeks from our missionaries serving on the committee.

Translations of the Scriptures in three of the vernaculars employed by the mission—Kabba, Pana, and Gbea—have continued. The Gospel of Matthew, completed by Brother Sheldon in Gbea, was printed by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1952, and it is now in circulation among the Gbea churches.

The mission press, located at the Bible Institute, has once again been of real service to the mission and the African churches. A 5,000 edition (actually 4,600) of an African reader was completed which we look forward to using in catechetical schools when our regular day schools have been launched. Church membership, pre-baptismal, and medical cards have been run off to the total of over 15,000. Elementary Bible-school textbooks and workbooks have been begun on the press, and already some 5,000 have been printed.

For the aid of new missionaries in learning the Sango *lingua-franca* (trade language), our Brother Samarin has prepared, mimeographed, and copyrighted a *Pedagogical Grammar*. This work, approved by field council, is now in circulation for missionaries.

### Schools

The Bible Institute graduated a class of 23 fine young men, prepared for an enlarged ministry in their churches. This year's class numbers 21 new students.

District Bible schools, which are elementary in teach-





*A front view of the Bible Institute.*

ing preparatory to entrance into the Bible Institute, operated in all districts for the first time during this report year. A total of 244 students attended these schools which were in session for an average of 14½ weeks. Special textbooks and workbooks are being prepared for the courses of these schools, thus completing a goal set many years ago to standardize the teaching in these classes. Mr. Dunning has done a great deal of commendable work in preparing this material and serves on the committee responsible for this work.

In December 1951 the field council changed the location of the Missionary Children's School to Yaloke, where the medical guest house could serve as a dormitory. Hence, the school has operated at Yaloke during this last year with Misses Kent and Mishler again serving as teacher and house mother. This is a unique ministry. There are needs in this school for more accommodations and support, and we ask for special prayer that the Lord will provide.

Many of the native Christian parents and the church workers in particular are looking forward to seeing their children educated in Christian schools. The Lord has answered the prayers of years in providing a qualified missionary for this task, and now we must continue to pray that funds will be forthcoming to support such schools. The present plan is to begin with a normal school to train native teachers. With such qualified African teachers we hope to be able to operate schools at each station of the mission. The schools anticipated are primary graded schools, taking students through the sixth grade. The cost of each school will be from \$600 to \$800 per year, with three African teachers required to operate each school of six grades. This arrangement will permit a total enrollment of 150 students in each school.

#### *Medical Work*

The medical work of the mission continues to increase with each year. The dispensaries at Basfai and Nzoro have not functioned full time during this year because of the shortage of nurses. This need has been met and we look forward to complete operation of the dispensaries next year. Authorization from the French government to make a charge for medicine and treatment will enable us to continue this department without additional cost of operation to the mission, it is hoped. The treatment of lepers in general is now given at all of our dispensaries. However, this has not affected the ministry of the leper colony at Bekoro, where the number

of outpatients continues to grow. (Patients—14,905; treatments—91,406.)

#### *The Year Ahead*

As we look forward to the year ahead we are encouraged. New missionaries are on the field to fill in the ranks of those taking furlough. The door for evangelization is wide open. Better-trained African ministers are alive to the perils about them and are prepared to teach the Word as never before. All mission districts have at least one full-time missionary pastor resident in the district. The medical work, with an enlarged ministry, has increasing possibilities to reach men for Christ. We are on the threshold of a new beginning for regular day schools where our African children can receive their schooling under Christian influence. Work with the women and the children is on the increase in our churches. And, what is more, our God is with us to bless.

#### *One for One*

## FRANCE

Our Brethren testimony in France is just beginning, having been in an established location only since January 1953. We have just the one missionary family resident in France—the Fogles. They are living in Caluire, a town of almost 20,000 located just north of Lyon. In fact, it is so close to Lyon that the division is imperceptible. Others have been in France for study, but they have been in the Paris area.

Our testimony is being centered in Lyon, the third largest city in France, having a population of about 800,000. There are very few evangelical believers, so that the field is almost a wide-open area for possible expansion. In the general area of Lyon there are a number of smaller and larger cities just as unoccupied as Lyon as far as evangelical Christian faith is concerned.

#### *Activity Report*

Some 1,500 large Bible text posters have been placed in 14 different towns, cities, and villages. Over 13,000 tracts in 10 different centers and 8,000 handbills, besides New Testaments and Gospel portions, have been distributed. Bible classes for both adults and children have been conducted. There were two short evangelistic meetings with commendable attendance. All of this has been through the activity of our one missionary family.

#### *Future Plans*

A second series of short evangelistic meetings is to be conducted at the end of this year. By next summer we hope to have a new tent in France and conduct tent meetings in different strategic centers. Our Brethren youth of Bethany Camp have undertaken the project of supplying a tent for France, and about \$425 of the necessary \$500 has already been given. Future plans include more missionaries for France and Europe. We believe things are moving in the direction of a second family to go to France for permanent work about the end of this year. France is only the first step in Brethren testimony on the continent. We hope Germany may be the next step in the not-far-distant future.

*A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!*



# COMINGS AND GOINGS AT BIBLE INSTITUTE

By Mrs. Harold Dunning, Bozoum, Africa

The slanting rain, driven inexorably by the wind, roared down on the aluminum roof, shutting out all other sound and most of the afternoon light. The veranda, which also serves as a dining room, was awash from the flood straining through the screen. The deafening crashes of thunder, one after the echo of each succeeding one, tensed nerves and indicated hits which must be close.

The native children's groups were already assembled in their rooms, each with a Bible Institute student as teacher. The rain came with little warning just at the time Marguerite Dunning always goes to take charge of their chapel hour and then to remain at a class. It seemed a time made to order for that article so long delayed.

Harold Dunning was in his office making out exams for the students. After next week there will be a 10-day vacation from classes, during which time Pastors Sumey, Williams, and Dunning will meet at Bassai to work on junior Bible school material.

Afternoons are a little more elastic as to schedules. There are always a multitude of odd jobs to be done—the oddest and most wonderful to the African mind being the operating of the well driller by Wayne Beaver. There are things that need to be done in the house—putting up cupboard doors, making furniture, and, on rainy days, making investigations to find where the roofs leak.

The mornings follow a regular routine. Breakfasts at all households are over at 7, except sometimes for a few small fry who need urging to clean up their plates. The same cooked cereal day after day gets to be an awful bore! Before beginning classes at 7:15, Wayne Beaver has given orders to the workmen, and Harold Dunning to the carpenter. At about the same time Clara Schwartz can be seen—a white-gowned figure—cutting across the circle in a beeline to the dispensary. And as soon as small tummies are pronounced full enough, and instructions have been given to the boys for their chores, Dorothy Beaver and Marguerite Dunning are off to their jobs teaching the students' wives.

The first class is for the nonreaders. The other women join them at 8. Marguerite has the new students, and they read through the Gospels, taking up the life of Christ chronologically, using all four Gospels. They enjoy this, but some are so involved in the mechanics of reading that even after the story is read the third or fourth time they have little idea of what they have read. Dorothy teaches the second-year women. They read through the Epistles and study certain portions therefrom. Pray for these future leaders of African womanhood.

Then comes chapel. Monday is the day for teaching the "song of the week" by Harold Dunning. (Sometimes it takes considerably longer than a week on a song!) This song is sung every day at chapel during that week. Tuesday through Thursday are regular chapel days, with students preaching. On Friday there is always a praise-and-prayer meeting.

Immediately following chapel there is a 15-minute break for coffee at either Beavers' or Dunnings' house. Then the men go back to the classroom and the women occupy themselves with housekeeping. Around this



Top—Entrance to the Bible Institute grounds. At the bottom are chapel scenes. M. E. O. C. means "Mission Evangelique de l' Oubangui-Chari."

time the dispensary work is over for the morning, but the nurse knows that is just one phase of her job. A good part of her time is spent as a pharmacist and she can expect meals, and even sleep, to be often interrupted to answer a sick call.

Recently the mission staff here was doubly and very happily invaded. The white children came home from school for a vacation of seven weeks, increasing the number of missionary kids here to a half dozen. Just a week later the long-awaited and prayed-for new missionaries arrived. The Garbers went to live on Bozoum Hill, but the Kennedys and the four nurses occupied the duplex. This swelled the number of missionaries at the Bible Institute to three men, eight women, and seven children. The Dunnings recall one year during their first term when there were only three men on the field, counting all the stations. How we all praised God anew for the way He has poured out His blessing on us in recent years!

After this influx of new inhabitants (also 125 or so baby chicks from France), there was an air of general excitement all around as the flurry of unpacking began and Sango lessons were started. Before two weeks were up the new missionaries were housekeeping in their own domiciles, and about the same time they began helping out in classes. They really are a help in teaching people to read, but at the same time they are getting valuable lessons in pronunciation and intonation which only the native can give them.

Before long now their time of language study will be up, and they will be going to the places which need them most. Mary Ann Habegger will remain here at the Bible Institute to take the medical work after Dorothy Beaver leaves for furlough. Clara Schwartz has returned to Bellevue to pack up for furlough, and the schoolgirls have returned to Yaloke.

In the midst of comings and goings the work of the Lord goes steadily on. Your prayers on behalf of your missionaries out here bring the needed wisdom, grace, and strength for all that they face. May the Lord richly bless you who pray, and keep us all faithful in His vineyard till He comes.



# ARRIVED

By Dr. Floyd W. Taber, Yaloke, Africa

Four brand-new missionary nurses have actually arrived in Africa!

Just east of us, Mid-Missions received six nurses and three doctors last year! But for Oubangui-Chari Mission four new medical workers in one lot breaks all records. However, it still is not the time for those who have been carrying the brunt of the health ministry to rest on their oars—four experienced medical workers are going on furlough this year.

Even though it is four gained and four lost (that is, on furlough), it will do a world of good to our medical program to receive new blood, new energy, and new methods. If nothing else, it is good for us "old-timers" to have to "get on our toes" and wipe the dust off our books to keep the newcomers from finding out how completely we have been buried in Africa and lost contact with the ever-changing world of medicine.

Four new nurses, full of enthusiasm, are ready to start applying modern medicine to the "open sore of the world." But to them it will no longer be one great open sore. It will be suffering mothers, crying babies, rotting lepers—one by one.

Yes, before they have been on the field a year, their pity for the ONE will begin to be crushed by the MASS and the INERTIA of Africa. If they use correct technique in caring for ONE, a HUNDRED will die in the bush with no care at all. If they give the medicines that would be prescribed in a hospital at home to the HUNDRED, the stock will be gone, and there will be nothing for the THOUSAND. So they will use simple techniques that can be taught to African helpers, and cheap medicines that can be paid for out of African wages. This is the obvious solution, but a difficult adjustment for those whose whole training has consisted in learning to do things the RIGHT way.

The thing that is hardest to accept, because it seems so easily avoidable, is the lack of equipment. It is a far cry from the thousands of dollars worth of equipment which is considered necessary for the simplest hospital in the States to the few meager instruments that must serve all our needs in a mission dispensary in Africa.

For each of the four new vest-pocket dispensaries built by Al Balzer, we asked for \$500 worth of equipment plus an equal amount for the costs of getting it to the field, and for \$100 worth of furniture to be built out here—a total of \$1,100 per dispensary. The people of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, have gone beyond this amount in equipping the leper dispensary

at Bekoro—the Roy Patterson Memorial Dispensary. Groups in other churches have given generously. Still we have not been able to secure all the items on our minimum list of absolutely necessary equipment.

Yet, with what they have these new dispensaries are the envy of Bellevue and Yaloke, where we are using instruments over 20 years old, and we never have had some things included on the minimum list for new dispensaries. And Bassai! Last January the Bassai dispensary burned to the ground. So we need a new building and a complete new set of equipment.

Of the new nurses, Marian Thurston and Mary Ann Habegger are appointed to Bekoro and Bible Institute, where they will have new buildings and new equipment. Edith Geske is coming to Yaloke, where she should have laboratory equipment in order to use the special training she took before leaving home. And Gail Jones is going to Bassai, where her total resources consist in foundation stones and a pile of bricks!

These girls represent a considerable investment. They received R. N. training at their own expense before applying to the board. They supported themselves through Grace Seminary by nursing. Two of them spent an extra year in laboratory training. They were supported in Europe for 10 months while engaged in language study. If the Lord tarries, the Brethren churches will invest thousands of dollars in their support year after year. Will that be a good investment? The answer is partly tied up with the question of whether a few additional dollars will be invested in good instruments.

First of all, they are missionaries; secondarily, nurses. They are interested primarily in souls, afterward in bodies. But they realize that they are representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ in all they do and that slipshod medical work is not an honor to Him. Being primarily interested in souls does not justify our letting bodies suffer when we can help it. The Christian medical worker must do a better job technically because he is a Christian.

These nurses have studied HARD that they might be prepared to do a good job. No one knows how hard, unless he has tried studying tropical medicine in French after only five months in France.

They are giving their best. How good will that best be? That depends on the tools that YOU put into their hands.

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Edith Geske



Mary Ann Habegger

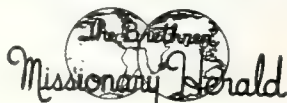


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**Hagerstown, Md.** Thieves entered the Grace Brethren Church the second week of September and carried away the safe. The safe, together with the valuable papers it contained and the church seal, has been recovered—minus \$45.

**Harrisburg, Pa.** The district WMC met here on Thursday, Sept. 24.

**Wheaton, Ill.** The Sword of the Lord magazine is sponsoring its second Evangelistic Sermon Contest. \$1,000 will be granted for the best original unpublished soul-winning sermon submitted before Dec. 1, 1953. Contest rules may be secured by writing 214 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, Ill.

**Seattle, Wash.** The new address of Rev. H. E. Collingridge is in care of King's Garden, 190th and Fremont Ave., Seattle 33, Wash.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Rev. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, suffered a severe injury to his back, the result of falling from a ladder. A cast will have to be worn for about two months.

**Chicago, Ill.** The 16th annual convention of Christian Business Men's Committee International will be held at the Hotel Sherman, Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church, will do part-time teaching at Talbot Theological Seminary, and Rev. Harry Sturz, pastor of the Bell Brethren Church, will do part-time teaching at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

**Clayton, Ohio.** Under the direction of Pastor Clair Brickel, a youth activity building has been completed on the church property.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** Rev. David Hood, Irish evangelist from London, England, preached at the First Brethren Church, Aug. 30. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

**Glendale, Calif.** Dr. Gerald Stanton, of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, Charles Underwood, pastor.

**Dayton, Tenn.** Jesse Deloe, Jr., sophomore at Bryan University, will be director of Child Evangelism Fellowship during the coming year. Sixteen or more classes will be under the work of the fellowship.

**Wheaton, Ill.** Rolland Hein, member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and senior at Wheaton College, is manager of the college radio station WETN.

**Harrisburg, Pa.** The Harrisburg School of the Bible will hold their classes in the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church this year, with classes convening on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Rev. Conard Sandy is pastor. A recent speaker at the church was Rev. Nathan Meyer, pastor of the Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren Church.



**Los Angeles, Calif.** All Brethren pastors and missionaries who are interested in a special prayer fellowship are invited to become a "Correspondent Affiliate." Write for free information to Henry G. Rempel, 6000 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1, Calif.

**Kittanning, Pa.** (North Buffalo). The Women's Missionary Council honored their pastor's wife, Mrs. Donald Rossmann, by presenting her a beautiful wrist watch as a birthday gift. The council met at the home of Brother Rossmann in Elderton, Pa., on Sept. 9. Rev. Lewis H. Simpkins, pastor of the Bible Protestant Church of Penns Grove, N. J., spoke Aug. 16.

**Roanoke, Va.** A community Bible class is conducted each Wednesday morning at the Ghent Brethren Church with an average attendance of 60, representing several denominations. The teacher is Mrs. Carrol Renner, a granddaughter of Elder D. C. Moomaw, organizer of the Ghent church, and also a niece of Mrs. L. L. Garber, Ashland, Ohio.

**Special.** New addresses: Rev. Meredith Halpin, 1545 W. 110th Pl., Los Angeles 47, Calif.; Rev. Donald

W. Farner, 317 Brooklyn Ave., Sidney, Ohio; and Rev. Charles Bergeron, Box 581, Winona Lake, Ind.

**Akron, Ohio.** H. Clinton Miller, father of Mrs. Edward Bowman, departed from this life Sept. 10. Brother Bowman is pastor of the Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.

**Wheaton, Ill.** A call to Rev. Kenneth Teague by the Grace Brethren Church has been accepted, and he will assume his duties as soon as he terminates his ministry at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church in Alexandria, Va.

**Washington, D. C.** Homecoming will be held at the First Brethren Church Oct. 4, with Dr. Homer Kent, former pastor, as the speaker of the day. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

**Kittanning, Pa.** Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 11, and the speaker will be Rev. Clarence Nida. This will be the "take-off" on the Christian Life Sunday school contest.

**Ankenytown, Ohio.** The homecoming will be observed Sunday, October 4. A. R. Kriegbaum, former pastor, will speak.

**Roanoke, Va.** The building fund for the Ghent Brethren Church is over the \$20,000 mark, and the goal for Oct. 4 is \$35,000.

**Dryhill, Ky.** The new chapel will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 4, at 11 a. m. The speaker will be Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor at York, Pa. This chapel was the project of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha of the Brethren Church and is located nine miles from Hyden, Ky., on route 257. Miss Evelyn Fuqua is the missionary in charge.

**Rio Cuarto, Argentina.** Mark Stephen Schrock was born Sept. 12 to Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock.

**Canton, Ohio.** The annual Sunday-school outing was held at the Shankel Farm, Saturday, September 19. John Dilling is pastor.

**Washington, D. C.** The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hugh R. Gough, of the Church of England, met with Evangelist Billy Graham and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and Bishop Gough declared: "The need for a spiritual reawakening is great in my country, where less than 10 percent of the total population has any touch with the church, and where in London on any Sunday less than 2 percent of the people would attend church."



# INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

## *Christ's Inspection and Judgment on Christendom*

REVELATION 2:1-7

IN THE second and third chapters of Revelation we have the judgment of God upon the seven churches. Christ's walking among these churches suggests that He is disturbed because of the conditions He finds in them. They have gotten away from Him.

To each Church Christ says, "I KNOW," and on the basis of His knowledge He commends or condemns. To each church He reveals a way of escape from the things He condemns. He also offers rewards to those who overcome.

We must always keep in mind these seven churches represent the decline of the church from the apostolic days until the second coming of Christ.

The messages to the seven churches are badly needed for the day and age in which we now live.

Why did God select these seven churches and neglect some others that seem to be more important? There is the church at Jerusalem, the one at Antioch, or the one at Rome. The seven selected manifested the gradual development of the church in general and also pointing out the elements of decay from one age to another.

If you would take a map and study the location of these churches, the seven cities would make almost a circle and that circle is located just about the center of the earth.

The first church brought under examination is the church located at Ephesus. This church enjoyed the ministry of the greatest preachers who ever lived—men such as Paul, John, Apollos, and Timothy.

When Paul first visited this church he found a people who received the truth with honest hearts. But when Paul was about to make his departure he gave a solemn warning. Hear his words: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous

wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." See Acts 20:29-30.

Things turned out just as Paul predicted, because the Holy Spirit was giving Paul this knowledge. The trouble with the church at Ephesus did not all come from WITHOUT, but much came from among those on the INSIDE.

Christ had several things about which to commend this church. "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience" (Rev. 2:2). From this we gather the church was filled with good works—works that were laborious or difficult to accomplish. It was a hard-working church. Better still, the saints there were patient. When the going was tough and rough, they kept right on. They met obstacles and by God's grace and help overcame them. This church was noted for its separation from all that which would dishonor God. For a while this church was a real witness against sin.

The church at Ephesus, at the beginning, is the kind of a church we need today. These characteristics make for a powerful church. It is not a case of adapting our message and methods for the day in which we live to be a power for God in this world. We need a new emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit, a new emphasis upon the great doctrines of the Gospel of the grace of God.

By—



Rev. William A. Steffler  
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Churches need to know their utter helplessness unless they have received the Holy Spirit in His matchless power and blessing. We must not think for one moment that a successful church depends on men, machinery, and money.

As long as the church at Ephesus remained true to her God-given program, all was well. But when the wolves crept in and began their damaging work, the once powerful church became a weak, struggling congregation. As long as she dealt with bad conduct and deeds among the members she was powerful, but when the bars were lowered she began quickly to lose her testimony.

What a rebuke to the church today! We seldom hear the matter of discipline in the church mentioned, let alone practiced. Church members can live just as they please and still hold offices and places of honor.

Let no church think she is so powerful and strong that she cannot fall! Listen to God's complaint against this church at Ephesus: "Thou hast left thy first love" (vs. 4). The word "somewhat" is not in the original. The word "somewhat" might convey the impression the charge God is making is of little consequence. It is a serious matter—so serious, if the matter is not cared for, God threatened to remove the candlestick. The candlestick is a channel of light, used

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# A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

## THREE BIBLICAL ESSENTIALS FOR REAL REVIVAL

By R. Paul Miller

*Revival is God's business, not man's.* David cried, in Psalm 85:6, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee." And again, Habakkuk pled, "O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years" (3:2).

*Only God can send a revival.* The early church realized this without question. In Acts 4:23-31 we find the way they sought for power to bring about victory for the Gospel, and the glorious way in which they received it. They didn't count on advertising, or thrilling music, or comfortable seats. *They just counted on God to show His mighty arm and work in His own way.* Today we try to make God work in our narrow little groove. He is too great for our plans. We want to put Him in harness. Instead of trying to persuade God to bless our plans, our concern should and must be to seek His face to know His plans. Revival may start a long time before the evangelist arrives. Revival was rolling along in Wales for months before Dr. Torrey and his song leader, Alexander, arrived. Most of the great revivals in Finney's day were going widespread before he was even sent for.

One great mistake today is that revival is expected to begin only after the evangelist arrives. A short time ago a preacher wrote to me and said, "Brother Miller, the revival is already on here. People are coming to Christ now. I baptized eight yesterday. I can't hold it back." I replied, "Don't try to hold it back; let it go; I'll just come and help you take care of it." He and his people had been seeking the face of God for months for revival. They were looking to the right source. They got what they sought. God wants revival. He will send revival to any place where people are brokenheartedly seeking it.

*But there are conditions that must be met before He can work.* They are set forth in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn

from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." And God hasn't changed His program one iota from the day these words were given! Here three basic essentials are given.

FIRST, *there must be humility in the hearts of believers.* "If my people will humble themselves." Says James, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Undoubtedly some churches cannot have revival at all. They are too proud. Prayed the Pharisee, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are." There are congregations in which we have worked that were so proud of their theology, their



Rev. R. Paul Miller

beautifully planned and impressive services, the chimes in their church tower, their famous Bible conferences, that they simply can't feel the need of revival. And yet if their pastor knew of the worldliness that was rampant among them, he wouldn't be able to sleep.

We must lose our self-righteous strut if we expect God to even listen to us when we pray, much less to send revival. Church members who are too proud to ring doorbells for Jesus, too proud to bring that poor family in your car to the meetings, too proud to have others hear your voice break, or see your tears fall for lost friends and loved ones, simply must give up the hope of seeing God's mighty hand working among you.

SECOND, *there must be broken-hearted prayer and the seeking of*

*God's face.* Never has the professing church talked more about power, prayed more for power, preached great swelling sermons about power than today. Never have we held so many conferences about spiritual power, sung so many songs about Pentecostal power, and had so little power as today! We admire the early church and extol their wonderful powers in prayer, and of the great revivals they held, and sort of imagine that by glorying in what they experienced that we shall have the same.

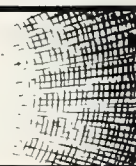
But our altars remain cold. The early church fathers paid the price for power. They sought God's face, and stayed with God for days and weeks. But they saw the power of God shake their community and turn thousands from sin. If we desire power, God's power, revival power, as they had, we must meet the conditions as they did. God has not changed. He answered then. He will answer now!

THIRD, *repentance must sweep the church.* The trouble has never been with the world. It has always been with the church. If the people in the church are living right, there is little trouble getting the sinner to believe in the Gospel and receive it. God says, "If my people . . . will turn from their wicked ways." The wicked ways of members of the church have caused, and are still causing, the sermons of their earnest pastor to fall fruitless at the pulpit.

Many a pastor has wondered why his efforts to win the neighbors of his church members are so fruitless. Perhaps if he knew of the gossiping, slanderous, fiery, lying tongues of some who pray for their neighbors he would understand. If he knew of the sharp business practices, the forsaken family altars, the bad habits, the worldly example that those neighbors see in his church members, he would know why revival did not come to his church.

*Meet the conditions, and God says, "Then will I hear from heaven."* REVIVAL IS WAITING IN THE HAND OF GOD.





## NATURAL RELIGION

*Adapted from a sermon preached at the First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., August 23, 1953, by Robert W. Betz, now a student at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, preparing for Christian day school and high school teaching and administration.—Ed.*

(Scripture Reading: Matt. 16:1-17:5)

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12) certainly characterizes the world today. Man has put religion in a separate pigeonhole from the rest of life, but because we are responsible to God for our every action, every phase of our lives has a religious aspect, a definite relationship to the God of creation and redemption. To be accurate, every antireligious group (such as atheists, etc.) must be classed along with all non-Christian sects, cults, and isms because they have certain attitudes in common.

First, let us consider natural religion and the *person of Christ*. Our Lord probed the depths of natural wisdom when He asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Since "the world by wisdom knew not God" (I Cor. 1:21), it is not strange that they saw Christ as a mere human being. Unaided natural man is unable to discover the true identity of Christ, but to Peter's "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God" came the Lord's "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Because of this failure to recognize who Christ is, natural man is unable to appreciate what He is doing and has done. There is a definite relation between natural religion and the *passion of Christ*. Having informed His disciples of His purpose to suffer death at the hands of ungodly men, Peter was quick to express all of his natural reasoning powers when he said, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." Our Lord's answer assures

us that Peter was now speaking according to natural understanding, for He said, "Thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (vs. 23). Man has no appreciation for the sufferings and shed blood of our Lord and Saviour, and this is characteristic of natural religion.

Behind the scenes of the natural man is a person and we will consider briefly natural religion and the *enemy of Christ*. Christ rebuked the same Peter He had so recently commended, because of the one empowering Peter to so respond. He said, "Get thee behind me, *Satan*: thou art an offense unto me" (vs. 23). This rebuke was directed against Peter's counselor, "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2). Natural religion is designed and directed by Satan, the archenemy of the soul and of Christ.

Because of the failure of natural man to recognize the deity of Christ and to appreciate the value of His sufferings, he will not be ready for Christ when He returns. There is no anticipation in natural religion for the *coming of Christ*. Its adherents, both within and without Christendom, concur in asking, "Where is the promise of his coming?" (II Pet. 3:4). Natural man will not appreciate the coming of Christ in judgment for man's failure to appropriate the benefits of the substitutionary sufferings of a divine Saviour. This is manifest in all natural religion.

The only hope for those who worship what appeals naturally to them is the *message of Christ*. Though Moses and Elijah appeared at the transfiguration of Christ, it was to

Jesus that the Father spoke from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; *hear ye him*" (17:5). It was to Him that the Old Testament saints were looking and waiting. There is and was true salvation in no other. True religion supersedes all that is only natural in being based upon Christ's Word, recognizing His deity, accepting by faith His suffering, rejecting the power behind the natural altar of worship and enemy of Christ, Satan, and looking with anticipation for Christ's coming.

You may believe it or not, but true Christianity will result in a changed life (cleansed by the precious blood of the Lamb). Will you heed Christ's tender message of love, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)?

### "TWO DIED FOR ME"

A ship had been wrecked, and when the boats had been let down it was seen that there was not room in them for all. Lots were cast, and among those who had to remain behind was a young and very wicked sailor. He was very pale, and those near him heard him mutter, "Lost—lost eternally." But he was picked up bodily and thrown into one of the boats. The man who had done that called to him, "You are not ready to die yet, but I am, and am willing to die for you. But mind that I see you in heaven." An old sailor who had often told him of Jesus and asked him to receive the Saviour, thus died in his stead. Ever after, the young man, who really accepted Christ, was wont to testify in these words: "For me two have died."—*Glad Tidings*.



# Over 200 Enroll at Grace Seminary

—By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

Registrations for the fall semester began at Grace Seminary the morning of Friday, September 11, at which time new students were registered in both the seminary and college divisions, continued on Saturday, the 12th, when returning students were registered, and continued through the first week of school, which began on Monday, the 14th. The total enrollment now stands at 215, which is a record for this institution. Never before have we reached the 200 mark.

In the latest enrollment there are 92 new students. This is the largest number of such students we have ever experienced. In the total registration 147 are in the seminary division, which compares to 141 at the corresponding time a year ago, while there are 69 in the college division, which compares to 29 a year ago. There are 5 students who are enrolled in both the seminary and college divisions, so that there are actually 211 students who have entered school thus far this semester.

In the seminary there are 137 men and 10 women, while in the college there are 45 men and 24 women. Over-all there are 179 men and 32 women in the school.

The cosmopolitan character of our school is seen in a geographical breakdown of the States from which the students have come. The distribution is as follows: from Pennsylvania, 49; Ohio, 40; Indiana, 36; Michigan, 15; Virginia, 11; Iowa, 9; California, 8; New York, 7; Illinois, 4; New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida, Oregon, and Maryland, 3; Washington, Kansas, District of Columbia, West Virginia, and Tennessee, 2; and 1 each from the States of New Mexico, Mississippi, Missouri, Georgia, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Nebraska, Minnesota, and South Dakota. There are also 2 students from Canada. Thus there are representatives from 27 States of the Union, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Doubtless there will be a lot of geographical viewpoints expressed ere the year is over!

The varied educational backgrounds of the new students is suggested by the fact that they have come from 33 different colleges, sem-

inaries, and Bible institutes located in all parts of the country.

The denominational breakdown shows that there are students from 15 different denominations or groups in the entire student body. Brethren students take the lead by a considerable margin, followed by representatives from the Baptists, Independents, Mennonites, Methodists, Presbyterians, Evangelical and Reformed, New Dunkard Church of God, Plymouth Brethren, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Christian, Primitive Methodists, United Presbyterian, Evangelical United Breth-

ren, and the New Creation Fellowship. Surely there will be abundant opportunity for an exchange of views in matters of theology and church polity!

We believe that God in answer to prayer has sent this splendid group of young people to Grace Seminary and College to be trained for a fuller Christian service. The faculty and staff of the school keenly feel their responsibility in directing the lives of these students. We need the prayerful support of our readers that this responsibility may be faithfully discharged.

## THE SEMINARY LIBRARY IS GROWING, TOO!

*Mrs. Ben  
Hamilton sorts  
some of the 1,500  
books recently  
cataloged  
preparatory to  
placing them  
upon the  
library shelves.*



Students and staff of Grace Seminary and Grace College are finding a new index of growth in the library. New shelves have been added to accommodate the influx of new books. The vacant space to the right of the library door has stacks waiting to have books placed there as soon as the librarians can make the needed change.

Since Easter 1953 more than 1,500 books have been cataloged and added to the seminary and college libraries.

Recently Rev. Conard Sandy has graciously given many fine new books to the library. These include

excellent materials in the field of history and biography—late books giving top-grade research data on vital phases in American history. Brother Sandy has also given other desirable items for the seminary library. For all of these contributions Grace Theological Seminary is indeed grateful and, as the students and staff make use of these books, they will prove to be a genuine blessing.

The library growth is further evidence that every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father.—Ben Hamilton.



## Home Missions—

1. Pray for the new Cedar Rapids pastor, Richard Grant, as he carries on the program of that church, and labors to establish another church in the Davenport area.

2. Pray for the Navaho mission work and especially for the new teacher, Miss Priscilla Zimmerman, as she teaches the Navaho children the English language.

3. Pray for the rapid construction of the much-needed new building at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va. Also remember in prayer the Brethren construction crew who will be working on the church.

4. Pray for Lester Pifer as he accepts the responsibility of assistant field secretary in the work of Brethren home missions.

5. Pray that the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., will make a real impact on the community through the Christ for Everyone campaign and the Christian Life Sunday school contest.

6. The 1954 home-mission budget has been set at \$166,000 and we desire that every Brethren pray that the Thanksgiving offering might even exceed this figure, so that we may accept new opportunities we believe the Lord is going to give us in 1954.

## Youth—

1. Pray for the youth director as he visits churches in the East and Southeast districts this fall.

2. Pray that the boys clubs, launching out in full swing this fall, may be blessed, and that the leaders may give the time and interest necessary to keep them a success for the Lord.

3. Pray for wisdom for the youth director, and others who help him, as they prepare program material for BYF use through the year.

4. Continue to remember our many young people in school, that they may take advantage of each opportunity to prepare themselves for the work the Lord has called them to. Especially pray that many of our young men may be led into pastoral ministry.

## WMC—

1. Praise the Lord for the splendid number of WMC women at National Conference.

2. Pray for the fall district rallies



that God might be glorified both in our planning and in our giving.

3. Pray that our WMC women will receive a real vision for service.

4. Pray that more women will participate in the 15th of the month prayer fellowship.

## SMM—

1. Pray for the newly elected officers—national, district, and local—that they may be used of the Lord to lead the SMM in a greater year for Him.

2. Pray that the devotional topics for the coming year may inspire the girls to live more beautiful lives for the Master.

3. Pray that many more SMM girls may feel the need of the "QT" each day.

## Grace Seminary—

1. We praise God for His faithfulness to the seminary in raising up friends who have met most of our needs with special gifts during the summer months when envelope offerings dropped off.

2. We also praise God for the designated gifts that have come in to pay for chairs and other equipment and for campus improvements, such as roads and landscaping.

3. Pray much for the school as the new year opens and both teachers and students adjust themselves to the year ahead. Pray that all students may get satisfactory living quarters and jobs adequate for their material needs.

4. Pray for the new students, especially those in college, many of whom will be leaving home for the first time. Continue to pray that the testimony of the school in the community may be a powerful witness through the lives of consecrated students.

## Foreign Missions—

1. Pray for the home-mission offering at Thanksgiving time, that Brethren throughout our churches may give sacrificially in order that new churches may be built in the

many centers where folks are ready for a Brethren church.

2. Pray for the general secretary as he makes plans to leave the States around December 1 for a visit of about three months to our South American mission fields.

3. Pray for the Marvin Goodman family as they consider service in France, in view of the fact that little Anne's physical condition will not permit their returning to Africa for some years. Pray that the Lord will open doors for proper medical treatment for her in France if that should be His will.

4. Pray for Brother and Sister Roy Howard and family, who are now located in Calexico, Calif., just across the border from Mexicali, Baja California, where there is a vast opportunity for Gospel testimony. Pray that a house and the proper location may be found for this family—they are temporarily housed in a trailer. Pray also for the Haags, who are continuing the testimony in the San Ysidro-Tijuana area.

5. Pray for the missionaries on furlough, that the Lord will give physical strength and rest, as well as enable each one to have a part in deputation work. Pray especially for Mrs. Roy Snyder, that she may be completely restored to health.

6. Pray for Dr. Harold Mason and his family, who are still in France. Dr. Mason is now beginning a three-months course of study in tropical medicine, following which the Masons will leave France for Africa.

7. Pray for the new missionaries in Africa who have been studying Sango, the trade language, since their arrival from France. They are now moving to their respective stations to assume their many new responsibilities.

8. Pray for the Maconaghys, who have arrived back in Argentina following furlough, and for the Balzers, who have returned to Africa, that the Lord will give each couple another fruitful term of service for Him. Pray also for Miss Ruth Snyder, who expects to leave the States on October 28 to return to Africa.

## Herald—

1. Pray for the Herald staff as it endeavors to so broaden the scope of our printed material as to include all ages in our reading family.



## CHRIST'S INSPECTION . . .

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to hold the light. God is threatening to choose another channel through which light would be given.

Let us heed this warning. A church may be so busy for Him, so full of good works, that Christ Himself is lost sight of completely—like Martha, so busy doing for Christ that she had no time for sweet communion with Christ. Departure from the faith many times can be traced to failure in private devotional life with Christ.

Let us examine our life—let a church examine herself. **HAVE WE LEFT OUR FIRST LOVE?** Have we lost our testimony?

The same God who called on the saints at Ephesus to repent calls us to do the same thing.

Do we have a spiritual ear? Then let us hear what the Spirit says to the church at Ephesus, because it is the same message the Spirit would get across today. Live the overcoming life! To those who overcome God promises them to eat of the tree of life (vs. 6). Why that is the very thing Adam lost!

Examine your life, dear one. Have you lost your first love? Do other books have more attraction for you than the Bible? Have you lost interest in attending public worship service? Has spiritual obedience become wearisome? Do you lack interest in the salvation of precious souls? Are you no longer interested in missionary work; no longer concerned over personal sin? Has worldliness crept into your life?

May God help each one of us to strive to be an overcomer, for that is the victorious life. If you want **YOUR CHURCH** to be a powerful church, we must not allow her to lose her first love. If **YOU** want to be a powerful Christian, you too must be careful not to lose your first love.

Salvation is by grace, apart from works, but overcomers are enriched with joys and added grace which belong to them alone. Claim all that God can give you in this life and you will be a powerful Christian.

## Now With Christ



Rev. D. F. Eikenberry

David Franklin Eikenberry, a Brethren minister for 56 years, was "loosed away upward" September 9 at the ripe age of 82. Memorial services were held at the Grace Brethren Church at Yakima, Wash., September 12, with the writer in charge. Interment took place in Canton, Ohio, where he was laid to rest beside his wife.

Brother Eikenberry was born November 9, 1870, near the town of Flora, Ind. He graduated from Ashland College in 1903 and served Brethren churches at Canton, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; Altoona, Pa.; South Bend, Ind.; Hudson, Iowa; and in Illinois.

He had lived for the past six years in Yakima with his daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Rev. Russell Williams, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church there. At the time of his death he was teacher of the adult class at the church.

The writer wishes to bear testimony to the fine Christian spirit and sweet submission manifested by our departed brother during the months of weakness and suffering he endured prior to his homegoing. It was our privilege on several occasions to participate in the administering of the anointing service at our brother's request. In each instance the Lord graciously undertook and relieved his suffering. It was a joy indeed to have had fellowship with him in the Word and prayer, and we do praise the Lord for the fragrance of his life. For him to depart and be with Christ was far better.—Rev. Jesse Hall.

## For Your Book Shelf

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company offers to its readers the opportunity to secure additional books for your library. With the ordering of any one of the following books, *cash with order*, you will receive a coupon. For every four coupons sent to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company you will receive in return a complimentary copy of a book you would be proud to place in your library. If you order one or more of the following books by October 15, 1953, and cash accompanies your order, you will receive a coupon with each book purchased.

**THE CREATION—FACTS, THEORIES, AND FAITH**, by Theodore L. Handrich. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 211 pp. Price, \$3.95.

This book is especially written for young Christians who question the scientific accuracy of the Bible. The theories of glaciation and geology are critically considered, together with the recent theory of radioactivity as an age indicator.

**THE INDESCRIBABLE CHRIST**, by Charles J. Rolls. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 215 pp. Price, \$2.50.

The author selects 84 of the conspicuous titles, names, and offices of the Lord Jesus Christ, and shows the inadequacy of the English language to describe the glories of the risen Christ.

**ADVENTURES IN FAITH**, by M. R. DeHaan. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 192 pp. Price, \$2.50.

Selecting the mountain-top experiences in the life of Abraham, Dr. DeHaan portrays in words how Abraham lived a life of adventure in faith. The purpose of the book is to stimulate Christians to live by faith, and to pursue deeper studies into the life of the patriarch. The manner in which the author applies the experiences of Abraham is challenging and helpful.

**THIS HAPPENED IN THE HILLS OF KENTUCKY**, by John Vogel. Zondervan Publishing House, 1952. Cloth. 382 pp. Price, \$3.95.

The story of how God answered prayer and rewarded faith, resulting in the establishment of the Galilean Children's Home. Inspiration and humor are woven together in this real-life drama. Your heart will thrill to see how God used one of His chosen vessels to accomplish His purpose.

**MOUNTAINS SINGING**, by Sanna Morrison Barlow. Moody Press, 1952. Cloth. 352 pp. Price, \$3.00.

The reader will relive this modern missionary adventure story in the Philippines, and marvel at the absolute faith the two servants of God manifested and how the Lord rewarded them through the daily supply of their needs.

**FAITH'S CHECKBOOK**, by Charles H. Spurgeon. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 374 pp. Price, \$3.00.

With a precious promise and a brief comment for each day of the year, this book may be likened to a "check payable to order" of you. This book could well be adapted to regular reading before or after meals, as a family devotional.

## THE VITALITY OF THE CHURCH

The vitality of a church is often judged by the splash it makes in the weekly social calendar. Needless to say, there is no guarantee that church is spiritually alive because it has a pot-luck dinner Monday night, a Tuesday-afternoon tea, a luncheon forum Wednesday noon, with a choir practice and a fellowship hour following on Thursday.—*Presbyterian Life*.



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# The Need of the Hour: Purity, Passion, Power

## MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

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According to the gracious providence of God our Saviour, we are again assembled on this hallowed ground in this 64th annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Surely no assemblage should have the joy of the Lord in their hearts more than we. As we gather in this mutual fellowship and counsel, the beneficence of our blessed Lord during the past twelvemonth demands that we offer our tribute of praise and thanks unto Him! The admonition of the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice," should literally be felt in our hearts.

"The Need of the Hour: Purity, Passion, Power" is the theme our executive committee has chosen for this conference. There can be no doubt that almighty God was leading by His Holy Spirit when this theme was chosen.

Every born-again believer is keenly aware that we are living in momentous days. Strife, dissatisfaction, distress, perplexity, and distrust prevail everywhere. Leading economists and financiers predict colossal collapse. Defeatism, despondency, and despair have shaken the United Nations Organization until the world, like a drunken man, reels between the reality of bankruptcy and the philosophy of Epicureanism.

### *The Need of the Hour*

In such an hour of world history, one would suppose that the church

of Jesus Christ would unitedly stand forth and in clarion call invite men to return to the eternal plan of God. One would expect religious leaders to be incited to contend for "the faith once delivered unto the saints." But not so. Instead, supposed prophets of God sit by, mouthing words trippingly on the tongue, like actors upon the stage. Their words are dead and powerless even to produce the utopia for which they are hoping.

In this hour of international strife and confusion, it is not difficult to find an eloquent Apollos preaching the philosophy of Spinoza or Kant, but how difficult it is to find a man with the conviction of Aquilla. It is easy to find cynics who are the "stooges" of Karl Marx and his socialistic ideology, but how difficult is to find an Apostle Paul whose fierce zeal for Jesus Christ causes men to cry out like the Philippian jailor, "What must I do to be saved?" The tragic fact is apparent: many modern religious leaders are rubbing socialistic salve on exteriors, while the cancerous condition of sin eats away at the internal souls of men. Indeed the need of the hour is Purity, Passion, and Power.

## I. THE NEED OF THE HOUR: PURITY.

A. *There must be purity of doctrine.* The advice of Paul to Timothy to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim. 4:2), rings a greater challenge today than when it was spoken centuries ago. The Holy Spirit, in the most lucid manner, warns throughout the



pistles that the time would come when sound doctrine would no longer be endured; rather, that men would give heed to seducing spirits and to the doctrines of demons (I Tim. 4:1). Consistently Jesus portrayed the close of this age as being days of spiritual darkness and spiritual delusion with no assurance given of another world-wide revival near the end of the age of grace. Our Lord Himself asked the question: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find the faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). True, there has been apostasy in every period of the age of grace, for the mystery of iniquity was already at work during the days of the apostles. However, in this 20th century we are beholding the most subtle attack of Satan, the effects of which have shaken even historically conservative circles.

With the advent of the so-called "higher criticism" in the early part of the 19th century, Satan began his infernal attack upon the Bible, denying the infallible revelation of God. So clever was his scheme, and so undermining his program, that by the early part of the 20th century the doubting of the Holy Scriptures was spreading like wildfire, and soon the educational institutions which were built by God-fearing men and women had become dens of destructive criticism where the old Serpent changed his diabolical infidelity into the minds of youth that have now become the preachers and teachers of our present era. Baptized infidels in caps and gowns undermined the eternal truths of the Word of God, and filtered their poisonous pantheistic philosophies into the cups of the young Hamlets. Then, in 1935, the so-called father of progressive education, John Dewey, at Moscow University declared: "The existence of

historical Christianity is a detriment to our American society." Today we are experiencing the impact of this Satanic plot.

Guised under the name of "neo-orthodoxy" Satan is hurling his most dangerous weapon of the ages. "Neo-orthodoxy" is a man-made idealistic philosophy robed in the terms of the critical and presented in the name of religion. The thesis of this cult places man on a pedestal with God-like potentialities by which man can supposedly attain unto his ideal. Such doctrine is from the pit of hell. Such doctrine is not new at all; in essence, it is the philosophy of Kant and Heidegger. Neo-orthodoxy affirms to believe all the commonly accepted doctrines of conservative theology, and then employs neologisms to explain away the truth. The fact is that these neo-orthodox theologians rank with the unbelievers of all ages, and they absolutely do *not* believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired Word of God.

The supreme need of the hour is purity of doctrine. This being true, we as a fellowship of Brethren churches should thank God that we have in our beloved denomination an institution such as Grace Theological Seminary, which stands without apology contending for the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Within the walls of this institution men and women are not being inoculated with hellish neo-orthodoxy, but to the praise of almighty God, the hearts and minds of the students are being filled with the truth. The faculty of Grace Theological Seminary believe in a pure, unadulterated Gospel. As students sit at the feet of such teachers their spiritual swords are sharpened for battle against the forces of hell.

The Lord be praised that we need not make apology for the academic

standards of our school, for laboring at financial sacrifice are a corps of professors who are not only proficient in their fields, but who have the zeal of the Lord as well as a love for the Brethren Church. They believe the Brethren Church is contending for the whole counsel of God.

Whereas, the evidences and the influences of liberalism and modernism are prevailing in Christendom, we recommend:

1. That this conference thank God and commend the faculty and the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary for contending for a fundamental and conservative position in these apostate days; and,

2. That this conference demonstrate its appreciation and faith in the administration of Grace Theological Seminary by urging the full support of the "dollar-a-month" plan, in addition to the January offering; and let us pray and give that at the annual meeting of this Fellowship in the year 1960 we might burn the mortgage; and,

3. That this conference go on record as being in full agreement with the step of faith taken by the faculty and board of trustees in the establishment of Grace College. This is but another step in our "contending for the faith." As the moderator of this conference, I would not for a single moment desire to say or infer one unkind or ungracious word against the many fine Christian colleges which many of our young people have attended. However, one thing is certain, namely, many of our capable young people have been lost to the Brethren Church simply because they enrolled in other denominational or interdenominational colleges where they heard of every field of service except the Brethren. Special acknowledgment is given to the Brethren Youth Council, who

saw this problem and put a full-time man on the field to partially meet the need through personal contact with these young people.

The interdenominational schools are doing a commendable work in their sphere, and yet it is not difficult to see that Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian professors in these institutions are not preparing Brethren preachers and missionaries. It is absolutely certain that in such schools one would not find those subjects being taught from the Word of God, nor practiced, which every well-instructed Brethren holds precious. If there is to be a Brethren Church, there must be a ministry that understands and is genuinely confirmed in the particular teaching of God's Word which the Brethren Church has practiced and defended from her conception. This will make for purity in doctrine.

4. That this conference reaffirm its disapproval of the National Council of Churches and its various affiliates, which are infiltrated with neo-orthodoxy, biological evolution, communistic socialism, and liberalism; and that our fellowship continue its independent battle for the faith.

*B. There must be purity in conviction.* The days in which we live demand positiveness. The most dangerous position for one to take is compromise. Every compromiser is a liberal, regardless of the realm or degree in which a concession is made. The solemn duty of every believer is to be absolute in his decision to stand faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was the uncompromising conviction for the faith that resulted in the martyrdom of scores of souls during the first century of the Christian church. It was the stalwart stand of the Reformers, who had



deep convictions, that resulted in thousands of them being placed in torture chambers, or being tied to the stake for the cause of Christ. These spiritual giants cared not for the applause of men, nor for the honor that man might bestow upon them. These Christians were deeply desirous of the blessing and power of almighty God. They were desirous that God's Word should not be adulterated. However, with all of their desire to return to the faith of the first century, by the 1500's some doctrines and truths had been so deeply buried in the fancies of worldly philosophies that in this 20th century we are still required to shovel off the worldly rubble.

In this 20th midcentury era we see what has happened during nearly 1000 years of development of the apostasy, and the end is not yet. The trend, however, is the same. Apostasy is a gradual process of departure from the truth, in which one point of doctrine is question, and then another, until finally the whole truth is lost.

The motto of the Brethren Church is: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." May it never be otherwise. And yet, it is possible for us to talk out of two sides of the mouth at the same time, acclaiming our belief in the "whole" Bible, and at the same time fail to show conviction toward certain doctrines that are taught in God's eternal Word, which Word cannot be broken. I think of the oft-said statement of that great warrior of the faith, the late Dr. L. S. Chauman, "It's in the Book, what are you going to do about it?"

If we are to stand true to the whole counsel of God, and to the historic, Biblical position of the Brethren Church, there are four specific doctrines that need to be re-italized. A few might say, Who

wants to stand by a historic position? To such I say, Stand true to the colors under which you march or join the ranks where you conscientiously can stand according to your conviction.

The four specific doctrines to which your moderator refers are:

1. The doctrine of separation. The Brethren Church finds its beginning in the Pietistic movement of the 17th century, and from the day the Brethren Church was born in the German village of Schwarzenau, in 1708, until this present moment she has stood for separation from all that is of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Is it possible that in this 20th century we are confused on this doctrine of separation? We have all but come to mean by separation that we don't go to shows, we don't smoke, and we don't play cards. Brethren, this is not separation. These compose simply a limited set of negative standards, trumped up by man. Scriptural separation is positive dedication of life to the Person of Jesus Christ! One cannot be separated from the world, in the Scriptural sense, until he has been transformed from within by the Holy Spirit of God. In Romans 12:2 believers are admonished: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

The reason we are seeing so much evidence of the world and the flesh in the lives of many professing Christians is because we have either failed to preach Christ, as we are admonished in Galatians 3:1, or having preached thus, the people are too bewitched by error to surrender to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, too, conservative Christianity has become too much involved in a fancy for "religious entertainment"

and "spiritual sideshows," thinking this is the way to reach men and women for Christ. Not so! Mere carnal feeding of the emotions will never satisfy the souls of men and women, nor will weekly "binges" equip men and women for the conflict they are bound to face in a Satanically controlled world. Instead of succumbing to the un-Scriptural methods which today are, and tomorrow are not, let us "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." And having done all, let us stand firmly convicted that God can only bless where believers have separated themselves unto the Lord Jesus and are seeking His benediction.

2. The doctrine of nonconformity. Romans 12:1-2, I John 2:15-17, and Galatians 6:14 are certainly admonitions of the Holy Spirit to every believer to refrain from conforming to the world in speech, dress, habits, pleasure, business, and social relations.

Your moderator feels that we need to lay new emphasis on this teaching, lest the coming generation in the Brethren Church look to Hollywood for her standards of dress and custom, rather than to God's Word. Ministers and their wives and church officials must take the lead and set the example of modesty and conservatism in all things (I Tim. 3:4-7).

Effective teaching on this subject must be the result of consistent example and practice in the home. Christian parents should show spiritual backbone, and refuse to permit their children to conform to the world in dress and practice, and yet this teaching too should be done in a positive manner. The basis for nonconformity to the world is a love for the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Brethren, let us not just make a

mouthy profession, but let us manifest purity in the practice of nonconformity. Whereas a great majority of the letters received from the moderators of our districts revealed concern over the matter of separation and nonconformity, we recommend:

(1) That we urge our people to earnestly pray that the Brethren Church shall be kept pure for the glory of God in these days of apostasy, and that she maintain her pilgrim identity for the cause of Jesus Christ.

(2) That this conference suggest to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers that some unified program be adopted in our churches to cope with this deficiency. By a program your moderator has in mind Bible conferences in our local churches dedicated to the matter of these problems, and positive propaganda delivered through the Brethren Missionary Herald.

3. The doctrine of marriage and divorce. Last year this conference approved the partial report that was submitted by the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage and Church Membership. This partial report can be found on page 17 of the Brethren Annual of 1952.

Whereas this partial report was published in the minutes of our annual conference, and not likely read by the great constituency of the membership of the Brethren Church, we recommend:

(1) That this conference request the editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald to publish this full report in an early issue, that the entire denomination might know the position of our National Fellowship on this very important doctrine.

4. The doctrine of nonresistance. Many a denomination is floundering



in the valley of liberalism, simply because they have forsaken unpopular doctrines in God's eternal Word. It is perhaps correct to say that the doctrine of nonresistance has faced more criticism in the Brethren Church than any other doctrine which we hold precious. And yet there has been more written on this subject, and more resolutions passed affirming belief in it, than any other doctrine. The fact is, that for an individual to question the doctrine of nonresistance is cause to question his position on the doctrines of separation and nonconformity. These doctrines have a common premise in Romans 12:1-2.

Your moderator has stated that in these days we must be positive. Certainly this is true of this doctrine of nonresistance.

Several years ago, during World War II, your moderator was engaged in conversation in a ministerial fellowship which represented some eight denominations. One brother, pastor of one of the largest churches in the city, and who now holds a national office in his denomination, spoke out bluntly with a "crack" against "that bunch of pacifists who hold to the doctrine of nonresistance." Not desiring to be guilty of being "resistant," the speaker held his peace, but still he did not shirk. At the opportune time, privilege was granted that the Biblical position might be stated. When the speaker had finished, that brother pastor admitted that the Brethren position was Biblical and logical, but not popular.

Brethren, we need conviction! We need to be positive! Let us refrain from this apologetic attitude, and by the grace of God let us stand firm for this doctrine that is taught in the Word of God.

Since 1708 the Brethren Church

has consistently affirmed her belief in this Biblical doctrine, and because it is in the Book, your moderator feels keenly that any Brethren minister who refuses to teach this doctrine of nonresistance or who uses his influence to undermine conviction in this historic position of the Brethren Church is ethically guilty of a moral breach and should prayerfully reconsider his position and relationship.

Whereas there will be wars in this old world until the Lord Jesus calls His church up to glory, we recommend that the fellowship reaffirm its position on war as set forth in the resolutions of our 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches, as recorded on page 5, the Brethren Conference Number of 1940, in the report of the Resolutions Committee, under paragraph 12; and that this paragraph be read in full before this fellowship.

Under the matter of purity in conviction, permit your moderator to suggest that we jealously guard those ordinances which every well-instructed Brethren appreciates.

The Brethren Church is the recipient of wonderful instruction in several practices or ordinances which the Lord Jesus commanded His church to observe. Each of these ordinances is a symbol of a cardinal doctrine in the Word of God. These ordinances are symbols of the cardinal doctrines of justification, sanctification, and glorification. Absolute understanding of these doctrines is fundamental to genuine Christian living. Does not Satan know this only too well? Most every cult and ism is found to be at odds with the Scriptural teaching on these doctrines. For this reason our Lord instituted the ordinances in order that He might ever hold before His children the picture or symbol of each

doctrine, lest the doctrine be misunderstood.

When one fails to appreciate the great truths symbolized in these ordinances he not only fails to see one sphere of profound truth, but misses a blessing nothing can replace this side of heaven. We need deep, pungent, positive conviction.

No liberal is ever positive, but he begins his mischievous plan by questioning the integrity and worth of what he terms "minor things." To become liberal or impure in our conviction on the symbols is the first step toward liberalism in our teaching. Impurity in teaching results in impurity in life.

Whereas these ordinances are precious to the heart of every Brethren, and whereas they are clearly taught in God's Word, and substantiated by church history, we recommend:

(1) That this conference recommend to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers that they go on record urging more stringent examination in Brethren history and doctrine as applicants for licensure or ordination appear before the district ministerial examining boards, and,

(2) That we urge our ministers to make exhaustive studies along these lines, and to prepare copy for small tracts to be presented to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for consideration and publication.

C. *There must be purity in the translation of God's Word.* The Apostle Paul gave due warning to Timothy, saying: "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." We are living in a generation that prides itself in its intellectual achievements and sophisticated ideals. The fact is, there has never been a more gullible generation than there is in this one of ours. Barnum, the showman, one time said that the American people

like to be humbugged. Needless to say, one need not traverse very far into the woods until he discovers how true this is in the realm of the religious, for it is full of every kind of cult, ism, fancy, and panacea, each one offering its sure cure to health, a short cut to wealth, and secret happiness.

The old story is told of a group of college boys who put together the head of one bug with the body of another, and the wings of still another. Then they asked their old professor in etymology what sort of bug it was. His reply was: "It looks like a humbug!" The modern religionist who takes a pinch of the Bible, three spoons of religion, five cups of philosophy, and two drops of ethics, has nothing to offer to the world but a religious "humbug."

Whereas, the latest attempt of modernism and neo-orthodoxy to "humbug" the world was the translation known as the "Revised Standard Version," we recommend:

(1) That this conference should go on record as utterly opposed to the new Revised Standard Version, and

(2) That we give full sanction to the contents of the pages of the Educational Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald, Vol. 15, No. 1, dated February 28, 1953, as this related to the Revised Standard Version, and that we affirm this to be our position on the subject, and,

(3) Whereas the Evangelical Theological Society is a conservative organization which is contending for the faith, and whereas its membership is made up of conservative theologians who hold advanced degrees in the academic sphere, and whereas the exploratory committee for a new translation of the Bible includes such men as Doctors Martey, MacRae, Neuberg, Tenny, and Wyngaarden; therefore we can wit-



confidence encourage them in their labor, and recommend that this conference go on record as petitioning the Evangelical Theological Society to proceed at an early date to produce a new translation of the Bible which will meet the needs and approval of the evangelical scholars and believers in the English-speaking world.

## II. THE NEED OF THE HOUR IS PASSION.

There are two spheres in which the truly regenerate believer will have a real passion.

A. *There must be a passion for the Lord Jesus.* History affords the best example of this as we turn to the experience of Judah. For 52 years Uzziah reigned over Judah, and his rulership had resulted in half a century of military progress and monetary prosperity. It had been an era of ease and plenty for Israel. But as always, her victories in war, her rich harvests, and her great commerce had left the nation abandoned to flaccid and licentious living. As creeping paralysis, sin and indifference had come upon them in their flush of prosperity.

With the worldliness of the people, there was coupled the spiritual decline of the king, and with a proud heart, he flagrantly arrayed himself in the priest's garments and in blasphemous fashion burst into the temple altar to burn incense. This was the first recorded sin against the king, yet God was not slow in His judgment. The king was struck with the scourge of leprosy upon his forehead where it was visible to all the people, and it was contrary for a leper to discharge the office of king, and so Uzziah was dethroned. Soon after, Uzziah died, and this left the nation in a state of degeneracy.

But not for long, for God raised up

His prophet Isaiah, whom He divinely commissioned to give perhaps the most prophetic utterance ever spoken. While Isaiah was brooding over the desecration of the temple by Uzziah, in front of the temple of Jerusalem, suddenly there burst forth before him the scene as recorded in Isaiah 6:1-3: "In the year that king Uzziah died I also saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

"Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah saw the Lord Jesus Christ, who, after His resurrection, sat down on the right hand of the Father, not only as Saviour, but as King of kings occupying His throne high above the throne of earthly kings. Although Uzziah was dead, and the young Jotham had ascended to the throne, yet Isaiah saw not these, but rather his soul was filled with a passion for the true King of Israel, the Lord of hosts. When Uzziah died we see the King. The heavenly King is not revealed until the earthly king dies. At that time that we die to self, then we shall see the glory of the heavenly: His "train" shall fill the temple of our lives, and with holy reverence we shall, as the seraphim, cover our face in holy awe lest our eyes burst from the glory of His presence. As the seraphim we shall cover our feet, for indeed we are unworthy to stand in His presence. As the seraphim, we do fly as swift messengers of His grace, to execute the obligation that is ours to a lost world, for the passion of Christ constraineth us to cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.

What would the result be in the Brethren Church during the coming year if every member had such a passion for the Lord?

B. *There would be a passion for the lost.* Passion for the Lord is the very secret of a real passion for the lost. Not until we have a burning passion for Christ and His Word will we know a passion for the lost. Not until believers recognize the truth that our fellow men are eternally lost and headed for hell will the passion of the Lord Jesus grip our souls. Where there is hell for the sinner there is personal work for the saint. Not until we go into our sphere of influence, which is our home, our store, our office, our shop, our school, our fields, seeking opportunities to be Christ's disciples, will we manifest the passion for the lost. The same spirit of passion for the lost should rule everywhere; there is no distinction between ministers and laymen, men and women, missionaries at home or abroad, nor between Africa and America. Geographical location does not govern our passion for Christ and for the lost.

What is the story in America? Last year, according to our annual statistical report, our total membership was 20,242. In 1952 in our annual Brethren Home Missions report, we had 1,969 members, which leaves a total of 18,273 members in our other churches. According to the 1952 statistics, a total of 132 churches were reported; of this number 32 were home-mission churches and 100 established churches. The net gain of the 32 home-mission churches was 323 members, while the total net gain of our denomination was 131 members, according to the statistical report. The home-mission gain overbalanced the loss. If every church in our national fellowship had

made gains proportionate in membership as our home-mission churches did, we would have had 3,320 new members in the denomination last year instead of 131. The Lord be praised for His blessing upon our home-mission program, and for the generous spirit in which all our church sacrificially contributed.

The 1953 statistical report reveals a much more encouraging report. This year our statistician will report that the Lord gave us a net gain of 725 members, of which number 291 were in our home-mission churches, or about one-third of our total net gain.

This conference has reason to praise the Lord for the 1,459 souls that came to Christ and were baptized according to God's precious Word; but Brethren, with a greater passion for souls, we could see that number tripled or quadrupled. Where there is no vision, the people perish.

God grant that such a passion for Christ and souls shall grip our hearts that we shall get down on our knees before the Lord in an all-day prayer meeting and pray that the fires on the altars of our churches shall glow more brightly for the Lord Jesus. Let us pray that the Brethren Church might be baptized by the Holy Spirit of God with a revival that will give us a burning passion for Christ and for the souls of men and women.

Let us pray for and support the Board of Evangelism and the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade in its proposed program of revival and personal evangelism in the Brethren Church.

Let us pray for and support the National Sunday School Board in their effort to activate an evangelistic Bible school.



God grant that we might employ every force at our command to bring about a great revival in the Brethren Church.

What about our passion for the lost in other lands? Last year the Brethren Church gave to the cause of foreign missions about \$10 per member. To break this down, we discover that 44 percent of our members gave less than \$5 a year to foreign missions, and 9 percent of our members gave less than \$1 a year. Think of it, over one-half of the members of our denomination do not have enough passion for the souls of men and women in foreign lands to give \$5 a year to win souls for Christ where they have never heard the glorious Gospel of the saving grace of our Lord. Brethren, your moderator repeats his statement, we need a revival. We need to set aside a day of prayer when the fire of revival will be rekindled upon Brethren altars, and we see the glory of the Lord filling the temple.

At the present moment the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has a waiting list of dedicated missionaries to send to the lost souls of the world, but funds are not sufficient to send them. While we live in luxury, with fine automobiles, radios, television, beautiful homes, fine clothes, and extravagance, the lost souls of Brazil, Africa, Argentina, France, Germany, Japan, China—yea of the world—are going to Christless graves and the only concern that one-half of our membership has in whether they go to heaven or go to hell is \$5 a year. God help us to get a passion for the lost that will revolutionize the Brethren Church within the next five years, and we will not have a picture which should cause us to drop our heads in shame. Our prayer should be that of Habakkuk, "O,

Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years."

Thank God for the fine work being done by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, and our corps of missionaries, but Brethren, we need a burning passion for Christ to take the Gospel to the lost.

Whereas we are confronted with a record that fails to manifest a deep passion for the Lord Jesus, and for the souls of men, we recommend:

That this conference manifest its concern in this regard by faithfully attending the prayer sessions of this conference, and we recommend that following the devotional period of the prayer meeting, that we divide up into smaller groups for prayer in order that much prayer might ascend unto the throne of grace. We urge every pastor and delegate to this conference to be at every morning prayer meeting. Revival always begins where one person or several persons become concerned and begin to pray for revival.

### III. THE NEED OF THE HOUR IS POWER.

A. *There is need for power in the home.* The fundamental need of the hour in society is a Christian home life. Out of the home proceeds that which elevates or degrades a nation. We can talk about our achievements in the educational realm, but no system of education will replace the influence and training that is received in the home. The fact is that the weakest link in our system of Christian education is the home. Unchecked in its present tendencies, Christian home life will be unknown in another generation, and this will be sufficient to ruin the opportunity of the church to do her best for Christ in the closing days of this age of grace. Christian home life has been surrendered to the diabolical

materialism of modern living, and to the fiendish psychology that runs counter to New Testament Christianity. Rare indeed is the family that gathers together in a family circle for intellectual, social, and spiritual fellowship.

Joshua faced a similar problem in his day. In the 24th chapter of Joshua we read that Joshua gathered together the elders or fathers of Israel and rehearsed the many things that God had done for them. He sought to impress upon them the fact that God is with those that trust Him, and that God alone can lead out of the problems when man sees not the way. Many were the times that Israel found themselves up against a "stone wall," but it was then that God manifested His grace and led them out.

It did not take much for Joshua to convince Israel of the truth he presented, but history records that Israel was glib in her attitude and unwilling to pay the price that she might know the power of God in her midst. Joshua cried out, as every godly man should cry who is a husband and a father, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Christian home life in America has disintegrated, and the family altar is as obsolete as Grandmother's kerosene lamp. The state of the average Christian home is characteristic of the moral and spiritual upheaval that has blighted and cursed the earth. The average young person today does not believe that "mid pleasures and palaces, there's no place like home." Young people today are at the house they call "home" just long enough to eat some meals and get a few hours of sleep. They live elsewhere, either at a recreation center, the corner drug store, school, amusement hall, snack bar, or in a dime novel. In many a so-called Christian

home the hellishness of the 20th century has entered, and the orgies of immorality, drunkenness, and infidelity are frequently on the increase right under the noses of fathers and mothers who are leading officers in the church. Thus death looks on with sunken eyes as a giddy, jazzy, materialistic, and sinful age glides toward the brink of inevitable destruction.

Chief R. W. Nebergall, of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, said some time ago that the principal reason for the steady increase in juvenile delinquency and juvenile courts is "the loss of the old traditional home life we have known in America."

The consistent influence of a godly Christian life of a father and mother is more precious than gold. Paul's admonition to Timothy is worthy of our consideration. In I Timothy 3: 13-15 Paul declares: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Timothy was the product of a powerful godly home. We may be very sure that the Biblical faith of Eunice was also a practical faith, livable and workable in the daily life in the home. The influence of Eunice was no doubt the result of a living faith which enabled her to surmount life's problems, and thus in turn was more powerful than a dozen oral exhortations.

One might say, "Yes, but we live in a different age than that when Eunice lived!" If this be conceded, we need but cite another case. We have the record of a God-fearing woman named Jochebed, who raised her son, Moses, in the very heart of



heathenism. Despite all the ungodliness, and all the handicaps of environment, the effect of the consistent godly life of Jochebed and her training produced a champion of righteousness for the glory of God.

However, Jochebed never would have accomplished this had it not been for her faith in and faithfulness to the Lord God. Even so today, the need for power in the home will only be realized when we rebuild the old family altar in every Christian home in America.

We faithfully pray for foreign missions, home missions, our church, our Sunday school, and many other worthy works, but how much praying do we do in church, and in private devotions, for our homes, and yet they are the secret to a strong and powerful work by any church. The secret of a powerful church is found in the homes of the members of that church where the power of God is known and family relations are on a high spiritual plane, where husbands and wives, parents and children, enjoy the deep devotional life which is the result of a living faith in Jesus Christ. How can we expect power for God in the home where there is constant bickering and backbiting?

Inasmuch as it is generally conceded that the spiritual quality of our Christian homes has not improved with the past decade, we recommend:

That a committee be appointed by this conference to study ways and means of laying new emphasis upon Christian home life. We commend the Women's Missionary Council for their efforts in working with the pastors in the establishing of family altars in every Brethren home, and suggest that the committee selected by this conference counsel with the executives of the Women's Mission-

ary Council and bring back to this conference a report with suggestions as to how we can assist, challenge, and encourage Christian parents to consider carefully their own home life.

B. *There is need for power in the church.* Today the church seeks to manifest the genius of Milton with lettered preaching, enameled with poetry and rhetoric, but the church lacks power. In this day there is much philosophy preached which demonstrates the profound wisdom of Plato and Cicero, but the church lacks power. The church seeks to background the preacher with gold crosses and burning candles, but still the church lacks power. What is the secret of the power that the church needs today?

1. The secret of power in the church is the people. The secret of power in the church is not to be found in more machinery nor more organization, nor more novel methods, but the secret is in a praying people. God has never anointed methods, but he has and does anoint men—men who are on their knees. Yet this is not a day of prayer. The monthly day of prayer in our beloved church on the 15th of each month is attended by only a handful of those who could attend. Our midweek services should be a powerhouse meeting, but too often it is cold and staid, with few tears and feeble concern for sinners doomed to an eternal hell. Our closets are unused rooms in spite of the fact that God has promised to answer with power. If we are to see God's power in the church then we must have men and women who, like Jacob, prayed until he was the princely intercessor; we must have men and women who, like Elijah, will pray until the famine-stricken church shall bloom as the land of plenty.

We can have revival meetings, and evangelistic crusades, well-trained ministers, and beautiful churches, but until we see a people become absolutely earnest in prayer, we will know no power in the Brethren Church as an evangelistic power for God.

2. The secret of power in the church is the preacher. While the church is looking for elegant, dynamic preachers with methods and personality, God is looking for men who know how to spend time alone with God.

E. M. Bounds, in his booklet, "Power Through Prayer," says: "The character as well as the fortunes of the Gospel are committed to the preacher. He makes or mars the message from God to man. The preacher is the golden pipe through which the divine oil flows. The pipe must not only be golden, but open and flawless, that the oil may have full, unhindered, unwasted flow.

"The man makes the preacher. God must make the man. The messenger is, if possible, more than the message. The preacher makes the sermon. As life-giving milk from the mother's bosom is but the mother's life, so all the preacher says is tintured, impregnated by what the preacher is. The treasure is in earthen vessels, and the taste of the vessel impregnates and may discolor. The man, the whole man, lies behind the sermon. Preaching is not the performance of an hour. It is the outflow of a life. It takes 20 years to make a sermon, because it takes 20 years to make the man. The true sermon is a thing of life. The sermon grows because the man grows. The sermon is forceful because the man is forceful. The sermon is holy because the man is holy. The sermon is full of the divine unction because the man is full of the divine

unction. . . . Dead men give out dead sermons, and dead sermons kill. Everything depends upon the spiritual character of the preacher. . . . It is not great talents or great learning, or great preachers that God needs, but men great in holiness, great in faith, great in love, great in fidelity, great for God—men always preaching holy sermons in the pulpit, by holy lives out of it. These can mold a generation for God."

A praying people and a praying preacher cannot be legislated. It must be a personal surrender to the Holy Spirit.

## CONCLUSION

Finally, brethren, every evidence is on the horizon warning us that the hour of world calamity is near at hand. The return of our blessed Lord in the glory of His Father is near at hand, for Jesus warned that when certain things took place, we were to look up for our redemption. Brethren, that hour is here, and the immediate need is for every born-again child of God to know the purity, passion, and power in his life that is the result of absolute surrender to the Holy Spirit. God grant that every delegate to this conference shall return home to become a spearhead in the local churches for purity in faith and practice, with a passion for the Lord Jesus and the souls of lost men and women, and knowing the power of God in our lives. God grant that we might see a heaven-sent revival in the Brethren Church that will result in greater love among the Brethren, greater love for the lost, but above all, a greater love for Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

## *Additional Suggestions*

Lying outside the scope of the message is one matter which your



moderator desires to present for the consideration of this conference.

The Brethren Church is governed congregationally, and this form of government must be defended and reserved at all and any cost. However, in our form of government there is no way to properly care for two problems that frequently exist, namely, pastorless churches and churchless pastors. As we might seek a solution to this problem we must move with fear and caution, but we should move, never forgetting the autonomy of the local congregation.

Your moderator suggests that a

committee of five be selected by conference, whose duty it would be to keep a list of pastors who contemplate a change, as well as a list of ministers who are available for pastorates. Local congregations could contact this committee, not for recommendations, but for a list of men who would be available for a call. The church would be required to make the contact with the minister of their choice to determine his interest. The committee would never recommend any man to any pulpit. May the Lord grant us His wisdom, that in all things our blessed Lord might have the preeminence.

## DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS OF THE 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Monday Evening, August 24, 1953*

The 64th annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches convened at Winona Lake, Ind., August 24, 1953, at 7:15 p. m., with the moderator, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, in charge. The opening hymn, "In the Service of the King," was led by Conference Song Leader Rev. Harold Painter, pastor of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., with Rev. Charles Bergerson at the organ.

Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum officially declared the conference in session.

Clyde K. Landrum, conference secretary, led in the opening prayer. Mason Cooper, president of the national laymen's organization, led the Brethren Challenge Hour, which was sponsored by the laymen. Dalta Meyer led in prayer. Rev. Walter Lepp, evangelist for Crusade Team 2, spoke on the work of the team. The three members of the team, Brethren Walter Lepp, Charles Bergerson, and Frank Coffin, sang a trio number. Leo Polman spoke on the Crusade's work in his church, while Clyde K. Landrum told of the East District's response to the crusade. Frank Coffin led the audience as the chorus, "Everybody Ought to Know Who Jesus Is," was sung.

The hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," was fervently sung. Wesley Haller read I Corinthians 2: 9-16, followed by prayer by Lewis C. Hohenstein.

Conference worshiped in receiving the offering, which amounted to \$136.64.

The Crusade trio sang very beau-

tifully the old hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

A challenging message was presented by Vice Moderator William H. Schaffer.

The service was dismissed with prayer.

*Tuesday Morning, August 25, 1953*

"We're Marching to Zion" was directed by Conference Song Leader Harold Painter as conference began the day. Following this, there was the singing of the hymn, "Sweetest Name I Know." Vice Moderator William H. Schaffer presented Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum, who delivered the moderator's address on the theme, "The Need of the Hour: Purity, Passion, and Power."

Following this stirring message conference joined in singing, "Faith of Our Fathers."

*Tuesday Afternoon, August 25, 1953*

This session was devoted to the annual meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation.

*Tuesday Evening, August 25, 1953*

Rev. Harold Etling opened the evening service by leading in the singing of the hymn, "He Lives," and the chorus, "We Want You to Come to Our Sunday School." Lester Pifer led in the opening prayer to introduce the Brethren Challenge Hour, sponsored by the Sunday School Board. The Moody film, "No Vacant Chairs," was shown and an announcement made that this film is available through the Sunday School Board for showing in the churches.

Norman Nelson sang the beautiful hymn, "I Have Been Born Again." Harold Etling led in prayer. Harold



Painter led in the singing of several songs, followed by the reading of the Scripture by Rev. Gerald Polman. James Hammer led in prayer.

The offering, amounting to \$134.52, was received, followed by a solo by Norman Nelson, "Holy, Holy Is What the Angels Sing," accompanied by his wife.

The evening message, entitled, "Purity of Life," was brought by Thomas Hammers. The closing hymn was "His Way With Thee." Victor Rogers closed the meeting with prayer.

#### *Wednesday Morning, August 26, 1953*

The singing of the hymn, "Standing on the Promises," introduced the Bible Hour. Gordon Bracker led in the morning prayer. Ward Miller brought a stirring Bible message entitled, "Abraham." Conference very appropriately applied the message by singing, "Calvary Covers It All."

#### *Wednesday Afternoon, August 26, 1953*

The afternoon session was given over to the Brethren Home Missions Council Corporation.

#### *Wednesday Evening, August 26, 1953*

Conference opened the evening session by singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Rev. Russell H. Veber led in the evening prayer.

Rev. L. L. Grubb led the Brethren Challenge Hour, which was sponsored by the Brethren Home Missions Council, and in which reports were given by various home-mission workers.

Moderator J. L. Gingrich was in charge of the conference session at 8:45. Harold Painter led in the singing of "Oh, How I Love Him." The scripture lesson, taken from the

Book of Acts, was read by John Burns. The message of the evening on the subject, "A Passion for Souls," was brought by Bruce Button. The evening offering amounted to \$119.41. The service was brought to a fitting close with the singing of the hymn, "Calvary Covers It All."

#### *Thursday Morning, August 27, 1953*

Conference Song Director Harold Painter led in the singing of some hymns to open the morning session. In the absence of the vice moderator, Secretary Clyde K. Landrum presided. Prayer was offered by Pastor William Gray. Moderator J. L. Gingrich brought the message of devotion and blessing on the subject, "Joseph."

#### *Thursday Afternoon, August 27, 1953*

This session was devoted to the Grace Theological Seminary Corporation meeting.

#### *Thursday Evening, August 27, 1953*

Edwin Cashman opened the evening service with a trumpet solo, followed by the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." Dr. H. A. Kent led in prayer.

Dr. W. A. Ogden led in the dedicatory service of the memorial tablet for Dr. L. S. Bauman. Others who spoke in this service were Dr. C. H. Ashman, Sr., Miss Johanna Nielsen, Rev. George Peek, and Dr. A. J. McClain. Dr. Paul R. Bauman and Mrs. L. S. Bauman unveiled the memorial tablet. A special offering for Grace Seminary, amounting to \$1,807, was received.

Raymond and Truymond Haddix played and sang. Edward Lewis led in the evening prayer. Conference worshiped by presenting the regular offering, amounting to \$66.33. Ver-

non Harris brought a fine Bible message on the subject, "Power for Service." Harold Painter pronounced the benediction.

*Friday Morning, August 28, 1953*

"Praise Him, Praise Him" was the opening hymn for the morning session, following which Paul Mohler led in prayer. A fine Bible message was brought by George Peek on the subject, "Moses." After the singing of the closing hymn, R. H. Kettell led in prayer.

*Friday Afternoon, August 28, 1953*

The afternoon session was given over to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for the Corporation meeting.

*Friday Evening, August 28, 1953*

Dr. R. D. Barnard led the Brethren Challenge Hour, which was sponsored by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, and during which several missionaries spoke. The evening offering, amounting to \$136.07, was received.

Following the singing of a hymn and prayer, and some remarks by Mrs. J. Keith Altig, Brother Altig brought a thrilling message on Brazil.

*Saturday Morning, August 29, 1953*

Harold Painter led us in the singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Work for the Night Is Coming," with Charles Bergerson at the organ. Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., led us in prayer. Moderator J. L. Gingrich introduced Homer Kent, Jr., to speak on the subject, "Elijah." After the singing of a closing hymn, C. H. Ashman, Jr., led us in prayer.

*Saturday Night, August 29, 1953*

Saturday night was "Youth Night,"

with special numbers and testimonies by the young people under the direction of Ralph Colburn. A message by Galen Lingenfelter stirred our hearts. There were several decisions in response to the invitation given following the message and the singing of "Is Your All on the Altar?" The evening offering amounted to \$90.47.

*Sunday Morning, August 30, 1953*

The Lord's Day services began with a praise and prayer service at 8 o'clock.

Sunday school convened at 9 o'clock under the direction of Harold Etling. The total Sunday-school attendance was 593, and the total offering amounted to \$117.77.

The morning worship service was in charge of Rev. Herman W. Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. The message of the morning was brought by Rev. Russell Williams. The morning offering was \$144.73.

*Sunday Afternoon, August 30, 1953*

Dr. L. L. Grubb opened the All-Missions Rally. Harold Painter led in the singing of the song, "He Keeps Me Singing." Dr. R. D. Barnard was introduced. He took charge of the foreign-mission portion of the rally. Keith Altig read Romans 10:8-17 and Miss Johanna Nielsen led in prayer. The following new missionaries were presented: Mr. and Mrs. George Cone, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Don Bishop, Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burk, Brazil.

L. L. Grubb had charge of testimonies by home-mission pastors. The afternoon offering was received in the amount of \$66.21. L. L. Grubb closed with prayer.



The afternoon rally was broadcast over Station WMBI, Chicago.

### *Sunday Evening, August 30, 1953*

The song service was led by Harold Painter, using the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," to open the service. Prayer was offered by Ord Gehman, followed by a spe-

cial number by Tony and Cora Luna. The Scripture lesson, taken from Isaiah 1:1-18, was read by Harold Etling. The offering in the amount of \$21.90 was received. After another special number from Tony and Cora Luna, Rev. R. H. Kettell brought a fine Bible message. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt closed with prayer.

## BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE 1953 BRETHREN CONFERENCE

### FIRST BUSINESS SESSION—

*Tuesday, August 25, 1953*

The business session convened with prayer by Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum. The Membership Committee read the initial report of delegates as follows: ministerial 128, lay 263, for first-day total of 391, as compared to the first day in 1952 of 385. Conference officially seated the delegates reported.

Conference proceeded to organize under the direction of the Rules and Organization Committee. The following officers were elected: Moderator, J. L. Gingrich; vice moderator, Ward Miller; secretary, Clyde K. Landrum; assistant secretary, James D. Hammer; treasurer, Byron Fetters; statistician, C. S. Zimmerman; Committee on Committees, Kenneth Ashman, Harold Etling, and V. A. Ogden.

After extending the time until the completion of the election, conference was adjourned with prayer.

### SECOND BUSINESS SESSION—

*Wednesday, August 26, 1953*

The moderator, Arnold Kriegbaum, called the business session to order as Vernon Harris led in prayer. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The Membership Committee reported five ad-

ditional ministerial and 22 additional lay delegates for a new total of 418. The additional delegates were seated by conference.

The conference Executive Committee submitted the following agenda for conference, which was adopted:

Wednesday—Election of new Executive Committee, recommendation of Central District, report of the statistician, report of Board on Ministerial Relief and Insurance, report of Board of Evangelism, report of Auditing Committee, and fixing of time and place of 1954 conference.

Thursday—Report of Radio Board, report of Committee on Denominational Interests, report of Sunday School Board, report of Youth Fellowship.

Friday—Report of the Committee on Moderator's Address, report of Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, report of the Committee on Resolutions, report of the Committee on Finance, report of Membership Committee (final).

Saturday—Report of the treasurer.

The Central District presented the following petition, which was adopted:

Central District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

TO: The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., August 24-30, 1953.

At the 1952 conference of the Central District Fellowship of Brethren Churches a committee was formed to study the matter of the division of the Central District. After several months' study, this committee submitted a division plan to the district churches which was ratified without dissent by the individual congregations.

At the 1953 conference held in Winona Lake, Ind., on July 20-23, 1953, the following plan for district division was unanimously adopted by the assembled delegates. The Central District will be divided into three districts, to be known as the Michigan District, the Indiana District, and the Southern Ohio District.

The initial membership of the Indiana District shall be composed of the Brethren churches at Fort Wayne, Berne, Flora, Osceola, Peru, Winona Lake, Sidney, Clay City, Leesburg, South Bend, Sharpsville, Huntington, Elkhart, and Wheaton, Ill., with a combined membership of 1,391.

The initial membership of the Michigan District shall be composed of the Brethren churches at Lake Odessa, New Troy, Alto, Berrien Springs, and Ozark, with a combined membership of 331.

The initial membership of the Southern Ohio District shall be composed of the Brethren churches at Dayton (First, North Riverdale, Patterson Park, and Bethany), Clayton, Clayhole, Ky.; Camden, Covington, Troy, and Sampleville, with a combined membership of 1,533.

Upon the passage of the above plan, the new proposed districts met in separate business sessions and formally organized.

Upon instruction of the Central District Fellowship, we hereby certify that the above action has been taken and hereby petition the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to recognize this action by the seating of the following persons from the three new districts as members of the National Executive Committee:

From the Michigan District—Richard Jackson, Jr.

From the Indiana District—Ord Gehman and Arthur Cashman.

From the Southern Ohio District—William Steffler and C. S. Zimmerman.

For the Central District:

James D. Hammer,  
Moderator.  
Charles Turner,  
Secretary.

Conference elected the National Executive Committee as follows: Atlantic, John M. Aeby; California, Charles W. Mayes, Glenn O'Neal, Charles H. Ashman, Sr.; East, Mark Malles, H. Leslie Moore; Indiana, Ord Gehman, A. D. Cashman; Iowa, Richard P. DeArmey; Michigan, Richard Jackson, Jr.; Midwest, Sam Horney; Northern Ohio, Charles H. Ashman, Jr. (see minutes for Saturday, August 29), Russell Ward; Northwest, Glen Welborn; Southeast, Paul Mohler; Southern Ohio, William Steffler, C. S. Zimmerman.

The national statistician presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952.

#### Districts

Name	No. Churches	Membership
Atlantic ..	14	2,224
California ..	26	5,215

Central .....	28	3,201
East .....	23	3,830
Iowa .....	6	800
Midwest .....	8	535
Northern Ohio ..	15	2,522
Northwest .....	6	896
Southeast .....	11	1,601
Totals .....	137	20,828

#### Membership

Total membership reported last year.. 20,103

#### Added—

By letter from other denominations .....	75
By letter from Brethren churches .....	275
By baptism .....	1,459
By other .....	137

Total additions .....

#### Lost—

By letter to other denominations .....	228
By letter to Brethren churches .....	232
By death .....	129
By dismissal .....	79
By roll revision .....	553

Total losses .....

Net gain .....

Present membership .....

Male members .....

Female members .....

#### Services

#### Ave. Att

Morning worship service .....	14,479
Evening worship service .....	9,485
Midweek prayer meetings .....	4,646
Revival-evangelistic .....	9,264
Bible conferences .....	4,696
Other .....	1,794
Communion service .....	8,439
Bible school .....	17,667

#### Auxiliary Organizations

The Bible School—

#### Enrollment

Infants, 0-1 years .....	1,104
Nursery, 2-3 years .....	1,416
Beginners, 4-5 years .....	2,264
Primary, 6-8 years .....	3,201
Juniors, 9-11 years .....	3,226
Intermediates, 12-14 years .....	2,127
Seniors, 15-17 years .....	1,842
Young People, 18-24 years .....	1,758
Adults, 25 years and up .....	8,420

Total Enrollment .....

Average attendance .....

#### Ave. Att

Home Department .....	335
Child evangelism .....	1,552
Daily vacation Bible school .....	9,485
Fellowship societies .....	2,230
Women's and girls' organizations—	
Women's Missionary Council .....	2,305
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha .....	1,432
Others .....	304
Men's and boys' organizations—	
Brotherhoods, or Magnify clubs .....	1,011
Boys' groups .....	981
Others .....	26



*Properties and Valuations*

Church buildings .....	\$4,614,715.56
Church equipment .....	577,021.04
Parsonages .....	629,850.00
Other property .....	386,250.00
Other investments .....	72,105.00
Treasury balances, less national offerings .....	133,846.99
Total assets .....	\$6,413,788.59
Less debts on church properties .....	1,237,315.67
Net worth .....	\$5,176,472.92

*Expenditures*

Pastors' salaries—	
Paid by local church .....	\$310,279.23
Paid by district mission board ..	11,869.00
Paid by Home Missions Council ..	36,435.00
Car allowance ..	13,043.72
Estimated parsonage rental .....	36,104.52
Total paid pastors .....	407,731.47
Other regular salaries paid .....	92,435.53
Current expenses (utilities, supplies, etc.) .....	213,679.56
Building debt payments .....	220,226.08
Improvements (and equipment) ..	148,540.90
Evangelistic services and Bible conferences .....	44,838.35
Bible school literature .....	43,363.66
Foreign Missions—	
Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church ..	\$184,799.18
Others .....	9,795.09
Total .....	194,594.27
Home Missions—	
Brethren Home Missions Council—Regular .....	\$128,644.52
Brethren Home Missions Council—Jewish .....	11,050.64
District missions ..	20,322.50
Other Jewish missions .....	6,497.51
Other .....	8,920.29
Total .....	175,435.46
Education—	
Grace Theological Seminary .....	\$49,747.16
Other .....	73,334.66
Total .....	123,081.82
Publication—	
Brethren Missionary Herald Company .....	\$7,627.39
Other .....	290.00
Total .....	7,917.39
South Fellowship—	
Brethren National Youth Council ..	\$2,846.79
Other .....	3,275.84
Total .....	6,122.63
Other expenditures .....	102,062.57
Total expenditures .....	1,780,029.69
Balance in treasuries .....	\$193,756.23

*Percentages and Relationships**Financial—*

\$1,780,029.69—Total annual expenditures—	per capita, \$85.46.
1,279,000.75—Total spent for local use—per	capita, \$61.41.
194,594.27—Total Foreign Mission Offering	—per capita, \$9.34.
175,435.46—Total Home Mission Offering—	per capita, \$8.42.
123,081.82—Total for educational purposes	—per capita, \$5.91.*
7,917.39—Total Publication Offering—	per capita, \$0.38.

\*Per-capita giving to Grace Theological Seminary, \$2.83.

*Attendance—*

14,479—Average morning worship attendance—	70% of church membership.
9,489—Average evening worship attendance	46% of church membership.
4,646—Average midweek prayer meeting	attendance—22% of church membership.
9,264—Average revival meeting attendance	—44% of church membership.
4,696—Average Bible conference attendance	—23% of church membership.
8,489—Average communion service attendance	—41% of church membership.
725—Net gain in membership—3.6% of	1951 membership (20,103).
1,671—New members gained—8.3% of 1951	membership (20,103).
25,359—Enrollment in Bible school—122% of	church membership.
17,667—Average Bible-school attendance—	70% of Bible-school enrollment.
41,656—Should be enrolled in the Bible	school for best evangelistic field.
62,484—should be enrolled in the Bible	school for the church to reach its constituency.
3,945—Potential WMC membership based	on estimated 1/3 of female membership of the church.
2,303—Average WMC attendance—60% of	potential.
2,997—Potential Brotherhood membership	based on 1/3 of male membership of the church.
1,018—Average Brotherhood attendance—	34% of potential.

*Balancing the Bible School—*

Dept.	Actual Enr'llm't	Stand. Pct	Balanced Enr'llm't
Beginners .....	2,264	8	1,827
Primary .....	3,201	12	2,741
Junior .....	3,226	12	2,741
Intermediate .....	2,127	12	2,741
Senior .....	1,843	12	2,741
Young People ..	1,758	20	4,567
Adult .....	8,420	24	5,481
	22,839	100	22,839

NOTE—No comparative figures are given this year with 1951, as part of the 1952 report covered part of 1951. This is the first year for the calendar year as the statistical period. Next year comparisons can be made.

Conference adopted the statistical report with instructions that it be printed fully in the Annual number

of the Brethren Missionary Herald and that the printed report be amended to show a per-capita giving of \$2.83 to Grace Seminary.

Conference elected the following men to three-year terms on the Board on Ministerial Relief: Ord Gehman, Conard Sandy, and Russell H. Weber.

Conference moved to extend the time to care for necessary business on the agenda. The Board on Ministerial Relief presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF, INC.

Balance carried forward, Aug. 16, 1952 .....	\$6,768.28
Transferred from savings account (including interest) .....	2,030.15
Cash receipts to Aug. 1, 1953 .....	12,110.86

Total receipts to Aug. 1, 1953 ...	\$20,909.29
Disbursements to Aug. 1, 1953 ...	8,319.82

Balance in checking account, Aug. 1, 1953 .....	\$12,589.47
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#### Reconciliation of the Above—

Preachers' accumulations .....	\$2,827.06
Relief fund .....	2,776.65
Retirement fund .....	14,755.61
Interest .....	230.15

Total .....	\$20,589.47
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Loans to date .....	\$8,000.00
Cash in First Bank of Berne, Aug. 1, 1953 .....	12,589.47
	\$20,589.47

#### Breakdown of disbursements—

Office supplies .....	\$111.13
Secretary's honorarium .....	75.00
Board expenses .....	19.25
Secretarial help .....	30.00
Treasurer's bond .....	25.00
Space in Annual .....	5.40
Filing fee with State of Indiana ..	1.00
Administrative expense—(prorated as follows: relief fund, \$66.69; retirement fund, \$200.09) .....	266.78
Retirement payments .....	920.00
Insurance premiums .....	3,133.04
Loans .....	4,000.00
	\$8,319.82

During the year two death claims were paid. Three men were on full or partial retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Ord Gehman, Sec.-Treas.

The Committee on Committees nominated the following persons, who

were elected by the conference to the committees indicated:

Committee on Conference Membership—Ward Miller (vice moderator), Homer Kent, Jr., Richard Burch, Leslie Moore, Adam Rager, Marion Gates, Don Bartlett.

Rules and Organization—Henry Rempel, Forest Lance, James C. Dixon.

Moderator's Address—Herman Hoyt (chairman), Gordon Bracker, Wesley Haller.

Resolutions—Edward Lewis, Russell Ogden, Sewell Landrum.

Finance—Bryson Fetters, Paul Arnold, Chester McCall.

Conference Minutes—Clyde Landrum, Arnold Kriegbaum, James Hammer.

Committee on Denominational Interests—L. L. Grubb, A. J. McClain, Herman Koontz, F. B. Miller, R. D. Barnard, W. A. Ogden, F. E. Simmons.

Auditing Committee—Frank Poland, Blaine Snyder, James Boyer.

The Board of Evangelism submitted the following report, which was adopted.

Whereas, the Board of Evangelism last year appointed a Crusade Committee to promote the work of evangelism in the Brethren Church, and

Whereas, the Board of Evangelism and the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade Committee, after careful study during the past year, have mutually agreed that the Brethren Church should have the most efficient far-reaching program possible in the coming year, and

Whereas, the Board of Evangelism from now on will promote the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, thereby dissolving the Crusade Committee, and

Whereas, the Board of Evangelism feels that additional qualified and zealous workers are urgently needed to serve on the Board of Evangelism,

The Board of Evangelism requests of this conference the privilege to enlarge its board from 9 to 12 members.

Conference elected the following men to three-year terms on the Board of Evangelism: Arnold Kriegbaum, Herman Schumacher, Clyde K. Landrum.



Conference increased the Board of Evangelism from 9 to 12 members by the election of the following men to the terms indicated: Owen Hacker (three years), R. Paul Miller (two years), Mason Cooper (one year).

Conference moved that the time and place of next year's conference should be the first item of business tomorrow morning.

Retiring Moderator Arnold Kriegbaum installed the new officers, and J. L. Gingrich took the chair as moderator.

Conference moved to adjourn. Arnold Kriegbaum led in the closing prayer.

### THIRD BUSINESS SESSION—

*Thursday, August 27, 1953*

Seven lay delegates and one ministerial delegate were seated, giving a total of 426.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Invitations to hold next year's conference at Portland, Oreg., were read from the Northwest District, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the mayor of Portland, and the governor of Oregon.

A motion to accept the invitation to hold our 1954 conference at Portland, Oreg., was referred to the new National Executive Committee, with instructions to report their recommendations to conference at tomorrow's business session.

A letter from the Brethren Conference of Southern California regarding the imprinting of "In God We Trust" on all postage stamps was referred to the Resolutions Committee for action.

The executive secretary read the following cabled greetings from Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise, of Honolulu:

GREETINGS FROM GRACE CHAPEL HONOLULU. PRAYING GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS UPON ALL YOUR SESSIONS. (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. Foster Tresise.

The following report from the Auditing Committee was adopted:

August 27, 1953.

The financial records of the following unincorporated boards and committees of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches have been audited and found to be correct, to the best of our knowledge, with balances verified by bank statements:

Brethren Boys Club.  
National Youth Council.  
Brethren Youth Fellowship.  
National Sunday School Board.  
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches  
Conference Treasurer.

(Signed) Frank J. Poland,  
Bruce L. Button,  
Blaine Snyder.

Conference elected the following to three-year terms on the Brethren Youth Fellowship Board: Lewis Hohenstein, Kenneth Ashman, John Burns.

The Committee on Divorce and Remarriage reported.

Conference extended the time of the business session 10 minutes.

A motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage was tabled, to become the first item of business at tomorrow's business session.

Conference moved to adjourn. Henry Rempel led in the closing prayer.

### FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION—

*Friday, August 28, 1953*

One lay delegate was seated, giving a total of 427 delegates.

The minutes of Thursday's business session were read and approved.

The Committee on Divorce and Remarriage requested to be placed later on the agenda.

Conference adopted the recommendation of the National Executive Committee that we make it a policy that we do not move the conference from Winona Lake more often than once in every five years, provided

that such move does not jeopardize our position at Winona Lake.

Conference adopted the recommendation of the National Executive Committee that we accept the invitation of the Northwest District to hold our conference in Portland, Oreg., but that it be held there in 1955, provided it does not jeopardize our position at Winona Lake.

The motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage was removed from the table.

A substitute motion prevailed to adopt the following recommendation of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage:

Whereas, in the discussion of the committee's report, the debate has moved over into a wider and more serious doctrinal field, having to do with the nature of sin in general as set forth in the Bible, and

Whereas, the discussion has indicated some unfortunate confusion between two distinct things, namely, the *guilt* of sin and the *practice* of sin, and

Whereas, there is not sufficient time at this conference for a full and considered discussion of these important matters;

We, your Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, recommend that the entire matter, including the whole report of the committee, as given last year and this year, be referred back to this committee for further study, possible suggestions, and revision, to report back to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers and then the 1954 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion prevailed instructing the National Executive Committee to secure the use of conference grounds for a week in 1954 comparable to the week occupied this year.

Conference instructed the Committee on Committees to bring in nominations for the three conference members of the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage.

Conference adopted the following report of the Committee on Moderator's Address:

The Committee on Moderator's Address commends the moderator, Arnold R. Kriegbaum, for the address given before the 1953 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The following elements of the address exhibit reasons for commendation.

1. The entire address was expressive of a

moderator who was concerned for the deep spiritual welfare of the entire church.

2. The moderator struck at the very heart of the need in this present hour of our beloved fellowship, a need for an unadulterated purity issuing in passion and power.

3. His emphasis on purity of doctrine is paramount. The committee believes he is right in urging support of Grace Seminary and College where "the faith" is believed and taught.

4. Insistence on a passion for our blessed Saviour and His mission into the world to save men is in order. Therefore, every member of the National Fellowship should join hands with every organized effort in the church to that end.

5. Special point made of reviving the spiritual life and power of the fundamental institution of society, the home, is commended by the committee because it is the first step to power in the church.

The committee approves several recommendations, and urges the National Fellowship to follow their instructions:

1. That this conference adopt the position of Grace Seminary toward the RSV and give its moral support to evangelical scholars now working in the direction of a new English version.

2. That this conference set up some sort of a clearing house for pastors without churches and churches without pastors.

Finally, it is the recommendation of the committee that this address be printed in the 1953 Annual number of the Brethren Missionary Herald in order that it might be as widely disseminated as possible throughout the church.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,  
Gordon Bracker,  
Wesley Haller,  
Herman Hoyt,  
Chairman.

Conference adopted the following activities-and-recommendations report of the National Sunday School Board:

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

##### Activities

The Sunday School Board conducted 75 conferences and rallies in the various churches throughout the Brotherhood. In addition, the board was represented at most of the district conferences. The first National Sunday School Convention was held this year on the Sunday and Monday preceding national conference, with an excellent response. The objective of these conferences and rallies is to arouse the enthusiasm among the people for "BUILDING BROTHERN CHURCHES THROUGH BROTHERN SUNDAY SCHOOLS," and to direct this enthusiasm into practical avenues of Sunday-school activity. All conferences and rallies, thus far, have been conducted by members of the Sunday School Board who are also busy pastors. The response from the churches has been most gratifying, with the pastors and people encouraging us to expand our endeavors as much as possible, looking forward to placing a full-time man in the field who could lead this work.

Recognizing the tremendous task before us



and the extreme importance of strong denominational leadership in the Sunday-school field, the Sunday School Board plans to place a full-time "National Sunday School Director" in the field as of January 1, 1954. The responsibility for the support of the work devolves upon our local Sunday schools from whom we are requesting only 50¢ per enrolled member—less than one cent per week (per pupil) for this vital work. We recognize the importance of the pastor and superintendent in support of this effort and sincerely seek their enthusiastic support and advice. It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the board that the placing of a full-time man in the field NOW is most strategic to building Brethren churches through Brethren Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
The National Sunday School Board  
of the Brethren Church.

Conference adopted the financial report of the National Sunday School Board as follows:

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

August 28, 1953

## Receipts—

Membership offerings .....	\$1,978.64
Monthly offerings .....	308.99
District conferences .....	90.00
National WMC .....	221.01
Central District WMC .....	100.00
Camp Grace .....	10.43
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	\$2,709.07

## Disbursements—

Travel expenses .....	\$1,779.81
Honorariums .....	931.00
Miscellaneous .....	630.54
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	\$3,341.35

## Recapitulation—

1951-52 Balance .....	\$1,819.86
Receipts .....	2,709.07
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	\$4,528.93
Disbursements .....	3,341.35
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	\$1,187.58

Respectfully submitted,  
James G. Dixon, Sec.-Treas.

Conference elected the following three-year terms on the National Sunday School Board: James G. Dixon, Vernon Harris, Lewis Hohenstein, Henry Rempel.

Conference instructed the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage to mimeograph this year's report and place copies in the hands of ministers as soon as possible.

Conference elected the following men to the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage: C. H. Ashman, Sr.,

Bernard Schneider, James G. Dixon. Conference moved to adjourn.

Bernard Schneider led in the closing prayer.

## FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION—

Saturday, August 29, 1953

The minutes of Friday's business session were read and approved.

Motion prevailed to rescind action of conference in electing J. L. Gingrich to the conference Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed to elect Charles H. Ashman, Jr., to the Executive Committee from Northern Ohio.

Motion prevailed that conference dates for 1954 be set at August 21-27.

Motion prevailed that we accept Wednesday, August 10, to Wednesday, August 17, as the dates for national conference in Portland, Oreg., in 1955.

Conference adopted the following report of the Board of Evangelism:

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

August 27, 1953

### Finances

#### Receipts—

Transferred from Brethren Lay Evangelistic Foundation .....	\$647.22
Transferred from Board of Evangelism .....	333.12
Offerings from meetings and individuals .....	5,326.49
All other sources .....	1,002.90
Special funds transferred from Brethren Ev. Foundation .....	1,004.85
Total receipts .....	<hr/>
	\$8,314.68

#### Disbursements—

Prayer tent .....	\$246.65
Traveling .....	516.00
Salaries .....	5,880.70
All other expenses .....	864.88
Total disbursements .....	<hr/>
	7,508.23
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	\$806.35

Campaigns conducted .....	12
Decisions .....	368
Tracts distributed .....	22,000
Leaflets distributed .....	2,500
Soul-winning books .....	204

This first year of work under the Crusade

has been one of getting started. A work destined to be national in scope cannot be fully established in a day. The work done this year has been that of one team. Our second team starts work among our Brethren churches September 1. We are planning to launch a third team September 1, 1954.

We have a Crusade representative in every district.

The Brethren Crusade Committee and the Board of Evangelism have now been incorporated into one body and this promises far greater achievements as the work of evangelism spreads over the Brotherhood.

Because so much of our work is in new fields where financial support cannot care for expenses, we petition our National Fellowship to designate one day as "Evangelism Sunday" with an offering for national evangelism each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde K. Landrum,  
Chairman.

The Radio Board presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### THE GOSPEL TRUTH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953

##### Receipts—

Cash on hand—not deposited—	
July 1, 1952 .....	\$0.00
Cash in bank, July 1, 1952 .....	891.49
Receipts—gifts .....	2,192.94
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,084.43</b>

##### Disbursements—

Broadcasting time .....	\$42.70
Traveling expense—programs .....	658.84
Office payroll .....	5.25
Miscellaneous expense—auditing and bk. chgs. ....	70.92
Interest .....	59.38
Insurance .....	12.50
<b>Total expense .....</b>	<b>\$849.59</b>
Brethren Home Missions Council—on loan ....	1,200.00
Bryson C. Fetters—on loan .....	1,000.00
<b>.....</b>	<b>3,049.59</b>

Cash on hand and in bank, June 30, 1953 .....

\$34.84

##### Receipts According to Churches

Brethren Home Missions .....	\$400.00
Cleveland, Ohio .....	6.00
Covington, Va. ....	84.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	163.44
Fremont, Ohio .....	48.00
Glendale, Calif. ....	11.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....	20.00
Johnstown, Pa. ....	1.00
New Troy, Mich. ....	83.50
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches .....	1,350.00
Summit Mills, Meyersdale, Pa. ...	25.00
Miscellaneous .....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,192.94</b>

Motion prevailed that conference

allocate \$915.16 to pay off the balance on the radio debt.

The treasurer presented the following report, which was adopted.

#### TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF 1953 CONFERENCE

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

August 24-30, 1953

##### Receipts—

Balance, Aug. 24, 1953, at beginning of conference .....	\$43.84
Mon. eve. offering, Aug. 24, 1953..	135.00
Tues. eve. offering, Aug. 25, 1953..	134.00
Wed. eve. offering, Aug. 26, 1953..	119.00
Thurs. eve. offering, Aug. 27, 1953..	66.00
Fri. eve. offering, Aug. 28, 1953..	136.00
Total credential fees .....	1,823.00

Total receipts .....

\$2,460.84

##### Disbursements—

Aug. 29, Clyde Landrum, honorarium and expenses .....	\$58.84
Aug. 29, Caleb Zimmerman, honorarium and expenses .....	45.00
Aug. 29, Charles Bergerson, organizer .....	20.00
Aug. 29, Harold Painter, song leader .....	20.00
Aug. 29, H. H. Eting, honorarium and expenses .....	57.20
Aug. 29, Edson Moyer, signs for conference .....	45.00
Aug. 29, Winona Lake Christian Assembly, rental .....	500.00

Total disbursements .....

\$746.00

Balance—August 29, 1953 .....

\$1,714.84

Motion prevailed that the Radio Board be dissolved.

Motion prevailed that the report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted as amended.

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE TO THE 64TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

We, the delegates to the 64th annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., August 24 to 30, 1953, do hereby set forth the following resolutions:

ARTICLE I. Be it resolved to give grateful praise and adoration to our glorious God and Father for all of His bountiful blessing upon our Brotherhood throughout the past year; for His blessing upon the preaching of the Gospel in the salvation of souls through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; for His daily guidance and sustenance through the ministry of His Holy Spirit in preserving His saints from sin, and causing them always to abound in the work of the Lord; for His gracious provision of every spiritual and physical need of those who call upon Him; and for the guarding of our land in peace, and the continued allowance of freedom in religion.



tion to worship Him according to the dictates of His Word. Philippians 2:13, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

**ARTICLE II.** Be it resolved to give hearty commendation to the following groups and organizations for their conscientious labors and splendid achievements throughout the past year:

(1) To the boards of trustees of our various corporations, for the safeguarding of our investments, and for the sacrificial giving of their time and strength in the conducting of the business of these corporations.

(2) To Grace Theological Seminary, for the expansion of its curriculum, and for the fine work of the faculty and administration in maintaining the high standards of Christian training, and promoting Christian education in the Brethren Church.

(3) To the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, for the increased circulation of its literature, for the addition of new publications, and for the vital service rendered to the Brethren Church in distributing the message of the Word of God through the printed page.

(4) To the Brethren Home Missions Council, for the establishing of new Brethren churches, for the opening of new home-mission fields, and for urging upon us the importance of reaching the vast populace of our own native land as one of the fruitful harvest fields of the world.

(5) To the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, for the development of new foreign-mission fields, for holding before us the vision of prospective fields of the future, for bearing diligently for the needs of our present missionary staff, and for laboring so arduously in seeking to carry out the Great Commission of a world-wide missionary program.

(6) To the National Sunday School Board, for the progressive strides they have made during the past year in their program of building Brethren churches through the Sunday school.

(7) To the Brethren Youth Council, for the work it is doing in leading and coordinating the youth activities of our churches through the Brethren Youth Fellowship, the Brethren Boys Clubs, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, and the conducting of summer young people's camps.

(8) To the Women's Missionary Council, for the furtherance of the work in missionary endeavors, and for the gifts they have donated to both home and foreign missions through the undertaking of special projects.

(9) To the laymen's organization, for the renewed zeal and enthusiasm which has characterized their undertakings in the furtherance of evangelism and personal soul-winning in our Brethren churches.

(10) To the National Board of Evangelism, for the tremendous progress it has made during the past year in the holding of evangelistic meetings, and in the providing of a second evangelistic team for the winning of the lost to Christ.

(11) To the members and friends of our Brethren churches for their faithfulness in interest and prayers, and their generous response in financial giving for the carrying on of all of these very important works.

(12) To the Warsaw Times-Union, for its favorable coverage and reporting of the events of this conference.

**ARTICLE III.** Be it resolved to give sin-

cere reaffirmation of our belief in the following items:

(1) The fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as partially expressed in the published statement, "The Message of the Brethren Ministry."

(2) Our historic Brethren position in opposing the engagement of Christians in the taking of human life through carnal strife.

(3) Our opposition to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the World Council of Churches, and all of their various affiliates, declaring that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is not now, and never has been, associated in any way with these apostate organizations.

**ARTICLE IV.** Be it resolved to give the following thoughtful recommendations to this conference and to all of our churches:

(1) That the entire Brethren Church exercise greater faithfulness in prayer and devotion to Christian duty as prescribed in God's Word, in the performing of all of its responsibilities throughout the coming year.

(2) That the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches go on record as opposing the Revised Standard Version of the Bible because it is an inaccurate and unacceptable translation of the Scriptures from their original languages, and that we do not accept this version for use in our Brethren churches.

(3) That this conference go on record as endorsing the bill introduced into the United States Senate by the Honorable Mike Mansfield, Senator from the State of Montana, instructing the Post Office Department to place the inscription, "In God We Trust," on all of our postage stamps, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Mansfield and to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

(4) That in view of the surging tide of worldliness which threatens to engulf many Christians on all sides of us, the doctrine of nonconformity to the things of the world be emphasized in our pulpits, in special Bible conferences in our local churches, and in the ministry of the Brethren Missionary Herald (Rom. 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17; Gal. 6:14).

(5) That in the light of the present-day devaluation of the observance of religious symbols among evangelical groups, Brethren ministers and teachers be encouraged to devote more study and emphasis to the observance of the ordinances of the Christian church as set forth in the New Testament, and believed and practiced in the Brethren Church.

(6) That, in keeping with the suggestion of our moderator in his commendable address, a committee be appointed by this conference to keep a list of ministers available for pastorates, that local congregations may be provided with a list of potential candidates when seeking a pastor, and that we refer this to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers.

(7) That, in keeping with the resolutions adopted by the 62nd annual session of this conference in 1951, "next year's Executive Committee present to the Resolutions Committee a clear-cut outline of those items which merit and call for resolutions which would deserve the consideration of our conference" (Brethren Annual, Vol. 13, No. 43, p. 20).

Whereas, Bro. W. V. Findley so faithfully served this conference as its treasurer and was called from this life to be with the Lord during the last year, that this conference

acknowledge the service rendered with appreciation.

Edward Lewis, chairman.  
Sewell Landrum.  
Russell Ogden.

The Committee on Expansion of the Brethren Ministry reported partially. Motion prevailed that we receive the partial report of the committee, and that their work be continued.

Motion prevailed that we recognize the provision as outlined by our constitution and by-laws in regard

to credential fees and that we revert to that.

Motion prevailed to establish the last Sunday of February as National Evangelism Sunday and that an offering be received for national evangelism.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted.

A motion passed that conference adjourn.

The conference was officially adjourned *sine die*.

J. L. Gingrich closed with prayer.



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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

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### Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

The 1954 conference will be held at Waynesboro, Pa., in May.

Moderator—John Aeby.  
 Vice Moderator—Gerald Polman.  
 Secretary—Mabel E. Donaldson.  
 Assistant Secretary—Edward Cordell.  
 Treasurer—Elmer Tamkin.  
 Statistician—Edward Cordell.  
 National Conference Executive Committee Representative—John Aeby.

#### *Committee on Committees*

James Dixon.  
 Russell Weber.  
 Kenneth Teague.

#### *Credential Committee*

Gerald Polman.  
 Charles Alter.  
 Mr. Minnick.

#### *Resolutions Committee*

Floyde Hartman.  
 William Gray.  
 Edward Clark.

#### *Committee on Moderator's Address*

Leon Myers.  
 John Aeby.  
 John Kauffman.

#### *Young People's Committee*

Gerald Polman.  
 James Dixon.  
 Kenneth Teague.

#### *Powell's Fort Camp Representative*

Paul Dick.

#### *Ministerial Examining Board*

All regular pastors of the district.

### *Atlantic (continued)—*

#### *Laymen's Group*

President—J. Edward Cordell, Jr.,  
 Wayne Bldg., Waynesboro, Pa.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Frank K. Cordell,  
 R. R. 1, Chambersburg, Pa.

#### *Women's Missionary Council*

President—Mabel E. Donaldson, 4328  
 Garrison St. NW., Washington 16,  
 D. C.  
 Vice President—Joann Aeby, 1234  
 Van Kirk St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.  
 Secretary—Phyllis Polman, 731 Elm  
 Terrace, York, Pa.  
 Assistant Secretary—Mabel Smith,  
 3018 9th St. SE., Washington, D. C.  
 Treasurer—Pauline Seitz, 980 E.  
 Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Earnest  
 Beringer, Jr., 211 Frick Ave.,  
 Waynesboro, Pa.  
 Assistant Prayer Chairman—Mrs.  
 Ebersole, Martinsburg, W. Va.

#### *Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

President—Phyllis Mason, 105 An-  
 derson Ave., R. R. 1, Winchester,  
 Va.  
 Vice President—Nancy Jones, 109 E.  
 Del Ray Ave., Alexandria, Va.  
 Secretary—Nancy Oswald, 948 Chew  
 St., Allentown, Pa.  
 Treasurer—Audrey Grinon, 224 East  
 St., Winchester, Va.  
 Patroness—Mrs. Russell Weber, 835  
 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.

#### *Cooperating Churches*

Alexandria, Va. — Commonwealth  
 Avenue Brethren.  
 Allentown, Pa.—First Brethren.  
 Baltimore, Md.—Bible Brethren.  
 Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren.

**Atlantic (continued)—**

Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Brethren.  
 Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren.  
 Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren.  
 Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren.  
 Pond Bank, Chambersburg, Pa.—Grace Brethren.  
 Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity Brethren.  
 Washington, D. C.—First Brethren.  
 Waynesboro, Pa.—First Brethren.  
 Winchester, Va.—First Brethren.  
 York, Pa.—Grace Brethren.

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**California District Conference of Brethren Churches**

*Executive Committee*

Moderator—Henry Rempel.  
 Vice Moderator—Norman Nelson.  
 Secretary—George M. Richardson.  
 Assistant Secretary—Alan Pearce.  
 Treasurer—Clifford Yocky.  
 Statistician—John Suiter.

*Board of Trustees*

A. Adams ('54).  
 Walter McPheeters ('55).  
 Joseph Hoffman ('56).  
 E. L. Culp ('57).  
 John Richardson ('58).

*District Mission Board**Pastors—*

James Beatty ('54).  
 Harold Painter ('54).  
 Henry Rempel ('55).  
 Lewis Hohenstein ('55).  
 Charles Underwood ('55).  
 Leo Polman ('56).  
 Adam Rager ('56).  
 Gene Farrell ('56).

*Laymen—*

W. F. McPheeters ('54).  
 A. W. Keating ('54).

**California (continued)—**

Joseph Hoffman ('54).  
 Charles Willard ('55).  
 R. F. Kelley ('55).  
 Ed Hastings ('56).  
 William Garber ('56).

*National Fellowship Executive Committee*

Glenn O'Neal.  
 Charles Mayes.  
 Charles Ashman.

*Young People's Activities Committee*

Lyle Marvin.  
 Nelson Hall.  
 Norman Nelson.  
 James Beatty.  
 Jerry Yerian.  
 Elaine Brenneman.  
 Eva Suiter.

*Rules and Organization Committee*

Glenn O'Neal (chairman).  
 Ward Miller.  
 Charles Ashman.

*Ministerial Examining Board*

Composed of the active pastors of the district.

*Credentials Committee*

Max Brenneman (chairman).  
 Jerry Yerian.  
 Alfred Dodds.

*Committee on District Mission Board Reorganization*

Norman Nelson.  
 Charles Mayes.  
 Burton Hatch.

*Nominating Committee*

R. F. Kelley.  
 Chester McCall.  
 James Beatty.  
 Leo Polman.  
 William Clough.



**California (continued)—**

Merlin Schlange.

Lyle Marvin.

**Committee on West Coast Extension  
of Grace Theological Seminary**

Dr. Charles Ashman (chairman).

Harry Sturz.

Walter McPheeters.

Henry Rempel.

Raymond Thompson.

**Committee on Lay Leadership  
Training**

Lyle Marvin (chairman).

George Richardson.

Charles Underwood.

Alfred Dodds.

Glenn Miller.

**Committee for District Conference  
Constitution and By-Laws Revision**

Dr. Charles Mayes (chairman).

Ward Miller.

Glenn O'Neal.

Dr. Irving Ahlquist.

P. A. Yerian.

**Women's Missionary Council**

President—Mrs. Leo Polman, 120 N.

Pine St., San Gabriel, Calif.

Vice President—Mrs. Clifford Yocky,  
5456 Linden Ave., Long Beach,  
Calif.Secretary—Mrs. Adam Rager, 21715  
Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.Treasurer—Mrs. Beulah Williams,  
1226 E. 57th St., Long Beach 5,  
Calif.Sisterhood Patroness—Mrs. Dwight  
Reuter, 1902 West 91st Pl., Los  
Angeles, Calif.**Cooperating Churches**

Artesia—Carson Avenue Brethren.

Beaumont—Cherry Valley Brethren.

Bell—Bell Brethren.

Bellflower—First Brethren.

Bico—Grace Brethren.

Compton—First Brethren.

**California (continued)—**

Fillmore—First Brethren.

Glendale—First Brethren.

La Crescenta—Mountain Brethren.

La Verne—First Brethren.

Long Beach—First Brethren.

Long Beach—Second Brethren.

Los Angeles—First Brethren.

Los Angeles—Second Brethren.

Los Angeles—Third Brethren.

Modesto—Brethren Christian Center.

Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren.

Paramount—Paramount Brethren.

Phoenix, Ariz.—First Brethren.

San Diego—First Brethren.

San Bernardino—Arrowhead Ave-  
nue Brethren.

Seal Beach—First Brethren.

South Gate—First Brethren.

South Pasadena—Fremont Avenue  
Brethren.

South San Gabriel—Grace Brethren.

Temple City—Temple City Brethren.

Tracy—First Brethren.

Whittier—Community Brethren.

Whittier—First Brethren.

**East Fellowship of Brethren Churches**Next conference will be held July  
26-29, 1954, at the First Brethren  
Church of Altoona, Pa.**Executive Committee**Moderator—Clyde K. Landrum, 350  
Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa.Vice Moderator—Gerald W. Teeter,  
121 Woodlawn Ave., Martinsburg,  
Pa.Secretary—Fred Wm. Walter, Alep-  
po, Pa.Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Fred Wm.  
Walter, Aleppo, Pa.Treasurer—Sheldon Snyder, 609 26th  
St., Altoona, Pa.

Statistician—Raymond Anthony.

Members at Large—Mark Malles,  
Clair Gartland.

**East (continued)—***Committee on Committees*

Gordon W. Bracker.  
L. Ellis Rogers.  
R. D. Crees.

*Credential Committee*

Gerald W. Teeter.  
Sheldon Snyder.  
Leslie Moore.

*Resolutions Committee*

Homer Lingenfelter.  
Ralph Hall.  
Stanley Hauser.

*Rules and Organization Committee*

W. A. Ogden.  
Mark Malles.  
Gordon Bracker.

*Auditing Committee*

Fred Bentz.  
Clarence Larmon.  
Walter Nowag.

*Youth Committee*

Gerald Teeter ('54).  
Clair Gartland ('56).  
R. D. Crees ('56).  
Mark Malles ('55).  
W. A. Ogden ('55).

*Ministerial Examining Board*

W. A. Ogden ('56).  
Clyde K. Landrum ('55).  
G. W. Bracker ('54).

*Moderator's Address Committee*

Lee Crist.  
Victor Rogers.  
Warren Baith.

*Committee on Evangelism*

Mark Malles.  
Sheldon Snyder.  
Homer Lingenfelter.

**East (continued)—***District Ministerium*

President—Homer Lingenfelter.  
Vice President—Ralph Hall.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Fred William  
Walter.

*National Fellowship Executive  
Committee*

Mark Malles.  
Leslie Moore.

*District Mission Board*

President—Mark Malles, 2934 Maple  
Ave., Altoona, Pa.  
Vice President—G. W. Bracker, 215  
Arthur St., W. Kittanning, Pa.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Clyde K. Lan-  
drum, 350 Morgantown St., Union-  
town, Pa.

All the active pastors of the district  
and the following laymen:

Jesse Chapman—Aleppo, Pa.  
Kenneth Keller, Accident, Md.  
Clair Beach, Altoona, Pa.  
C. C. Walter, Altoona, Pa. (Grace).  
Grover Snyder, Conemaugh, Pa.  
A. D. Comp, Grafton, W. Va.  
John Miller, Vicksburg, Pa.  
Robert Craig, Hopewell, Pa.  
Paul Alexander, Jenners, Pa.  
Blair Dick, Johnstown, Pa. (First).  
Don Rager, Johnstown, Pa. (River-  
side).  
Robert Hooks, Kittanning, Pa.  
Ed Bowser, Kittanning (N. Buffalo)  
Pa.

Earl Eckert, Leamersville, Pa.  
Ira Blough, Listie, Pa.  
Harry Replogle, Martinsburg, Pa.  
Fred Grof, Jr., Meyersdale, Pa.  
Charlie Kerr, Mundy's Corner, Pa.  
Warren Smith, Singer Hill, Pa.  
Billy Yoders, Summit Mills, Pa.  
Fred Crawford, Everett, Pa.  
A. W. Daugherty, Uniontown, Pa.  
Russell W. Hoover, Washington, Pa.



**East (continued)—****Women's Missionary Council**

President—Mrs. Raymond Anthony,  
226 Main St., Conemaugh, Pa.  
Vice President—Mrs. Leslie Moore,  
112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.  
Secretary—Mrs. Clair Gartland, R.  
R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.  
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Arthur  
Peterman.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Gerald Teeter, Mar-  
tinsburg, Pa.  
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Homer  
Lingenfelter, R. R. 2, Everett, Pa.  
Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Gordon W.  
Bracker, 215 Arthur St., W. Kit-  
tanning, Pa.

**District Laymen's Organization**

President—Fred Bentz, Riverside  
Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.  
Vice President—Clair Beach, First  
Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.  
Secretary—Carl Uphouse, First  
Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.  
Treasurer—Grover Snyder, Cone-  
maugh Brethren Church, Cone-  
maugh, Pa.

**Cooperating Churches**

Accident, Md.—First Grace Breth-  
ren.  
Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren.  
Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren.  
Altoona (Juniata), Pa.—Grace  
Brethren.  
Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh Breth-  
ren.  
Cumberland, Md.—Cumberland Bi-  
ble Class.  
Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren.  
Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg  
Brethren.  
Hopewell, Pa.—Yellow Creek Breth-  
ren.  
Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren.  
Johnstown, Pa.—First Brethren.  
Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren.  
Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren.

**East (continued)—**

Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo  
Brethren.  
Kittanning, Pa.—Troy Hill Sunday  
School.  
Leamersville, Pa.—Leamersville  
Brethren.  
Listie, Pa.—Listie Brethren.  
Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren.  
Meyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Breth-  
ren.  
Mundy's Corner, Pa.—Pike Brethren.  
Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Breth-  
ren.  
Singer Hill, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace  
Brethren.  
Summit Mills, Pa.—Summit Mills  
Brethren.  
Everett, Pa.—Everett Brethren.  
Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren.  
Washington, Pa.—Laboratory Grace  
Brethren.

**Indiana Fellowship of Brethren  
Churches**

The district conference next year  
will be held at Berne, Ind., date to be  
determined later.

**Executive Committee**

Moderator—Ord Gehman.  
Vice Moderator—Russell Ogden.  
Secretary—Charles Turner.  
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Jesse De-  
loe.  
Treasurer—Bryson Fетters.  
Statistician—Frank Poland.  
Members at Large—Nathan Meyer,  
Herman Koontz.

**National Conference Executive  
Committee**

Ord Gehman.  
Arthur Cashman.

**Committee on Committees**

Ralph Burns.

**Indiana (continued)—**

Charles Turner.  
George Cone.

*District Ministerium*

President—Ord Gehman.  
Vice President—Ronald Robinson.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Russell Ogden.

*Ministerial Examining Board*

All ordained pastors of the fellowship, plus one ordained representative each from the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, the Brethren Home Missions Council, and Grace Theological Seminary.

*District Mission Board*

Chairman—Herman Koontz.  
The pastor and one layman from each congregation.

*District Youth Committee*

Charles Turner ('56).  
James Hammer ('55).  
Ord Gehman ('54).

*Credentials Committee*

Russell Ogden (chairman).  
Mrs. Herman Koontz.  
Frank Poland.

*Women's Missionary Council*

President—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603 Kinsmoor, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Vice President—Mrs. Jesse Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Secretary—Mrs. Russell Ogden, 719 Osborn, South Bend, Ind.  
Treasurer—Mrs. H. W. Koontz, Box 164, Winona Lake, Ind.

*Cooperating Churches*

Berne, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.  
Clay City, Ind.—First Brethren.  
Elkhart, Ind.—Grace Brethren.  
Flora, Ind.—Grace Brethren.

**Indiana (continued)—**

Fort Wayne, Ind.—First Brethren.  
Huntington, Ind.—Grace Brethren.  
Leesburg, Ind.—Leesburg Brethren.  
Osceola, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.  
Peru, Ind.—Peru Brethren.  
Sharpsville, Ind.—Grace Brethren.  
Sidney, Ind.—Sidney Brethren.  
South Bend, Ind.—Sunnymede Brethren.  
Wheaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren.  
Winona Lake, Ind.—Winona Lake Brethren.

**Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches**

Next conference at Garwin, Iowa, June 24-26, 1954.

*Executive Committee*

Moderator—Cleve Miller, 505 Hammond Ave., Waterloo.  
Vice Moderator—William Faas, Cedar Rapids.  
Secretary—True Hunt, Dallas Center.  
Treasurer—John Myers, Williamsburg (deceased).  
Statistician—Roger Herr, Dallas Center.  
National Fellowship Representative—Richard DeArmey, Waterloo.  
Camp Director—True Hunt, Dallas Center.

*District Mission Board*

Chairman—Richard DeArmey.  
Secretary—Clarence Lackey.  
Financial Secretary—Paul Miller, Jr.  
Treasurer—Elmer Hocken.  
Mart Newlin, Leon ('54).  
Don Becker, Dallas Center ('54).  
Irvin Lortz, North English ('55).  
Glenn Lowry, Garwin ('55).  
Elmer Hocken ('56).  
Robert Clinton ('56).  
Acting pastors of the district.



**Iowa (continued)—****Ministerial Examining Board**

Chairman—True Hunt.

Secretary—Clarence Lackey.

**Women's Missionary Council**

President—Mary Emmert, Dallas Center.

Vice President—Mrs. Clarence Lackey, North English.

Secretary—Mrs. Dwight Erteld, North English.

Treasurer—Mrs. Mart Newlin, Leon.

Prayer Band Chairman—Mrs. Milton Carter, 4002 Sherman St. NE., Cedar Rapids.

Statistician—Mrs. E. J. Schrock, 722 Western Ave., Waterloo.

SMM Patroness—Mrs. Leo Jordan, Parnell.

**Cooperating Churches and Pastors**

Cedar Rapids—Richard Grant.

Dallas Center—True Hunt.

Davenport—Richard Grant.

Garwin—Paul Miller, Jr.

Leon—Marion Gates.

North English—Clarence Lackey.

Waterloo—Richard DeArmy.

**Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches**

Next conference at Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich., July 26-29, 1954.

**Executive Committee**

Moderator—Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy, Mich.

Vice Moderator—Earl Funderburg, R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.

Secretary—Robert Griffith, R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.

Treasurer—Robert Markley, 537 N. Main St., Berrien Springs, Mich.

Statistician—Miss Elizabeth Sarver, Caledonia, Mich.

**Michigan (continued)—**

Members at Large—Rev. P. Lovegrove, Mrs. Robert Markley.

**National Fellowship Representative**

Richard Jackson, Jr.

**Ministerial Examining Board**

Earl Funderburg (chairman).

Richard Jackson (secretary).

Robert Griffith.

**Youth Committee**

Earl Funderburg ('56), Alto.

Robert Markley ('55), Berrien Sprgs.

Robert Griffith ('54) Lake Odessa.

**Women's Missionary Council**

President—Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy.

Vice President—Mrs. Robert Markley, Berrien Springs.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Essalie Titus, Lake Odessa.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. George Olmstead, New Troy.

District Project Chairman—Mrs. Freeman Hoffman, Alto.

**Cooperating Churches**

Alto—Calvary Brethren.

Berrien Springs—Grace Brethren.

Lake Odessa—Grace Brethren.

New Troy—New Troy Brethren.

Ozark—Grace Brethren.

**Midwest District of Brethren Churches**

Next conference at Cheyenne, Wyo., August 6-8, 1954.

**Executive Committee**

Moderator—Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.

Vice Moderator—L. I. Hutchinson, Gypsum, Colo.

**Midwest (continued)—**

Secretary—Mrs. H. O. Turner, Portis, Kans.

Treasurer—Tony Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.

Statistician—Mrs. Charles Hall.

*National Fellowship Representative*

Sam Horney, Taos, N. Mex.

*Young People's Camp Committee*

Tom Inman ('56), Denver, Colo.

T. R. Monroe ('55), Portis, Kans.

R. H. Kettell ('54), Portis, Kans.

Russell West ('54), Denver, Colo.

*Women's Missionary Council*

President—Mrs. M. J. Davis, 403 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Vice President—Mrs. Tom Inman, Denver, Colo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Walter Bodge, Portis, Kans.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Lucy Bealer, Beaver City, Nebr.

Child Evangelism Chairman—Miss Celina Mares, Taos, N. Mex.

SMM Patroness—Mrs. D. E. Brumbaugh, Portis, Kans.

*Laymen's Fellowship*

Chairman—T. R. Monroe, Portis, Kans.

Vice Chairman—M. J. Davis, 4032 S. Pearl St., Englewood, Colo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Lee Vermillion, Cheyenne, Wyo.

*Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

President—Marjorie Gonzales, Taos, N. Mex.

Vice President—Miss Pascholita, Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.

Secretary-Treasurer—Jeanette Turner, Portis, Kans.

Patroness—Mrs. D. E. Brumbaugh, Portis, Kans.

**Midwest (continued)—***Cooperating Churches*

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Albuquerque Brethren.

Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—Arroyo Hondo Brethren.

Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren.

Cordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera Brethren Mission.

Denver, Colo.—Grace Brethren.

Portis, Kans.—First Brethren.

Taos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren.

**Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next conference at Fremont, Ohio.  
Date to be set by executive committee.

*Executive Committee*

Moderator—Miles Taber, Ashland.

Vice Moderator—Wesley Haller, Ankenytown.

Secretary - Treasurer — Robert Holmes, Homerville.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Bernard Schneider, Mansfield.

Statistician—Lester Pifer, Fremont.

Assistant Statistician—Paul Castor, Rittman.

*Conference Board of Trustees*

Donald Royer ('54), Middlebranch.

Ted Cellar ('55), Ashland.

Paul Arnold ('56), Wooster.

Floyd Moine ('57), Sterling.

Oran Lance ('58), Rittman.

*Credential Committee*

Harold Etling, Akron (chairman).

John Dilling, Canton.

Mrs. Charles Pluck, Akron.

Miles Taber, Ashland.



**Northern Ohio (continued)—**

*Committee on Committees*

Neil Beery, Danville (chairman).  
Edward Lewis, Middlebranch.  
Robert Holmes, Homerville.

*Youth Committee*

Kenneth Ashman, Wooster (chairman).  
Harold Etling, Akron.  
Dave Knight, Wooster.  
Charles Sheets, Akron.  
John Dilling, Canton.

*National Conference Executive Committee*

Russell Ward, Cleveland.  
Charles Ashman, Jr., Rittman.

*Committee on Moderator's Address*

Forest Lance, Findlay (chairman).  
Miles Taber, Ashland.  
Robert Holmes, Homerville.

*Committee on Resolutions*

Bernard Schneider, Mansfield, chairman).  
Wesley Haller, Ankenytown.  
Mrs. Russell Ward, Cleveland.

*Committee on Rules and Organization*

Forest Lance, Findlay (chairman).  
Charles Ashman, Jr., Rittman.  
Edward Lewis, Middlebranch.

*District Mission Board*

Composed of the pastor and one layman from each church.  
Chairman—Lester Pifer, Fremont.  
Secretary—Paul Castor, Rittman.

*District Ministerium*

President—Lester Pifer, Fremont.  
Vice President—Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Haller, Ankenytown.

**Northern Ohio (continued)—**

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—  
John Dilling, Canton.

*District Ministerial Examining Board*

All active ordained pastors of the district.

President—Lester Pifer, Fremont.  
Vice President—Russell Ward, Cleveland.

Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Haller, Ankenytown.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—  
Charles Ashman, Rittman.

*Women's Missionary Council*

President—Mrs. Frank Lindower, Canton.

Vice President—Mrs. Walter Crawford, Canton.

Secretary—Mrs. Miles Taber, Ashland.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. John Armstrong, Wooster.

Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Hoover, Rittman.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Earle Cole, Cuyahoga Falls.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Edward Lewis, Middlebranch.

Statistician—Mrs. Joseph L. Gingrich, Sterling.

*District Men's Organization*

President—Willard K. Smith, Cuyahoga Falls.

Vice President—Paul Johnson, Rittman.

Secretary-Treasurer—Guy Johnson, Wooster.

Boys' Advisor—Charles Ashman, Rittman.

*Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

Patroness—Mrs. Ted Henning, Middlebranch.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. Miles Taber, Ashland.

**Northern Ohio (continued)—**

President—Jane Johnson, Wooster.  
 Vice President—Mary Louise Mer-  
 rin, Ankenytown.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Carol Sue  
 Quartz, Akron.  
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—  
 Alberta Lance, Rittman.  
 Junior SMM Representative—Char-  
 lotte Henning, Middlebranch.

**Cooperating Churches**

Akron—First Brethren.  
 Ankenytown—First Brethren.  
 Ashland—West Tenth Street Breth-  
 ren.  
 Canton—First Brethren.  
 Cleveland—First Brethren.  
 Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren.  
 Danville—Danville Brethren.  
 Findlay—Findlay Brethren.  
 Fremont—Grace Brethren.  
 Homerville—West Homer Brethren.  
 Mansfield—Grace Brethren.  
 Massillon—Grace Brethren.  
 Middlebranch—First Brethren.  
 Rittman—First Brethren.  
 Sterling—First Brethren.  
 Wooster—First Brethren.

**Northwest Fellowship of Brethren  
Churches**

The district conference for the  
 year 1954 will be held July 5-8 at  
 Sunnyside, Wash.

**Executive Committee**

Moderator—Thomas Hammers, 6242  
 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.  
 Vice Moderator—William Schaffer,  
 W. 715 Chelan, Spokane, Wash.  
 Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Hammers,  
 6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5,  
 Wash.  
 Treasurer—Ernest Morrell, R. R. 1,  
 Prosser, Wash.

**Northwest (continued)—**

Statistician—Mrs. William Schaffer,  
 W. 715 Chelan, Spokane, Wash.  
 Members at Large—Keith McDan-  
 iels, Tacoma Ave., Sunnyside,  
 Wash.; Fayette Lacey, 6725 N.  
 Commercial, Portland, Oreg.  
 The executive committee also in-  
 cludes all pastors of the district.

**Credential Committee**

William Schaffer (vice moderator).  
 Russell Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave.  
 Yakima, Wash.  
 Will Stover, Sunnyside, Wash.

**District Mission Board**

All pastors of the district and one  
 other representative from each  
 church.

**Ministerial Examining Board**

All pastors of the district and two  
 representatives from the church of  
 the person appearing for exam-  
 ination.

**Representative to National Executive  
Committee**

Glen Welborn—825 Ermine St., Al-  
 bany, Oreg.

**Women's Missionary Council**

President—Mrs. Ernest Morrell, R.  
 R. 1, Prosser, Wash.  
 Vice President—Mrs. Thomas Ham-  
 mers, 6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle  
 5, Wash.  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. William  
 Stover, Sunnyside, Wash.  
 Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Glen Wel-  
 born, 825 Ermine St., Albany, Oreg.  
 Sisterhood Patroness—Mrs. R. L.  
 Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima  
 Wash.  
 Assistant Patroness—Mrs. Keith Mc-  
 Daniels, Sunnyside, Wash.



**Northwest (continued)—***Cooperating Churches*

Albany, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.  
 Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren.  
 Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.  
 Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren.  
 Spokane, Wash.—First Brethren.  
 Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren.  
 Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren.

**Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

The 1954 conference will be held at Johnson City, Tenn., during the month of June. Exact date will be set by the executive committee.

*Executive Committee*

Moderator—Randall L. Rossman, Vernon Brethren Church.  
 Vice Moderator—John E. Patterson, Mountain View Brethren Church.  
 Secretary—John J. Burns, Johnson City Brethren Church.  
 Treasurer—Edward Bowman, Mountain View Brethren Church.  
 Host Pastor—John J. Burns.

*Other Officers*

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. J. Harold Putt, Ghent Brethren Church.  
 Statistician—B. H. Conner, Washington Heights Brethren Church.  
 National Conference Executive Committee Member—Paul Mohler, First Brethren Church, Covington.

*District Trustees*

M. Teague ('54).  
 H. Conner ('55).  
 V. Parsell ('56).

*Committee on Committees*

Mrs. Jack Westerman, Covington.

**Southeast (continued)—**

Mrs. J. L. Lloyd, Ghent.  
 Charles Hall, Mountain View.

*Credential Committee*

Mrs. W. K. Jefferson, Ghent.  
 Mrs. Inez Simmons, Ghent.  
 Mrs. Hubert Hamlin.

*District Mission Board*

All active pastors of district and one laymen from each church, elected annually.

President—K. E. Richardson, Radford.

Vice President—Edward Bowman, Mountain View.

Secretary-Treasurer—Charles Hall, R. R. 1, Salem, Va.

*Ministerial Examining Board*

All ordained elders serving pastorates in the district.

*Camp Committee*

E. V. Parsell, Ghent.  
 Robert Miller, Ghent.  
 Paul Mohler, Covington.  
 K. E. Richardson, Radford.

Youth Advisor—John J. Burns, Johnson City.

Assistant Youth Advisor—Galen Lingenfelter, Buena Vista.

*Youth Fellowship*

President—Bud Hughes, Johnson City.

Vice President—Betty Lyle, Ghent.

Secretary—Carole Kingery, Ghent.

Treasurer—Lynwood Catron, Ghent.

*Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

President—Carole Kingery, Ghent.

Vice President—Shirley Simmons, Ghent.

Secretary-Treasurer—Pat Henry, Vernon.

***Southeast (continued)—***

Bandage Secretary — R u t h Curtis,  
Johnson City.

Patronesses — Mrs. Robert Miller,  
Ghent; Mrs. Edward Bowman,  
Mountain View.

***Women's Missionary Council***

President—Mrs. J. H a r o l d Putt,  
Ghent.

Vice President—Mrs. J. B. Huffman,  
Ghent.

Secretary - Treasurer — Mrs. J a c k  
Westerman, Covington.

***Laymen's Fellowship***

President—S. M. Coffey, Ghent.

***Cooperating Churches***

Buena Vista, Va.—First Brethren.

Covington, Va.—First Brethren.

Hollins, Va.—Mountain View Breth-  
ren.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Johnson City  
Brethren.

Kingsport, Tenn.—Kingsport Breth-  
ren.

Limestone, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren.

Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren.

Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Boone's Chapel.

Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights  
Brethren.

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**Southern Ohio District Conference  
of Brethren Churches**

The 1954 conference will be held  
at the North Riverdale Brethren  
Church, Dayton, Ohio, May 18-19.

***Executive Committee***

Moderator—Caleb S. Zimmerman.

Vice Moderator—Clair D. Brickel.

Secretary—Clyde G. Balyo.

***Southern Ohio (continued)—***

Assistant Secretary—Charles Flow-  
ers.

Treasurer—Roy H. Kinsey.

Statistician—James O. Young, 208  
Wall St., Covington, Ohio.

Members at Large—William Steffler,  
Ivah Patterson.

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pastors of the district, together  
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Camden—First Brethren.

Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren.

Clayton—First Brethren.

Covington—First Brethren.

Dayton—Bethany Brethren

Dayton—First Brethren.

Dayton—North Riverdale Brethren.

Dayton—Patterson Park Brethren.

Sampleville—Sampleville Brethren.

Troy—First Brethren.

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Rev. Herman W. Koontz, Winona  
Lake, Ind.

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St., Whittier, Calif.

*Foreign Missionary Directory**Africa—*

Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W., Bo-  
zoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari,  
French Equatorial Africa.

Bickel, Miss Florence, Bellevue via  
Bossangoa via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Byron, Miss Grace, Mission a Bassai,  
Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Dunning, Rev. and Mrs. Harold L.,  
Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M.,  
Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via  
Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French  
Equatorial Africa.

Geske, Miss Edith, Mission a Yaloke,  
Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, Bozoum  
via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari,  
French Equatorial Africa.

Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Robert W., Bos-  
sembele via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Jobson, Dr. and Mrs. Orville D., Bo-  
zoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari,  
French Equatorial Africa.

Jones, Miss Gail, Mission a Bassai,  
Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-  
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W.,  
Bellevue via Bossangoa via Ban-



**Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—**

gui, Oubangui - Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Kennedy, Mrs. Minnie, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Kent, Miss Ruth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Kliever, Rev. and Mrs. J. P., Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F., Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Mishler, Miss Marie, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Myers, Miss Estella, Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Samarin, Rev. and Mrs. William J., M'Baiki via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. C. B., Bellevue via Bossangoa via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Snyder, Miss Ruth, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Taber, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R., Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Taber, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W., Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Thurston, Miss Marian, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

**Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—**

Tyson, Miss Elizabeth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S., Batangafo via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

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Churchill, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B., Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F. C. B. M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

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Haag, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E., 439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif., U. S. A.

Howard, Rev. and Mrs. A. L., Gen. Del., Calexico, Calif., U. S. A.

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Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Edward D.,  
Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa,  
Brazil.

Teeter, Rev. and Mrs. John S., Ma-  
capa, Terr. Federal do Amapa,  
Brazil.

Zielasko, Rev. and Mrs. John W.,  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para,  
Brazil.

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Fogle, Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick, 86  
Chemin de Vassieux, Caluire et  
Cuire, Rhone, France.

Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Harold A., 23  
Rue du Coquart, Villennes-sur-  
Seine, Seine et Oise, France. (En-  
gaged in language study and med-  
ical training in France prior to  
missionary service in Africa.)

**Hawaii—**

Tresise, Rev. and Mrs. Foster R.,  
1589 E. So. Beretania St., Honolulu,  
T. H.

**Missionaries on Furlough**

Altig, Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith, 8838 S.  
Nogal, Whittier, Calif.

Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. S. Wayne, P.  
O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

Cripe, Miss Mary, P. O. Box 588, Wi-  
nona Lake, Ind.

Emmert, Miss Mary, Dallas Center,  
Iowa.

Foster, Mrs. Rose, P. O. Box 588, Wi-  
nona Lake, Ind.

Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L.,  
Jr., 1811 Baseline Rd., La Verne,  
Calif.

Munn, Miss Mary Elizabeth, P. O.  
Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

Nielsen, Miss Johanna, 1823 Pine  
Ave., Long Beach 6, Calif.

Schwartz, Miss Clara, c/o Mrs. Ada  
Schwartz, 4685 Adams Ave., Phil-  
adelphia 24, Pa.

**Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—**

Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Roy B., 715

Chandler St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.

Sumey, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R.,  
c/o Miss Margaret Lucas, 162  
Bailey Ave., Uniontown, Pa.

**Missionaries Under Appointment****For Africa—**

Conè, Mr. and Mrs. George E., Jr.,  
Winona Lake, Ind.

**For Argentina—**

Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Donald E., Wi-  
nona Lake, Ind.

**For Baja California—**

Robinson, Miss Dorothy, Winona  
Lake, Ind.

**For Brazil—**

Burk, Mr. and Mrs. Bill A., Winona  
Lake, Ind.

(Note: As changes of address oc-  
cur, they will be noted in the News  
Briefs, or in the Foreign Missionary  
Directory, which is printed at reg-  
ular intervals.)

**BALANCE SHEET**

June 30, 1953

**GENERAL FUND—****Assets—**

Cash in Farmers & Merchants Bank, Long Beach .....	\$10,780.83
*Cash in First National Bank, War- saw .....	112,456.76
Cash in Lake City Bank, Warsaw, .....	20,113.00
Cash in Security-First National Bank, Long Beach .....	11,477.70
Cash in Farmers & Merchants Bank, Long Beach—Baja Calif. Acct. ....	444.47
Cash in First National Bank, War- saw—Brazil Account .....	2,251.14
Deposit with Charles Croker, Phil- adelphia (East representative) .....	300.00
Notes Receivable .....	45,430.71
Scripture Fund .....	10,086.51
Purchaser's Fund .....	1,270.00
Total Assets .....	<u>\$214,611.12</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH—**

Liabilities—Sisterhood funds held for investment .....	\$2,500.00
Liabilities—Withholding tax .....	288.30



**Foreign Missionary Society (cont).—**

Net Worth of Fund .....	211,822.82
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....	<u>\$214,611.12</u>

**CASH ON HAND—**

Cash in Farmers and Merchants Bank, Long Beach .....	\$10,780.83
Cash in First National Bank, Warsaw .....	112,456.76
Cash in Lake City Bank, Warsaw .....	20,113.00
Cash in Security-First National Bank, Long Beach .....	11,477.70
Total .....	<u>\$154,828.29</u>
Less outstanding checks .....	50,130.34
Cash on hand .....	<u>\$104,697.95</u>

\*The outstanding checks, as of June 30, 1953, would reduce the cash in the First National Bank of Warsaw to the amount of \$62,326.42. This account in the First National Bank of Warsaw is our active checking account.

**ANNUITIES FUND—**

<b>Assets—</b>	
Cash in First National Bank, Warsaw .....	\$3,361.57
One-half interest in property at 1838 Appleton St., Long Beach, Calif. ....	3,500.00
Notes Receivable .....	78,538.62
Total Assets .....	<u>\$85,400.19</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH—**

Liabilities—Annuityants .....	\$48,294.98
Net Worth of Fund .....	37,105.21
Total Liabilities and Net Worth.....	<u>\$85,400.19</u>

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

June 30, 1953

**GENERAL FUND—**

<b>Receipts—</b>	
Balance on hand, July 1, 1952 ...	\$74,909.57
Cash receipts—gifts .....	\$233,611.57
From Notes Receivable .....	34,189.63
Miscellaneous income ..	82.90
Total General Fund Receipts ...	<u>257,884.10</u>
Total available .....	<u>\$332,793.67</u>

**Disbursements—**

Cash disbursements (see breakdown) .....	\$224,029.92
To new loans .....	4,065.80
Total Gen. Fund Disbursements.....	<u>228,095.72</u>
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953..	<u>\$104,697.95</u>

**ANNUITIES FUND—**

<b>Receipts—</b>	
Balance on hand, July 1, 1952....	\$13,352.70
Income from Long Beach property .....	\$600.00
Interest on General Fund loans .....	1,942.95
Interest on Annuities .....	

**Foreign Missionary Society (cont).—**

Fund loans .....	1,755.52
Annuity Gifts .....	8,000.00
From Notes Receivable.....	6,057.22

Total Annuities Fund Receipts..	<u>18,355.69</u>
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Total available .....	<u>31,708.39</u>
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**Disbursements—**

Interest payments to annuityants .....	\$2,941.65
Repairs, taxes, water, etc., on Long Beach property .....	205.17
To new loans .....	<u>25,200.00</u>

Total Annuities Fund Disbursements .....	<u>28,346.82</u>
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Balance on hand, June 30, 1953..	<u>\$3,361.57</u>
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**CASH DISBURSEMENTS—GENERAL FUND**

July 1, 1952, through June 30, 1953

Africa—Field Expense .....	\$44,965.92
Africa—Missionary Personnel Expense (includes those studying in France and Belgium) .....	74,571.67
Argentina—Field Expense .....	10,667.81
Argentina—Missionary Personnel Expense .....	21,158.65
Baja California—Field Expense .....	3,987.78
Baja California—Missionary Personnel Expense .....	5,393.46
Brazil—Field Expense (includes \$6,000 for Icoraci property, \$500 for Macapa building, \$500 for chapel) .....	10,724.00
Brazil—Missionary Personnel Expense .....	14,673.14
France—Field Expense .....	777.42
France—Missionary Personnel Expense (Fogle only) .....	3,635.50
Honolulu—Missionary Personnel Expense (passage and transportation) .....	741.50
General Fund Expense .....	<u>32,733.07</u>
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$224,029.92</u>

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*Home Mission Directory*

Albany, Oreg. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Glen H. Welborn, 825 Ermine St., Albany, Oreg.  
Alexandria, Va. — Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church.\*\*  
Altoona, Pa. — Grace Brethren Church of Altoona. Pastor, Rev. J. Ward Tressler, 225 Seventh Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.  
Artesia, Calif. — Carson Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Adam H. Rager, 21715 S. Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.  
Beaumont, Calif. — Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Gene Farrell, R. R. 1, Box 405, Beaumont, Calif.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Grant, 1404 E Ave. NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Home Missions Council (continued)—**

Cheyenne, Wyo. — First Brethren Church.\*\*  
Chico, Calif. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.  
Clayhole, Ky. — Clayhole Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, Clayhole, Ky.  
Cleveland, Ohio — First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell M. Ward, 1099 Irene Rd., Cleveland 24, Ohio.  
Cuba, N. Mex. — Brethren Navaho Mission. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Evan Adams, Miss Priscilla Zimmerman, Mrs. Mary Baer, and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Antone.  
Davenport, Iowa — Bible Class\* Rev. Richard Grant, teacher.  
Dayton, Ohio — Patterson Park Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Caleb S. Zimmerman, 2924 Dwight Ave., Dayton, Ohio.  
Denver, Colo. — Grace Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Tom Imman, 883 S. Federal, Denver, Colo.  
Dryhill, Ky. — Missionary, Miss Evelyn Fuqua, Dryhill, Ky.  
Elyria, Ohio — Bible Class.\*\*  
Findlay, Ohio — Findlay Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, 223 Ely, Findlay, Ohio.  
Fremont, Ohio — (Colored). Pastor, Rev. Granville Tucker, 501 Bidwell Ave., Fremont, Ohio.  
Harrisburg, Pa. — Melrose Gardner Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Conrad Sandy, 2200 Kensington St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
Jenners, Pa. — Jenners Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Victor Rogers, Jenners, Pa.  
Johnson City, Tenn.\* Pastor, Rev. John J. Burns, 876 Pardee St., Johnson City, Tenn.  
Johnstown, Pa. — Riverside Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ralph (



**Home Missions Council (continued)—**

Hall, 304 Traverse St., Johnstown, Pa.

Kingsport, Tenn.—Bible Class.\*

La Crescenta, Calif.—Mountain Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Robert L. Dell, 2911 El Caminito, La Crescenta, Calif.

Los Altos, Calif.\*\*

Los Angeles, Calif.—Brethren Mes-sianic Witness. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button, 469 N. Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif., and Miss Isobel Fraser, 469 N. Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. M. Leon Myers, R. R. 1, Box 280, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Modesto, Calif.—La Loma Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Harold D. Painter, 206 Rowland Ave., Modesto, Calif.

Paramount, Calif.—Paramount Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. John Mayes, 420 E. 49th St., Long Beach 5, Calif.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Lester Smitley, 855 Chestnut St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Phoenix, Ariz.—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. J. C. McKillen, 2727 W. Rovey Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

Portland, Ore.—Grace Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Vernon J. Harris, 6934 NE. 23d Ave., Portland 11, Ore.

Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Wm. Carl Miller, 1317 Aspen St., Roanoke, Va.

Salem, Ore.—Bible Class.\* Rev. Henry Dalke, teacher.

Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Thomas Hammers, 6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.

**Home Missions Council (continued)—**

Sidney, Ohio.\* Pastor, Rev. Donald Farner, 317 Brooklyn Ave., Sidney, Ohio.

South Bend, Ind.—Sunnymede Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell Ogden, 719 Osborn St., South Bend, Ind.

Spanish-American Missions—Rev. Sam Horney, Supt.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace Brethren Church.\*\*

Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church. Pastor, David Tollardo, Taos, N. Mex.

Cordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera Brethren Church. Pastor, Tony Luna, Taos, N. Mex.

Taos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. S. I. Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.; missionary, Miss Celina Mares, Box 383, Taos, N. Mex.

Temple City, Calif.—Temple City Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Leo Polman, 120 N. Pine, San Gabriel, Calif.

Wheaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Teague.

Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell L. Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

York, Pa.—York Brethren Church.\* Pastor, Rev. Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York Pa.

\*Partially supported by District Mission Board.

\*\*Home-mission points where official announcement of pastors cannot be made at the time of printing this Annual.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

June 30, 1953

<b>Assets—</b>	
Cash in Lake City Bank, checking account .....	\$89,507.46
Savings Account—Quaker City .....	
Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. ..	1,978.11
Petty Cash in Office Fund .....	25.00
Loans Receivable .....	267,281.28

**Home Missions Council (continued)—**

U. S. War Bonds on Hand .....	272.93
Annuity Funds Invested .....	32,000.00
Advances Receivable .....	1,308.86
Deferred Hospitalization Insurance .....	56.25

Total ..... \$392,429.89

**Liabilities—**

Loans Payable .....	\$268,263.07
Accrued Withholding Tax (Fed.) .....	215.75
Accrued Social Security Tax .....	39.40
Accounts Payable .....	0.00

**Accountabilities—**

Annuities .....	37,500.00
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**Net Worth—**

Surplus Account .....	86,411.67
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Total ..... \$392,429.89

**Grace Theological Seminary**

Winona Lake, Ind.

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Rev. James S. Cook, 276½ W. Third St., Mansfield, Ohio.  
Rev. Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.  
Mr. James Michael, R. R. 2, Box 299, Roanoke, Va.  
Mr. Carl Seitz, 980 E. Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa.  
Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.  
Rev. Russell Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

Alumni Association

- President—Phillip J. Simmons.  
Vice President—Wesley Haller.  
Secretary—Edward Lewis.  
Treasurer—Paul L. Mohler.  
Alumni Secretary—John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

BALANCE SHEET—JULY 31, 1953

Assets—	
Cash in First National Bank, Warsaw, Ind. ....	\$1,328.73
Cash in Lake City Bank, Warsaw, Ind. ....	1,458.54
Total Cash .....	2,787.27
Investments .....	34,277.73
Other assets .....	421,257.41
Total assets .....	\$458,322.41
Liabilities .....	\$126,229.27
Accountabilities .....	56,102.78
Total liabilities and accountabilities .....	182,332.05
Net Worth—Surplus .....	275,990.36
Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth .....	\$458,322.41

Certificate of Auditor

In my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement fairly presents your financial condition at July 31, 1953, and your Income and Expenses for the period starting August 1, 1952, and ending July 31, 1953.

Claude Longfellow,  
Public Accountant.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Incorporated

Board of Trustees

- President—Walter A. Lepp ('54), Winona Lake, Ind.  
Vice President—Robert D. Crees ('54), R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.  
Secretary—Clyde G. Balyo ('56), 19 W. Melford Ave., Dayton 5, Ohio.  
Treasurer—Ord Gehman ('56), 514 N. Jefferson St., Berne, Ind.  
Member of Executive Committee—Bryson Fetters ('56), Berne, Ind.  
Herman A. Hoyt ('54).  
Mark Malles ('55).  
S. W. Link ('55), 82-750 Ave. 44, Indio, Calif.  
R. E. A. Miller ('55).  
William H. Schaffer ('56).

Editorial Committee

- Mark Malles.  
Herman A. Hoyt.  
Robert E. A. Miller.

Company Personnel

- Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Editor and Business Manager.  
Blaine Snyder—Assistant to the Manager and Bookkeeper.  
Jesse Deloe, Linotypist.  
Mrs. William Kolb, Editorial Secretary.  
Miss Betty Pratt, Office Secretary.  
Mrs. Robert Wilcoxson, Sales Clerk.  
Mrs. John Evans, Subscription Clerk.  
Jack Peters, Staff Assistant.  
Dayton Cundiff, Caretaker.

Minutes

—of the Annual Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation, held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 25, 1953.  
Following the singing of the hymn, "Higher Ground," Dr. Herman Hoyt led in prayer and Rev. Mark Malles read Romans 10:1-17.

**Herald Company (continued)—**

The meeting of the Corporation was declared in session by the president, Rev. Walter A. Lepp.

Printed lists of the Life and Sustaining Members of this Corporation were distributed. A motion prevailed that those whose names were listed and read be voted members of this Corporation with power to vote in this business session, provided they are also members of the Brethren Church.

The secretary reported the ballot election of the trustees which election had resulted in Mr. Bryson Feters, Rev. Ord Gehman, Rev. William Schaffer, and Rev. Clyde Balyo being reelected for a term of three years.

The resignation of Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum as a member of the Board of Trustees was accepted.

The following recommendations of the Board of Trustees to the Corporation to nominate new trustees were presented (three are to be elected for three-year terms):

Robert D. Crees—Clyde Landrum  
Walter A. Lepp—K. E. Richardson  
Herman A. Hoyt—True Hunt

One for a term of one year:

Gene Farrell—L. W. Marvin

A motion prevailed to accept the nominations as recommended by the trustees.

No additional nominations were presented by the Corporation.

The annual report of the company was presented by Bro. Conard Sandy and a motion prevailed that the report be received.

The Board of Trustees presented the following proposed amendment to the Code of Regulations of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Inc.:

**Herald Company (continued)—**

ARTICLE III—Section 1, Paragraph a now reads: "The Board of Trustees shall consist of 11 members of whom 6 shall constitute a quorum for any meeting." It shall be amended to read: "The Board of Trustees shall consist of 12 members of whom 7 shall constitute a quorum."

ARTICLE III—Section 1, Paragraph b now reads: "All 11 members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members of the Corporation." It shall be amended to read: "Eleven members of the board shall be elected by the members of the Corporation. The editor-business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company shall be a member of the board, ex officio, by virtue of his office."

Bro. Robert Miller spoke briefly concerning present and future plans for the publication of our Brethren Sunday-school literature, and urged pastors and churches to adopt this material into their Sunday-school curriculum.

President Lepp presented our new editor-business manager, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, who in turn made a statement regarding the new order blank system to be instituted by the Herald Company.

Trustee Robert Crees presented information relative to the plans for the immediate and future publication of Brethren tracts.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

Rev. Robert D. Crees closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde G. Balyo, Secretary.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

June 30, 1953

**Assets**

<i>Current Assets—</i>	
Cash in register .....	\$20.00
Petty cash .....	20.00
Cash in bank .....	20,932.80
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Accounts receivable .....	20,972.80
Inventory—merchandise .....	9,609.14
Debit balance—accounts payable..	29,312.22
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Total Current Assets .....	31.88
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Total Current Assets .....	\$59,926.04
<i>Non-Current Assets—</i>	
Real estate & buildings..	\$9,237.68
Res. for depreciation..	2,236.17
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	\$7,001.51



**Herald Company (continued)—**

Furniture & fixtures .....	7,181.44	
Res. for depreciation..	4,326.20	
		2,855.24
Shop equipment .....	9,760.80	
Res. for depreciation..	4,591.62	
		5,169.18
Willys panel truck .....	1,673.27	
Res. for depreciation..	1,443.22	
		230.05
Total Non-Current Assets .....	15,255.98	
Total Current Assets (from above)	59,926.04	
Total Assets .....		\$75,182.02

<b>Liabilities and Net Worth</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities—</b>		
Accrued withholding tax	\$155.00	
Accrued Social Sec. tax	27.60	
		\$182.60
<b>Annuities—</b>		
Bowman annuity .....		1,000.00
<b>Net Worth—</b>		
Surplus .....		73,999.42
Total Liabilities and Net Worth..		\$75,182.02

**Condensed Profit and Loss Statement**

<b>Brethren Missionary Herald Mag.—</b>		
<b>Income—</b>		
Subscriptions .....	\$13,984.77	
Cooperating boards .....	16,310.95	
Total .....		30,295.72
<b>Cost—</b>		
Outside work on B.M.H.	13,293.47	
Salaries .....	11,171.91	
Operating expense .....	4,369.74	
Depreciation .....	1,177.44	
Total .....	30,012.56	
Net gain .....		283.16
<b>Merchandise sales—</b>		
<b>Income—</b>		
Total sales .....	\$70,231.46	
<b>Cost—</b>		
Merchandise purchases..	\$44,321.78	
Salaries .....	12,717.65	
Operating expense .....	5,616.32	
Depreciation .....	1,177.60	
Total .....	63,833.35	
Net gain .....		6,398.11
<b>Publication offering—</b>		
Receipts in gifts .....	\$7,622.78	
Less: Cost (envelopes, bulletins, postage) ...	478.22	
		7,144.56
Rental income .....		514.52
Net Operating Reserve .....		\$14,340.35

Note—The books of the Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

**The Brethren Women's Missionary Council**

Theme for 1953-54 "Come Ye Apart."

*Executive Board*

- President—Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.
- Vice President—Mrs. Miles Taber, 314 Dorchester St., Ashland, Ohio.
- Secretary—Mrs. Lester Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind.
- Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Adam Rager, 21715 S. Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.
- Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.
- Literature Secretary—Mrs. Jesse Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.
- Editor—Mrs. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.
- National Prayer Chairman—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center, Iowa.

*District Presidents*

- Atlantic—Miss Mabel Donaldson, 4328 Garrison St. NW., Washington, D. C.
- California—Mrs. Leo Polman, 120 N. Pine St., San Gabriel, Calif.
- East—Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main St., Conemaugh, Pa.
- Indiana—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603 Kinsmoor Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Iowa—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center, Iowa.
- Michigan—Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy, Mich.
- Midwest—Mrs. M. J. Davis, 4032 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.
- Northern Ohio—Mrs. Frank Lindower, R. R. 1, Uniontown, Ohio.
- Northwest—Mrs. Ernest Morrell, R. R. 1, Prosser, Wash.
- Southeast—Mrs. J. Harold Putt, 1822 Windsor Ave. SW., Roanoke, Va.

**WMC (continued)—**

Southern Ohio—Mrs. C. R. Chaplin,  
R. R. 10, Dayton, Ohio.

Number of councils, 159.

Number of members, 3,630.

Honorary councils in Africa and  
South America, 8.

**WMC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1952-53****Cash Account—**

Balance on hand, July 30, 1952	\$1,128.31
General Conference Offerings, 1952	442.02
Credential Offering, 1952	185.35
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	350.00
Extra Packets	1.00
General Expense Offering	1,714.51
Home Mission Offering	2,456.45
Foreign Mission Offering	2,492.59
Grace Seminary Offering	2,333.78
Thank Offering	2,621.56
Leper Work	111.82
Jewish Work	98.70
Wagner Children Support	29.50
Missionary Birthday Offering	1,212.09
Missionary Home Maintenance	58.55

Total Receipts ..... \$13,507.92

**Disbursements—**

General Expense	\$2,368.81
Home Missions	2,456.45
Foreign Missions	2,492.59
Grace Seminary	2,333.78
Thank Offering	2,021.56
Special Account—Leper Work	111.82
Special Account—Jewish Work	98.70
Special Account—Wagner Children	29.50

Total Disbursements ..... \$11,913.21

Cash Balance, July 31, 1953 .... \$2,723.02

**NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES—1953-54**

1. Daily Bible reading of your own choice or Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and the Acts.

2. Strong emphasis on the establishment of family devotions in every home. Stress this objective in the month of January. Practical demonstration would be valuable here.

3. Monthly devotional meetings using the program packets.

4. Encourage individual witnessing by visitation and tract distribution. Urge each local tract chairman to watch the Tract Corner in the WMC Herald for suggestions where and what to buy in tracts.

5. A birthday offering to be received for the support of a WMC missionary on a foreign field. Send this offering to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10.

6. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation. For guidance in prayer continue the use of prayer booklets and prayer pointers in the Herald. Continue using prayer covenant cards introduced last year. Use the star system at consecration service on those previously signed cards.

7. Each council taking part in the district projects and rallies.

8. Each local council send a post card

**WMC (continued)—**

with news item at least once a quarter to WMC editor.

9. Participation in five major offerings to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer. The thank offering to be sent by June 10.

(1) Sept., Oct., Nov.—**HOME MISSIONS**—\$2,500—send before Dec. 10. A two-year project—building a school and recreation building for the Navaho work to the amount of \$5,000.

(2) Dec., Jan., Feb.—**GRACE SEMINARY**—\$2,500—send before March 10. Furnishing the social lounge of Seminary building, remaining money to be used for purchasing of chairs.

(3) March, April, May—**FOREIGN MISSIONS**—\$2,500—send before June 10. Aluminum roofing for Africa, \$2,200. Assistance in national church expansion in Hawaii, \$300.

(4) June, July, Aug.—**GENERAL EXPENSE**—\$2,500—send before Sept. 10.

(5) Thank offering for Brethren Jewish missions taken throughout the year and to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 10. The suggested goal is a penny a day per member.

**DISTRICT OBJECTIVES**

1. Every district represented on the national board, suggesting that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

2. A written report to be given at national executive board meeting and published in the Herald. The retiring president to be responsible for written report which will be read by the present presiding officer.

3. Each district to provide interesting material representing work done in past year for display at national conference.

4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the enlisting of prayer warriors. The name of the district prayer chairman to be sent to national prayer chairman by September 1.

5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.

6. Each district to sponsor at least one project with the suggestion that said project be cleared through the national vice president to avoid duplication. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward furnishing and repair of the foreign missionary residence. This offering to be sent to national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10. This fund to be used as the committee in charge sees the need.

8. Each district president compile local annual statistical reports and send reports to the national recording secretary by July 31.

**NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS  
1953-54**

1. That a membership and consecration service be held annually in each local council, using the original covenant card and star system.

2. Each local president attending National Fellowship if at all possible.

3. That Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton be our editor.

4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage



**WMC (continued)—**

the observance of the day of prayer each month.

5. That we send good usable clothing to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission, Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex. That we temporarily discontinue sending clothing to our Clayhole, Ky., mission because they have a sufficient supply on hand.

6. That officers in the local councils preferably be elected in June, installed and take office by the August meeting, and have statistical reports to the district president by July 15.

7. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the individual women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.

8. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways—prayer, financial help, work projects, willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.

9. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly urge* that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren works.

10. A birthday remembrance be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.

11. That the local council purchase two or more of the suggested reading circle books:

"Discoveries Made From Living the New Life," by Eugenia Price (devotional).

"Remarkable Answers to Prayer," by Basil Miller (devotional).

"This Happened in the Hills of Kentucky," by John Vogel (missionary).

"Mountains Singing," by Sanna Morrison Barlow (missionary).

"The Mystery Ship," by John Bechtel (fiction).

**Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Theme—"BEAUTY with possibilities UNLIMITED."

Theme verse (I Chron. 16:29)—  
"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Motto—"Do God's Will."

Colors—Green, Service, Martha; White, Worship, Mary.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give girls in dimly lighted regions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

**Sisterhood (continued)—****SMM National Officers**

President—Patricia Griffith, Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.  
Vice President—Cora Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.

General Secretary—Nancy Weber, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.

Treasurer—Mary Hooks, Box 168, Winona Lake, Ind.

Literature Secretary—Myra Joy Conner, Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.

Bandage Secretary—Marie Sackett, 1010 Randolph St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Patroness—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Box 14, Winona Lake, Ind.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. H. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

**SMM District Presidents**

Atlantic—Phyllis Mason, 105 Anderson Ave., R. R. 1, Winchester, Va.

California—Cheryl West, 2500 W. 85th St., Inglewood, Calif.

East—Anne Kliever, 500 State St., Johnstown, Pa.

Indiana—(Patroness) Mrs. Geraldine Snyder, 2326 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Iowa—Kay Lane, 1833 Forest Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Midwest—Marjorie Gonzales, Box 894, Taos, N. Mex.

Northern Ohio—Jane Johnson, 527 Oak Hill, Wooster, Ohio.

Northwest—(Patroness) Mrs. R. L. Williams, 910 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

Southeast—Carole Kingery, 3525 Courtland Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.

Southern Ohio—Mary Staudt, R. R. 2, Covington, Ohio.

**Mary Goals**

\*1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable, using the SMM material in the Herald.

\*2. Bible reading required: Juniors—Prov-

**Sisterhood (continued)—**

erbs and Mark; Middlers—Proverbs, Mark, Esther, and Ruth; Seniors—Proverbs, I and II Corinthians, and Daniel.

\*3. The memory work that is required: Juniors 6, Middlers 10, and Seniors 12 of the following verses: Proverbs 23:7, 31:30, 18:24; Psalms 5:3, 37:4-5; II Corinthians 6:14, 12:9; Ephesians 5:20; Romans 10:13-15; and Philippians 4:8.

\*4. Attend all church services possible.

\*5. Have a major part (leader, topic, or special music) in the devotional program at least once.

\*6. Quiet time observed each morning.

\*7. Tell about witnessing to an unsaved person in the meetings.

8. Read a missionary book.

9. Read a devotional book.

10. Read a Christian fiction book.

**Martha Goals**

\*1. Take part in bandage rolling.

\*2. Free-will offering for general fund at each devotional meeting attended.

\*3. Have a part in the project offering.

4. Enlist a new girl for SMM.

5. Provide supplies to mission points or missionary and pastors' families.

6. Write a short story, essay, or poem suitable for SMM and send to national patroness.

7. Take part in Christian service.

8. Make layettes for mission fields, toys and clothes for worthy families, and crafts as in project book.

9. Have a part in planning or presenting a program in your church in the interest of SMM, presenting its aims and projects to acquaint the people with the work of the SMM.

10. Help fill missionary chests.

**Local Organization Goals**

1. A cabinet meeting in the spring and fall.

2. Project offering sent to the national treasurer before July 31.

3. Free-will offering taken at each meeting for the general fund and sent to the national treasurer before January 31 and July 31.

4. One box of bandages for Africa given to the district bandage secretary before July 31 (7 yards long, 2 inches wide, raveled and sewed at the end).

5. At least two post-card items sent to the general secretary.

6. Statistical blanks sent to the district secretary and the national president before July 31.

7. Fifty percent of the girls earn either their diamond or emerald award.

**District Goals**

1. District send a list of their officers and addresses to general secretary.

2. District appoint a bandage secretary who sends bandages or reports to the national secretary before August 7.

3. A district project.

4. A written report at conference.

5. A display brought to conference to represent the district.

6. District secretary send compiled statistical report to national secretary before August 7.

**Sisterhood (continued)—**

7. District help their president in coming to the early board meetings—\$10 minimum amount.

**\*Emerald and Diamond Awards**

Juniors: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and two unstarred goals.

Middlers: Emerald—Eight starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and three unstarred goals.

Seniors: Emerald—All starred goals; Diamond—All starred goals and five unstarred goals.

(Both the Emerald and Diamond award may be earned.)

**Sisterhood Projects for 1953-54**

National—Household furnishings for the Brethren Mission Home at the Navaho mission station. Goal—\$1,700.

Birthday—Higher education of missionaries' children. Goal—\$500.

Personal—Memorize the Book of James for Seniors and I John for the Middlers and Juniors. \$7.50 award.

**Merit System for SMM Pennant**

1. Name the requirements necessary to become a member of Sisterhood.

2. Repeat the Sisterhood slogan.

3. Give the colors of Sisterhood and their meanings.

4. Repeat the Sisterhood aim.

5. Repeat the Sisterhood covenant.

6. Memorize the Mary and Martha song.

7. Give the Sisterhood benediction.

**Board of Evangelism****Box 15, Winona Lake, Ind.**

President—Clyde K. Landrum, 350 Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa.

Vice President—Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Box 14, Winona Lake, Ind.

Secretary—William C. Fisher, 335 Fugate Rd. NE., Roanoke 12, Va.

Assistant Secretary—Owen Hacker, 1621 Benson Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Treasurer—Herman Schumacher, R. R. 3, Elkhart, Ind.

Bryson Feters, Berne, Ind.

Glenn O'Neal, 9211 Second Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

Bernard Schneider, 534 Forest St., Mansfield, Ohio.

L. Joseph Dombek, Winona Lake, Ind.

Walter Lepp, Box 265, Winona Lake, Ind.



**Board of Evangelism (continued)—**

R. Paul Miller, Box 28, Berne, Ind.  
 Mason Cooper, 1611 Staunton Ave.  
 NW., Roanoke, Va.

*Crusade Teams*

Team No. 1—Rev. R. Paul Miller,  
 evangelist; Max Williams, song  
 leader.

Team No. 2—Rev. Walter A. Lepp,  
 evangelist; Rev. Charles Berger-  
 son, pianist; Frank Coffin, song  
 leader.

**National Sunday School Board***Officiary*

President—James Dixon ('56), 3712  
 Carpenter St. SE., Washington,  
 D. C.

Vice President—Galen Lingenfelter  
 ('55), Box 362, Buena Vista, Va.

Secretary-Treasurer—Caleb Zim-  
 merman ('54), 2942 Dwight Ave.,  
 Dayton 10, Ohio.

National Director—Harold Etling  
 ('54), Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

*Board Members*

Lester Pifer ('54), Winona Lake, Ind.  
 Lyle Marvin ('54), San Bernardino,  
 Calif.

Lewis Hohenstein ('56), Whittier,  
 Calif.

Vernon Harris ('56), Portland, Oreg.

Henry Rempel ('56), Los Angeles,  
 Calif.

James Hammer ('55), Fort Wayne,  
 Ind.

M. L. Myers ('55), Martinsburg, W.  
 Va.

Harry Sturz ('55), Bell, Calif.

All correspondence concerning  
 Sunday School Board work should  
 be addressed to the national director.

**National Youth Council of the  
Brethren Church***Officers*

President—Gerald Polman, 731 Elm  
 Terr., York, Pa.

Vice Presidents—Patricia Griffith,  
 Bob Jones University, Greenville,  
 S. C.; Robert Miller, Jr., 1511  
 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke, Va.

Secretary—Cora Luna, Box 711,  
 Taos, N. Mex.

Treasurer—Kenneth Ashman, 205  
 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

*Council Members*

BYF—William Smith, Clair Gart-  
 land, Homer Kent, Jr., Gerald Pol-  
 man, Kenneth Ashman.

BBC—Robert Miller, Jr., Lynwood  
 Catron, Douglas Cassel, Paul Hall,  
 Neil D. Carey.

SMM—Patricia Griffith, Cora Luna,  
 Nancy Weber, Mary Hooks, Mrs.  
 H. Leslie Moore.

*National Youth Director*

Ralph J. Colburn, Box 617, Winona  
 Lake, Ind.

Office Assistant—Edwin E. Cashman,  
 Winona Lake, Ind.

*Purpose*

To coordinate, strengthen and pro-  
 mote the activities of youth organ-  
 izations in the Brethren Church,  
 namely: Brethren Youth Fellowship,  
 Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, and  
 Brethren Boys Clubs; to contact and  
 encourage Brethren students away  
 in school, and channel as many as  
 possible into the service of the Lord  
 in the Brethren Church; and to lend  
 a helping hand whenever possible to  
 the local churches and districts in  
 their youth program.

## National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

### Officers

President—O. Mason Cooper, 1611 Staunton Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.  
 Vice President—Owen Hacker, 1621 Benson Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.  
 Secretary—William C. Fisher, 335 Fugate Rd. NE., Roanoke 12, Va.  
 Treasurer—Walter Hoyt, 409 Leland Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.  
 Boys' Advisor—Neil Carey, 332 Stull Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.  
 Laymen's Page Editor—Jesse Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.  
 Student Aid Committee—Frank Poland (chairman), Wesley Miller, Don Ogden, Rev. H. W. Koontz (advisor); also one student representative to be chosen by the committee.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible;
2. Promote Christian fellowship among the laymen of the Brethren Church; and
3. Effect an organization of the Brethren laymen which may offer its assistance to local churches, through local laymen's affiliates where possible, as an aid to the ministry in the salvation of souls, through the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and other proper activities in which laymen can serve.

### Goals

1. Daily Bible reading.
2. A family altar in every layman's home.
3. Laymen united for soul winning through personal visitation,

## Laymen (continued)—

evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.

4. Give our support to our local pastor and his work.

5. Help build our Sunday schools through the national and local Sunday-school boards.

6. Start new local and district laymen's groups in churches and areas where they do not exist.

7. Start and sponsor local boys clubs.

8. Every layman a tither.

### Projects

1. Board of Evangelism Crusade, \$3,000.

2. Grace Theological Seminary Student Aid, \$1,000.

3. Brethren Boys Clubs, \$250.

4. General Expense Fund, \$500.  
 Total of projects, \$4,750.

Grace Seminary student aid is available to worthy Brethren students as follows: A student in need, or any person knowing of a student in need, should contact any member of the committee in writing. Each member of the committee will initial the request. When the request is properly initialed by every member of the committee, the chairman will present the gift to the student and send the request to replenish the cash drawer (\$50 in the hands of chairman), together with the initialed copy of the request for aid to the treasurer. Full power to accept or reject the request is the committee's prerogative.

Other than Grace Seminary student aid is handled on the district or local level.

### 1953 Conference Notes

Sessions 71 through 75 were held in the Westminster Hotel Rainbow Room, August 25-29.



**Laymen (continued)—**

Participation in the half-hour 7:15-7:45 p. m. service of the national conference on opening night was enjoyed by this fellowship.

At the opening of the laymen's 71st session, President Mason Cooper brought us a heart-searching, heart-rendering, and challenging message for each of our lives. He emphasized we needed the cooperation of every layman and the power of God in each of our lives to reach our goals and projects this year.

In the absence of our secretary-treasurer, Bro. W. K. Smith was elected secretary pro tem., and did an excellent job on the minutes, for which we thank him.

**Committees**

**Committee on Committees**—W. M. Hoyt (chairman), C. Smithy, Owen E. Hacker.

**Attendance Committee**—Bryson Fetters (chairman), Roy Lowery.

**Auditing Committee**—H. L. Edwards (chairman), C. H. Seitz.

**Nominating Committee**—I. Wesley Miller (chairman), Chester McCall, S. M. Coffey.

**Goals and Projects Committee**—Charles Croker (chairman), R. L. Farmer, Charles A. Snyder.

Please report all local men's news to your national laymen's page editor and secretary; also to your district secretary. We want news from every laymen's group.

**FINANCIAL REPORT—8/1/52 to 7/31/53**

	Proj Bal. 8/1/52	Off.	Exp.	Bal. 7/31/53
Bd. Evang..	\$0.00	\$609.29	\$604.29	\$5.00
Stud. Aid...	254.95	15.00	*55.00	†214.95
BBC .....	102.50	57.50	102.50	57.50
Gen. Fund..	100.51	137.21	218.19	19.53
<b>Totals ....</b>	<b>\$457.96</b>	<b>\$819.00</b>	<b>\$979.98</b>	<b>\$296.98</b>

\*Included \$35 advanced to Student Aid Committee as emergency fund—I think proper record.

†Not included \$35 advanced to Student Aid Committee as emergency fund—I think proper record.

**Laymen (continued)—****Board of Evangelism—Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade Committee**

Balance, Aug. 1, 1952 .....	\$0.00
Alexandria, Va. ....	5.00
Covington, Va. ....	5.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .....	30.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	204.25
Hagerstown, Md. ....	90.04
Miami Valley District Men .....	53.00
Radford, Va. ....	10.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .....	70.00
San Bernardino, Calif. ....	7.00
Southeast District Men .....	135.00

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$609.29</b>
Paid by check to Bro. H. J. Schumacher, treasurer, B. U. E. C. C. ....	604.29

Balance, July 31, 1953 .....	\$5.00
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**Grace Seminary Student Aid Fund**

Balance, Aug. 1, 1952 .....	\$254.95
Akron, Ohio (First) .....	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	10.00

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$269.95</b>
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Paid to Chairman, Student Aid Committee as emergency fund .....	\$35.00
Paid to Bro. Jesse Deloe to help student in emergency, chairman of committee in Fla... ..	20.00

<b>Total paid out .....</b>	<b>55.00</b>
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Balance, July 31, 1953 .....	\$214.95
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**Brethren Boys Club Fund**

Balance, Aug. 1, 1952 .....	\$102.50
Akron, Ohio (First) .....	5.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .....	25.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	2.50
Northern Ohio District Men .....	*25.00

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
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August 23, 1952, paid to Brethren Youth Council for BBC expenses .....	102.50
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Balance, July 31, 1953 .....	\$57.50
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\*Special fund for unpaid balance on Jeep.

**General Fund**

Balance, Aug. 1, 1952 .....	\$100.51
Conference Offerings, 8/19/52 to 8/23/52 .....	110.96
Akron, Ohio (First) .....	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	9.25
Hagerstown, Md. ....	*12.00

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$237.72</b>
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\*See item under Disbursements.

**Disbursements—**

Program expense .....	\$4.54
Paper .....	.50
Gift to Herald .....	30.00
Publicity committee toward Brethren Calendar expense .....	100.00
Gift for use of Rainbow Room, Westminster Hotel .....	15.00
Annual space .....	23.40
1,000 offering envelopes by Mason Cooper, president .....	8.50
500 printed programs for our 1953 laymen's national conference ...	24.00

**Laymen (continued)—**

Bro. Mason Cooper's travel expense to Hagerstown, Md., laymen's rally .....	*12.00
Bank's service charge for June ...	.25

Total expenses .....	\$218.19
Balance, July 31, 1953 .....	\$19.53

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Fisher,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

**Brethren Boys Clubs***Officers*

President—Robert E. A. Miller, Jr.,  
1511 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke,  
Va.

Vice President—Lynwood Catron,  
630 Arbutus Ave. SE., Roanoke,  
Va.

Secretary—Douglas Cassel, Winona  
Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—Paul Hall, Indiana Uni-  
versity, Bloomington, Ind.

Advisor—Neil D. Carey, 332 Stull  
Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.

Director—Ralph J. Colburn, Box 617,  
Winona Lake, Ind.

*Goals*

Reaching boys at their own interest level, and winning them for Christ and for an active life for Him and His church. As we seek to teach the boys to be active, faithful, witnessing Christians, we seek to challenge our laymen to be the proper examples and leaders for our boys.

*Missionary Project*

The current missionary project is that of building a chapel for our missionary work in Brazil. \$400-500 is needed for this project, and every club is urged to have some share in it. Send all offerings to the Youth Director's office, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

**The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers**

*Tuesday, August 25, 1953, 8 a. m.*

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in the first regular session for the year 1953 in the seminary building, Tuesday, August 25, at 8 a. m.

Vice Chairman Miles Taber presided in the absence of the chairman, Paul Dick.

Brethren Charles Bergerson, Walter Lepp, and Robert Culver led in the devotions. During the prayer service various ministers participated in prayer.

There were 112 men present, corresponding to 116 for the first session last year and 114 in 1951.

1. Program Committee Report. Bro. Herman Koontz gave the report for the program committee. On motion it was adopted as read.

2. Paper on California Plan for Licensure and Ordination of Ministers. Brother Glenn O'Neal reported for the California District.

3. Introductions. The following men were introduced to the Fellowship: Robert Markley, Maxwell Brennenman, Norman Nelson, David Tollardo, Roy Glass, Jr., Granville Tucker, Richard Grant, George Funderburg, Donald Bishop, Donald Farmer, Scott Weaver, Evan Adams, Charles Underwood, John Dilling, Raymond Haddix, John Whitcomb, Robert Griffith, Clair Brubaker, Henry Dalke.

4. Memorials. Brethren Tom Hammers, Charles Ashman, Sr., Charles Mayes, Robert Culver, R. I. Humbert, Glenn O'Neal, Russell Barnard, Ord Gehman, Jesse Hall, and Bernard Schneider spoke in respect to and in memory of Bro. Curtis Morrill.

Brethren Charles Ashman, Sr.,



**Ministers (continued)—**

Ord Gehman, Leo Polman, J. C. McKillen, Forest Lance, R. D. Crees, Leslie Moore, Robert Culver, R. Paul Miller spoke words of commendation in memory of Albert Lantz.

Bro. Bernard Schneider spoke in memory of Willis Witzky.

5. Calendar Committee. Bro. Kenneth Ashman gave a report for the Calendar Committee and asked for a vote of yes or no concerning its continuance, as well as the continuance of the calendars.

6. On motion, Bro. Glenn O'Neal was asked to mimeograph material pertaining to the qualifications for licensure and ordination of ministers.

7. A motion carried to adjourn.

*Wednesday, August 26, 1953*

The second regular session of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers. Bro. Miles Taber presided.

Brethren Charles Bergerson, Robert Culver, and Walter Lepp led in the devotions.

There were 118 men present.

8. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

9. The Membership Committee Report. On motion there were 19 new members added.

*Northern Ohio*—Harold Morr, Ashland (ordained); Donald Bishop, Ashland (licensed); Donald Farner, Ashland (licensed); Richard Messner, Ashland (licensed); Richard Grant, Akron (licensed); John Dilling, Canton (licensed).

*California*—Bob Cover, Tracy (licensed); Raymond W. Thompson, Whittier (licensed); Maxwell Brenneman, Temple City (licensed); Charles Underwood, Glendale (licensed); James C. Sweeton, Long Beach Second (licensed); Alfred Dodds, South Gate (licensed); Norman Nelson, Compton (licensed).

*Indiana*—John Hood, Peru (licensed); John Stuber, Peru (licensed); George Cone, Jr., Winona Lake (licensed); John Whitcomb, Winona Lake (licensed).

*Michigan*—Robert Griffith, Lake Odessa (ordained).  
Paul Miller, Jr. (licensed).

10. Official Membership List. A

**Ministers (continued)—**

motion carried to ask the Executive Committee to prepare an official membership list of the ministers in the National Fellowship.

11. Report of the Nominating Committee. On motion, the report was accepted and the election followed, with these results:

Chairman—Glenn O'Neal.

Vice Chairman—Gerald Polman.

Secretary—Norman Uphouse.

Assistant Secretary—Ord Gehman.

Financial Secretary—Blaine Snyder.

Treasurer—R. D. Crees.

Program Committee—Harold Etling, Paul Mohler, Russell Weber.

Nominating Committee—Charles Bergerson, Mark Malles, Harold Painter.

12. Program Committee Report. On motion it was decided to change the program to place Dr. McClain on Friday morning and the Committee on the Expansion of the Message of the Brethren Ministry on Thursday morning.

13. Committee on Nonresistance. Brethren W. A. Ogden and Herman Hoyt gave the report indicating the development of a book on nonresistance. No action was taken, but the report was given for our information.

14. Brother O'Neal led in a discussion on the recommendations to district ministerial examining boards regarding the requirements for licensure and ordination of elders. A motion carried to appoint a committee of three to consider the suggestions made and to bring in a revised report later. The committee was composed of Glenn O'Neal, Mark Malles, and Robert Miller.

15. Laymen's Report. Bro. Mason Cooper reported for the laymen. After words of encouragement in

**Ministers (continued)—**

reviewing the relationships between the ministers and laymen, he asked that the laymen be allowed one Sunday a year for a laymen's program and offering. A vote of approval was asked. On motion we approved the report and request.

## 16. Adjournment.

*Thursday, August 27, 1953*

The third regular session of the Brethren Ministers Fellowship.

17. The minutes were approved as read.

18. Board on Ministerial Relief. A report was given by Charles Ashman and Ord Gehman having to do with the financial condition of the insurance and relief fund. Great stress was placed upon the importance of paying assessments on time.

19. Report from the Committee on the Expansion of the Message of the Brethren Ministry. Brethren R. D. Barnard and A. J. McClain reported. Dr. McClain reviewed the history and development of the Message and read an abridged copy of the new statement as prepared by the committee.

After a proposal to approve the document a discussion followed and a motion carried to refer it to the committee for revision with instruction to report at a later session.

20. Sunday School Board. Bro. James Dixon gave the report, indicating the work of the Sunday School Board among the Brethren churches. He urged us to cooperate as pastors and to support plans to put a man in the field full time.

21. Motion carried to adjourn.

*Friday, August 28, 1953*

The fourth session of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers.

Bro. Glenn O'Neal presided.

**Ministers (continued)—**

22. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

23. Sunday School Board Report, continued. Bro. James Dixon continued the report, introducing Harold Etling as the man to serve in the field. A motion carried that we approve putting a full-time man in the Sunday-school field as of January 1954.

24. Committee on Expansion of the Message of the Brethren Ministry. Brother Barnard reported, and asked for a straw vote as a guide to be used in revision of the original document.

25. Dr. A. J. McClain read a paper on the place of the church during the tribulation.

26. Motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Uphouse,  
Secretary.

*Saturday, August 29, 1953*

8 to 8:30 a. m.—Devotional period. Charles Bergerson at the piano. Wesley Haller read the Scripture and led the prayer session.

8:30 to 9:45 a. m.—Business session, Chairman Glenn O'Neal presiding.

27. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

28. Report of the straw vote regarding the Expansion of the Message of the Brethren Ministry made by Brother Barnard. Motion prevailed that we recommend to the Committee on Expansion of the Message of the Brethren Ministry proceed with their work on the basis of the straw vote.

29. Report of the committee on the recommendation for requirements to district ministerial examining boards regarding licensure and



**Ministers (continued)—**

licensing of elders. Motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

30. Motion prevailed that we refer the matter back to the committee for a further study and expansion of the procedure for the licensing and ordaining of elders.

31. Financial secretary's report presented by Bro. Blaine Snyder. Motion prevailed that the financial secretary's report be accepted as presented.

32. Treasurer's report (Harry Sturz, outgoing treasurer) presented by Bro. Blaine Snyder. Motion prevailed that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

33. Motion prevailed that this Ministerial Fellowship elect a minister from each district to constitute a clearing committee to bring information without recommendation or suggestion to pastorless churches and available men. It is understood that the personnel of this committee shall be changed annually.

34. Motion prevailed that only men who are in fellowship with their district ministerial fellowships and the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers be placed on such a list of available men.

35. Motion prevailed that the previously elected two members for the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage be continued for another year.

36. Motion prevailed that the time of the session be extended until 10 o'clock.

37. Motion prevailed that the secretaries of the district ministerial fellowships serve on the Clearing Committee for the coming year.

38. Substitute motion prevailed that Ord Gehman serve as chairman of this Clearing Committee as representative of this Ministerial Fellowship.

**Ministers (continued)—**

39. Minutes of the present session read and approved.

40. Motion prevailed for adjournment. Closing prayer by Bro. Gerald Polman, vice chairman.

Respectfully submitted in His service,

Ord Gehman,  
Assistant secretary.

**The Board on Ministerial Relief, Inc.***Officiary*

President—C. H. Ashman, Sr. ('55),  
South Pasadena, Calif.

Vice President—Phillip J. Simmons  
( '55), Chico, Calif.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ord Gehman  
( '56), 514 N. Jefferson St., Berne,  
Ind.

*Board Members*

R. T. Saunders ('54), Washington,  
D. C.

W. H. Schaffer ('54), Spokane, Wash.  
Melvin Fisher ('54), Camden, Ind.

Russell Weber ('56), Hagerstown,  
Md.

Conard Sandy ('56), Harrisburg, Pa.  
C. K. Landrum ('55), Uniontown, Pa.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON  
MINISTERIAL RELIEF, INC.**

Balance carried forward, Aug. 16, 1952 .....	\$6,768.28
Transferred from savings account (including interest) .....	2,030.15
Cash receipts to Aug. 1, 1953 .....	12,110.86

Total receipts to Aug. 1, 1953 ...	\$20,909.29
Disbursements to August 1, 1953..	8,319.82

Balance in checking account, Aug. 1, 1953 .....	\$12,589.47
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*Reconciliation of the above—*

Preachers' accumulations .....	\$2,827.06
Relief fund .....	2,776.65
Retirement fund .....	14,755.61
Interest .....	230.15

Total .....	\$20,589.47
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Loans to date .....	\$8,000.00
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**Ministerial Relief (cont)—**

Cash in First Bank of Berne, Aug. 1, 1953 .....	12,589.47
	<hr/> \$20,589.47

**Breakdown of disbursements—**

Office supplies .....	\$111.13
Secretary's honorarium .....	75.00
Board expenses .....	19.25
Secretarial help .....	30.00
Treasurer's bond .....	25.00
Space in Annual .....	5.40
Filing fee with State of Indiana ..	1.00
Administrative expense, prorated as follows: relief fund, \$66.69:	
retirement fund, \$200.09.....	266.78
Retirement payments .....	920.00
Insurance premiums .....	3,133.04
Loans .....	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$8,319.82

During the year, two death claims were paid.

Three men were on full or partial retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Ord Gehman,  
Sec.-Treas.

**Brethren Youth Fellowship****Officers and Board**

President—William Smith ('54), 3018 9th St. SE., Washington, D. C.  
 Vice President—Clair Gartland ('55), R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.  
 Secretary—John J. Burns ('56), 876 Pardee St., Johnson City, Tenn.  
 Treasurer—Homer A. Kent, Jr., ('55), Winona Lake, Ind.  
 Kenneth Ashman ('56), 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.  
 Russell Ward ('55), 1099 Irene Rd., Cleveland 24, Ohio.  
 Ralph Colburn ('55), Winona Lake, Ind.  
 Gerald Polman ('54), 731 Elm Terr., York, Pa.  
 Russell Ogden ('54), 719 Osborn St., South Bend, Ind.  
 H. E. Collingridge ('54), King's Garden, 190th and Fremont Ave. Seattle 33, Wash.  
 Lee Jenkins ('55), Winona Lake, Ind.  
 Lewis Hohenstein ('56), 540 E. Olive Dr., Whittier, Calif.

**BYF (continued)—****Plans**

Monthly packets of programs, ideas, and party helps will be sent to all pastors and youth leaders. Each BYF and CE will be encouraged to send regular offerings to the national treasurer for this and the other goals.

Missionary projects will be promoted through our youth groups, offerings for which should be included with each church's home-mission or foreign-mission offering, and earmarked "BYF Project." Current home-mission project is the raising of \$1,000 to send summer workers to our home-mission fields in New Mexico and Kentucky. The 1954 foreign-mission project is the support of the Bekoro station in Africa, \$1,200.

**Budget, 1953-54**

Appropriation to the Brethren Youth Council .....	\$400
Mimeographing and mailing costs for monthly program packets .....	180
Literature for the Brethren Messianic Witness (\$10 a month pledge) ....	120
Literature for Brethren Spanish-American missions (\$10 a month pledge) .....	120
Office supplies .....	100
Miscellaneous .....	80
	<hr/> \$1,000

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*Giving City and State; Pastor's Name; Church Name, Membership, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary or Clerk*

- ACCIDENT, MD.** (Walter M. Fergus)  
First Grace Brethren Church (50)  
Miss Zella Keller, Accident
- AKRON, OHIO** (Harold H. Etling, until Jan. 1)  
First Brethren Church (376)  
530 Stetler Ave., zone 12 (Tel. RE-public 3-2520)  
Mrs. Mary Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave., zone 12
- ALBANY, OREG.** (Glen H. Welborn)  
Grace Brethren Church (76)  
8th and Ermine Sts.  
Mrs. M. V. Craig, R. R. 4, Box 351
- ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.** (No pastor)  
Grace Brethren Church (25)  
R. R. 4, Box 732K (N. 2d St.)  
100 yds. east of 7300 block of N. 2d  
Mrs. Servilia L. Bernal, R. R. 4, Box 736
- ALEPPO, PA.** (Fred Wm. Walter)  
Aleppo Brethren Church (82)  
Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Aleppo
- ALEXANDRIA, VA.** (Kenneth L. Teague, until Nov. 29)  
Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church (126)  
Corner of Commonwealth and Luray Aves.  
Miss Mabel Donaldson, 4328 Garrison St. NW., Washington 16, D. C.
- ALLENTOWN, PA.** (William Gray)  
First Brethren Church (94)  
632-34 N. 5th St.  
Mr. LeRoy Seigfried, Cypress Ave.
- ALTO, MICH.** (Earl O. Funderburg)  
Calvary Brethren Church (57)  
2 miles east of M-50 on 84th St., Kent County  
Mrs. Dorothy Stahl, R. R. 1, Clarksville, Mich.
- ALTOONA, PA.** (Mark E. Malles)  
First Brethren Church (151)  
Maple Ave. and 30th St.  
Richard Beach, 223 E. 1st Ave.
- ALTOONA, PA.** (J. Ward Tressler)  
Grace Brethren Church (155)  
Broadway and 15th Ave., Juniata  
Mrs. William Dively, 609 7th Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.
- ANKENYTOWN, OHIO** (Wesley Haller)  
First Brethren Church (88)  
R. R. 1, Bellville, Ohio  
Mrs. Pauline Beal, Mt. Vernon Ave., Fredericktown, Ohio
- ARROYO HONDO, N. MEX.** (David Tollardo)  
Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church (34)  
3 blocks north of Highway 3  
Pascuala Medina, Arroyo Hondo
- ARTESIA, CALIF.** (Adam H. Rager)  
Carson Avenue Brethren Church (73)  
12138 E. Carson Ave. (corner of Norwalk Blvd. and Carson Ave.) (Tel. L. B. 5-4808)  
Mrs. Alice Akers, 22310 S. Devlin St.
- ASHLAND, OHIO** (Miles Taber)  
West Tenth Street Brethren Church (340)  
West Tenth, between Myers and Wick Aves. (Tel. 26374)  
Mrs. William Warrick, 1031 Wick Ave.
- BALTIMORE, MD.** (C. H. Hinegardner)  
Bible Brethren Church (47)  
1613 Gorsuch Ave., zone 18 (Tel. BE 5-4817)  
Thelma Hinegardner, 2928 N. Calvert St., zone 18

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** (Gene Farrell)

Cherry Valley Brethren Church (65)

R. R. 1, Box 405 (church at Vine-land and Beaumont Aves.

Three miles north of Highway 60 and 70 (Tel. 2096)

Mrs. Emil Rasmussen, R. R. 1, Box 285, Beaumont

**BEAVER CITY, NEBR.** (no pastor)

Grace Brethren Church (55)

Mrs. Myrtle Little, Beaver City

**BELL, CALIF.** (Harry Sturz)

Bell Brethren Church (46)

6830 Wilcox Ave. (halfway between Gage and Florence on Wilcox)

Mrs. Bernice Millar, 7017 Heliotrope

**BELLFLOWER, CALIF.** (Curtis Mitchell)

First Brethren Church (147)

9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flower Sts.) (mailing address, Box 306) (Tel. Torrey 7-6132)

Mrs. T. H. Bergen, 15332 S. Leahy St.

**BERNE, IND.** (Ord Gehman)

Bethel Brethren Church (174)

R. R. 2 (6½ miles east on Ind. 118 and ½ mile south)

Mrs. Chalmer Smitley, R. R. 2

**BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.** (Robert W. Markley)

Grace Brethren Church (23)

424 S. Mechanic St. (Tel. 7-2191)

Mrs. Loyd Hathcock, R. R. 1, Box 19

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** (Galen M. Lingenfelter, until Dec. 16)

First Brethren Church (308)

29th St. and Route 60

Mrs. George Smals, 29th St.

**CAMDEN, OHIO** (Randall L. Rossman)

First Brethren Church (90)

West Central Ave. at Lafayette St. (1 block west of traffic light on Route 725)

Warren A. Craig, 35 N. 2d St.

**CANTON, OHIO** (John R. Dilling)

First Brethren Church (213)

Second and Hartford NE., zone 4 (1 block north of Route 30) (Tel. 5-6526)

Miss Margaret Sutek, 2121 Third St. SE.

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA** (Richard Grant)

Grace Brethren Church (59)

2905 D Ave. NE. (Tel. 3-4983)

Mrs. David Bright, 1608 Oakland Gardens NE.

**CHAMBERSBURG, PA.** (William Wiles)

Grace Brethren Church (22)

R. R. 1, Pond Bank, Chambersburg

Miss Dorothy Bumbaugh, R. R. 1

**CHERRY VALLEY**—See Beaumont, Calif.**CHEYENNE, WYO.** (Tom Inman, interim)

First Brethren Church (54)

1613 E. 22d St., corner of Logan Ave. (Tel. 5-5811)

Mrs. Ray Cox, 505 E. 3d St.

**CHICO, CALIF.** (Phillip Simmons)

Grace Brethren Church (57)

1505 Arbutus Ave. (Tel. 1698R)

Mrs. Elvira Boyd, R. R. 3, Box 225

**CLAY CITY, IND.** (Ralph S. Burns)

First Brethren Church (83)

10th and Cook Sts. (Tel. 3S-47)

Miss Lois K. Long, 466 S. Main St.

**CLAYHOLE, KY.** (Sewell S. Landrum)

Clayhole Brethren Church (122)

14 miles southeast of Jackson on Highway 15

Mr. E. Paul Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky.



CLAYTON, OHIO (Clair E. Brickel)  
First Brethren Church (148)  
Highway 49 and Kimmell Rd.  
Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R. R. 1,  
Brookville, Ohio

CLAREBROOK—See Roanoke, Va.

CLEVELAND, OHIO (Russell M.  
Ward)  
First Brethren Church (77)  
5564 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, zone  
24 (Tel. Hillcrest 2-5353)  
Mrs. W. C. Lechlitner, 1630 E. 86th  
St., Cleveland 6

COMPTON, CALIF. (Norman A.  
Nelson)  
First Brethren Church (222)  
1005 N. Rose St. (Tel. Newmark  
1-1898)  
Mrs. Elda Powell, 801 N. Wilming-  
ton

CONEMAUGH, PA. (Stanley F.  
Hauser)  
Conemaugh Brethren Church (150)  
Second and Oak Sts. (Tel. 9-2011)  
Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main  
St.

CONEMAUGH, PA. (Clair Gart-  
land)  
Pike Brethren Church (235)  
On Rt. 22, William Penn Highway,  
7 miles west of Ebensburg, at  
Mundy's Corner (Tel. Nanty-  
Glo 5727)  
Mrs. Faye Cunningham, R. R. 1

CONEMAUGH, PA. (Kenneth E.  
Wilt)  
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church  
(148)  
R. R. 1 (Rt. 219, 2 miles south of  
Mundy's Corner, or 9 miles north  
of Johnstown)  
Mrs. John Stennett, R. R. 1, Box  
534

COVINGTON, OHIO (James Young)  
First Brethren Church (83)  
Spring and Pearl Sts.  
Mrs. Kenneth Peters, R. R. 1

COVINGTON, VA. (Paul L. Mohler)  
First Brethren Church (300)  
R. R. 6, Parrish Court (Tel. 9154)  
Mr. Cary Perdue, R. R. 6, Parrish  
Court

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO (Rich-  
ard L. Burch)  
Grace Brethren Church (55)  
Third St. and Chestnut Blvd. (Tel.  
SWandale 4-1840)  
Mrs. Earle R. Cole, 2753 Elmwood  
St.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA (True L.  
Hunt)  
First Brethren Church (152)  
Mrs. Margaret Webster, Dallas  
Center

DANVILLE, OHIO (Neil L. Beery)  
Danville Brethren Church (72)  
Ross Street  
Miss Wilma Magers, R. R. 2, How-  
ard, Ohio

DAVENPORT, IOWA (Richard  
Grant)  
Grace Brethren Church (5)  
Lend-a-Hand Bldg., Main and  
River Sts.  
Mrs. George Taylor, 2908 Cody St.,  
Bettendorf, Iowa

DAYTON, OHIO (Charles Gantt)  
Bethany Brethren Church (85)  
5100 Hoover Ave., zone 7  
Mrs. Doris Hapner, 900 Strawberry  
Row, zone 7

DAYTON, OHIO (William A. Stef-  
fler)  
First Brethren Church (661)  
1900 W. Third St., zone 7 (Tel. ME.  
7862)  
Mrs. Don E. Wolfe, 1025 Shakes-  
peare Ave., zone 7

DAYTON, OHIO (Clyde G. Balyo)  
North Riverdale Brethren Church  
(271)  
4101 N. Main St., zone 5 (Tel. RA-  
4332)  
Mrs. Howard McElwee, Box 184,  
Wolfe Ave., Englewood, Ohio

DAYTON, OHIO (C. S. Zimmerman)  
Patterson Park Brethren Church  
(32)

708 Shadowlawn Ave. (mailing address, 2942 Dwight Ave., zone 10) (Tel. Madison 2884)

Mrs. B. R. Foulk, 5128 Sutton Ave., zone 9

DENVER, COLO. (F. Thomas Inman)

Grace Brethren Church (27)

700 S. Federal (Tel. Westwood 1016M)

Mrs. Dorothy Hall, 3675 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

EAST PASADENA—See Temple City, Calif.

ELLET—See Akron, Ohio

ELKHART, IND. (Lowell Hoyt)

Grace Brethren Church

Highway 33 (1 mile south of city limits)

Willard Secaur, 1035 Taylor St.

EVERETT, PA. (Homer Lingenfelter)

Everett Grace Brethren Church (46)

Main and Spring Sts. (Tel. 295W)

Fred Bucher, 14 W. 2d St.

FILLMORE, CALIF. (Maxwell Brenneeman)

First Brethren Church (87)

422 Central Ave.

Robert Agler, R. R. 1, Box 526

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance)

Findlay Brethren Church (35)

209 Lexington Ave.

Mrs. Betty Farmer, 1115 E. Sandusky St.

FLORA, IND. (Charles Turner)

Grace Brethren Church (174)

Main and Willow Sts. (Tel. 17203)

Mrs. Homer Hanna, Bringham, Ind.

FORT WAYNE, IND. (James D. Hammer)

First Brethren Church (234)

3326 S. Calhoun St., zone 6 (Tel. Harrison 1065)

Mrs. Richard David, c/o church

FREMONT, OHIO (no pastor)

Grace Brethren Church (225)

300 S. Collinwood Blvd. (Tel. Main 2973)

Mrs. Robert Gahris, 123 S. 5th St.

GARVEY—See South San Gabriel, Calif.

GARWIN, IOWA (R. Paul Miller, Jr.)

Carlton Brethren Church (110)

6½ miles southwest of Garwin

9 miles east of Marshalltown

(Tel. Garwin 06F8)

Mrs. Raymond Cooper, Garwin

GLENDALE, CALIF. (Charles Underwood)

First Brethren Church (165)

632 W. Stocker St., zone 2 (1 block south of Hoover High School)

(Tel. Citrus 2-1808)

James C. Martin, 809 Burchett St., zone 2

GRAFTON, W. VA. (Lee Crist)

First Brethren Church (138)

45 W. St. Charles St.

Mrs. Helen Dennis, 335 W. Francis St.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. (Russell H. Weber)

Grace Brethren Church (276)

First and Spruce Sts. (Tel. 1726)

Howard P. Stickler, Sr., R. R. 3

HARRAH, WASH. (Jesse Hall)

Harrah Brethren Church (146)

Box 203 (1 block west of P. O.) (Tel. 2132)

Mrs. Alice L. Kopp, R. R. 7, Box 184, Yakima, Wash.

HARRISBURG, PA. (Conard Sandy)

Melrose Gardens Brethren Church (95)

22d and Swatara Sts.

Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, Box 22, Pottsville, Pa.



- HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.** (Dean I. Walter)  
Vicksburg Brethren Church (99)  
Four miles south of Hollidaysburg,  
off Route 36 (mailing address,  
c/o pastor, R. R. 2, Duncansville,  
Pa.  
R. C. Dick, 222 Bedford St., Hol-  
lidaysburg
- HOLLINS, VA.** (Edward Bowman)  
Mountain View Brethren Church  
(175)  
R. R. 1 (State Route 115, near Hol-  
lins railroad station) (Tel. Roa-  
noke 3-6983)  
Miss Barbara Stanley, R. R. 1,  
Roanoke, Va.
- HOMERVILLE, OHIO** (Robert  
Holmes)  
West Homer Brethren Church  
(115)  
R. R. 1, Homerville  
Mrs. Roy Hopkins, Howe St., Lodi,  
Ohio
- HOPEWELL, PA.** (Sheldon W. Sny-  
der)  
Grace Brethren Church (85)  
R. R. 1 (1½ miles southeast of the  
village of Yellow Creek) (Tel.  
Altoona 8385)  
Miss Delores Reed, R. R. 1
- HUNTINGTON, IND.** (George W.  
Funderburg)  
Grace Brethren Church (22)  
Corner of Gardendale Ave. and  
Drover St.  
Mrs. Clifford Funderburg, R. R. 5
- INGLEWOOD**—See Los Angeles
- JENNERS, PA.** (Victor S. Rogers)  
Jenners Brethren Church (79)  
(Opposite grade school)  
Mrs. Dolores Flanigan, Jenners
- JOHNSON CITY, TENN.** (John J.  
Burns)  
Johnson City Brethren Church  
(48)  
Watauga Ave. and Lamont St.  
Mrs. Dorsey Sproles, 1208 N. Bax-  
ter St.
- JOHNSTOWN, PA.** (W. A. Ogden)  
First Brethren Church (577)  
Napoleon and Dibert Sts. (Tel. 9-  
7815)  
Don C. Rasbach, 726 Oak St.
- JOHNSTOWN, PA.** (Ralph C. Hall)  
Riverside Brethren Church (46)  
721 Liberty Ave.  
Harold W. Hammers, 570 Central  
Ave.
- JUNIATA**—See Altoona, Pa.
- KITTANNING, PA.** (Gordon W.  
Bracker)  
First Brethren Church (236)  
215 Arthur St. (West Kittanning)  
(Tel. 43-8731)  
Dorothy McMillen, 308 Cleveland  
St.
- KITTANNING, PA.** (Donald W.  
Rossman)  
North Buffalo Brethren Church  
(32)  
R. R. 4, Kittanning, Pa.  
Mrs. Odell Bowser, R. R. 4
- LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.** (Robert  
L. Dell)  
Mountain Brethren Church (17)  
2723 Orange Ave.  
Mrs. Lillian Brown, 4734 Rosemont  
Ave.
- LAKE ODESSA, MICH.** (Robert  
Griffith)  
Grace Brethren Church (117)  
R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich. (6 miles  
west of Lake Odessa on Vedder  
Rd.)  
Mrs. Berwin Stadel, R. R. 1, Lake  
Odessa
- LA VERNE, CALIF.** (Victor Meyers)  
First Brethren Church (231)  
Corner of 3d and E Sts. (mailing  
address P. O. Box 217) (Tel. Ly-  
coming 4-3142)  
Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, 2235 5th St.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA. (Robert D. Crees)

Leamersville Brethren Church (250)

R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa. (1 mile south of Newry, Pa., on Highway 220) (Tel. Hollidaysburg 50333)

Mrs. Grace Echard, R. R. 2, Duncansville

LEESBURG, IND. (Nathan M. Meyer)

Leesburg Brethren Church (63)

Across from the high school

Mrs. Voyle Osborn, R. R.

LEON, IOWA (Marion D. Gates)

Leon Brethren Church (194)

108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)

Mrs. Ray Andrew, Leon

LIMESTONE, TENN. (no pastor)

Vernon Brethren Church (107)

R. R. 1 (on Washington College Station and Oakland Rd.)

Miss Lelia Arnold, Washington College, Tenn.

LISTIE, PA. (no pastor)

Listie Brethren Church (225)

Miss Vera Jean Fye, P. O. Box 46

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (Charles W.

Mayes; asst., Nelson Hall; Min. of Educ., Albert L. Flory)

First Brethren Church (1,520)

1925 E. Fifth (Fifth and Cherry), zone 12 (Tel. 67-5484)

Miss Geraldine Judd, c/o church

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (George O.

Peek; asst., James Sweeton)

Second Brethren Church (451)

5945 Orange Ave. (60th and Orange), zone 5 (Tel. 23605)

Mrs. Lorraine Yocky, 6070 Lewis Ave.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Glenn O'Neal)

First Brethren Church (367)

2400 W. 85th St., Inglewood, Calif. (Tel. Pleasant 12505)

Jack McKeever, 7281 W. 90th St., Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (Henry G. Rempel)

Second Brethren Church (135)

6000 Compton Ave., zone 1 (where 60th St. crosses Compton Ave.—in Los Angeles, not in city of Compton) (Tel. KImball 3477)

Mrs. Florence Bowhall, 4620 Live Oak St., Bell, Calif.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (James C. Beatty)

Third Brethren Church (96)

5839 Whittier Blvd., zone 22 (Tel. UNion 1-5972)

Mrs. Myrtle Andrews, 224 S. Kingsley Dr., zone 4

MANSFIELD, OHIO (Bernard N. Schneider; asst., James Cook)

Grace Brethren Church (300)

Marion Ave. and Forest St. (Tel. 6800-6)

Mrs. Ann Lehnhart, 1020 Briarwood Rd.

MARTINSBURG, PA. (Gerald W. Teeter)

First Brethren Church (208)

Corner of Wall and Woodlawn (Tel. 229)

Miss Sannie Klepser, Martinsburg

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (M. L. Myers)

Rosemont Brethren Church (122)

Illinois Ave. and W. King St. (Tel. 6330)

John Davis, 514 E. Moler Ave.

MASSILLON, OHIO (Milo D. Williams)

Grace Brethren Church (14)

Corner of 8th and State Sts.

Mrs. Edith Cecil, 1224 Concord Ave. NE.

MEYERSDALE, PA. (H. Leslie Moore)

Meyersdale Brethren Church (187)

112 Beachley St. (Tel. Meyersdale 337-J)

Irene Siegner, R. R. 3



- MEYERSDALE, PA. (H. Leslie Moore)  
Summit Mills Brethren Church (166)  
R. R. 1 (4 miles southwest of Meyersdale) (Tel. Meyersdale 337-J)  
Mrs. Elwood Firl, Front St., Meyersdale
- MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO (Edward Lewis)  
First Brethren Church (183)  
William St. (2 blocks from P. O.)  
Loretta Cocklin, 2202 St. Elmo St. NE., Canton, Ohio
- MODESTO, CALIF. (Raymond W. Thompson)  
Brethren Christian Center (77)  
McHenry and Ladd Rds. (7 miles north of Modesto)  
Mrs. Kathleen Cover, 1218 Faustina
- MODESTO, CALIF. (Harold Painter, until Jan. 1)  
La Loma Grace Brethren Church (153)  
1315 La Loma Dr. (Tel. 3-3738)  
Mrs. Loren Zook, Box 675
- MUNDY'S CORNER—See Cone-maugh, Pa.
- NEW TROY, MICH. (Richard Jackson, Jr.)  
New Troy Brethren Church (120)  
Box 67 (Tel. 77)  
Edward Mensinger, New Troy
- NORTH BUFFALO—See Kittanning, Pa.
- NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA (Clarence H. Lackey)  
Pleasant Grove Brethren Church (67)  
R. R. 2, North English, Iowa (2 miles east of Millersburg) (Tel. North English 2070)  
Allen White, North English
- OSCEOLA, IND. (Scott Weaver)  
Bethel Brethren Church (178)  
Lincoln Way at Oregon Ave. (Tel. 749)  
Mrs. Freida Humes, R. R. 2
- OZARK, MICH. (W. Paul Lovegrove)  
Grace Brethren Church (15)  
5½ miles east of Trout Lake, 1 mile south of M-48  
Doloris Vertz, Trout Lake, Mich.
- PARAMOUNT, CALIF. (John W. Mayes)  
Paramount Brethren Church (45)  
15733 S. Orange Ave. (in the Brethren High School building) (Tel. METcalf 3-9007)  
Mrs. Arthur Pekarek, 5839 Gavio-ta, Long Beach, Calif.
- PARKERSBURG, W. VA. (Lester O. Smitley)  
Grace Brethren Church (12)  
Mrs. Maurice Conley, Davisville, W. Va.
- PERU, IND. (R. Ronald Robinson)  
Peru Brethren Church (156)  
South Broadway  
R. Ray Leedy, 14 E. Warren St.
- PHILADELPHIA, PA. (John M. Aeby)  
First Brethren Church (174)  
Oxford Ave. and Knorr St., zone 11 (Tel. Pilgrim 5-2799)  
Mrs. Lois E. Harkness, 606 Solly St., Fox Chase, Philadelphia
- PHILADELPHIA, PA. (Robert S. Cessna)  
Third Brethren Church (232)  
Ella and Tioga Sts., zone 34 (Tel. GA 3-8047)  
Miss Irene Stone, 3462 N. Lee St.
- PHOENIX, ARIZ. (J. C. McKillen)  
First Brethren Church (34)  
30th Ave. and W. Bethany Home Rd. (Tel. AMherst 5-6465)  
Mrs. Del Herring, 2730 W. Cavalier Dr.
- POND BANK—See Chambersburg, Pa.
- PORTIS, KANS. (Raymond H. Kettell)  
First Brethren Church (156)  
On Highway 281 (Tel. 2681)  
Mrs. Charles Booz, Portis

PORTLAND, OREG. (Vernon J. Harris)

Grace Brethren Church (49)  
7015 NE. 23d Ave., zone 11 (1 block  
south of U. S. 30 By-Pass) (Tel.  
WE-2965)

F. E. Lacey, 6725 N. Commercial  
Ave.

RADFORD, VA. (K. E. Richardson)

Fairlawn Brethren Church (114)  
Pepper and Lee Sts., Fairlawn (U.  
S. Route 114)

Miss Jo Ann Handy, R. R. 1, Cam-  
bria, Va.

RANCHOS DE TAOS—See Taos, N.  
Mex.

RITTMAN, OHIO (Charles Ashman,  
Jr.)

First Brethren Church (175)  
44 S. First St. (Tel. 411)

Mrs. Atlee Hostetler, 19 S. First St.

RIVERSIDE—See Johnstown, Pa.

ROANOKE, VA. (William E. How-  
ard)

Clearbrook Brethren Church (140)  
7 miles south of Roanoke on U. S.  
220-S

Frank W. Campbell, 2144 Dennis-  
ton Ave. SW., Roanoke, Va.

ROANOKE, VA. (Robert E. A. Mil-  
ler)

Ghent Brethren Church (317)  
Wasena Ave. and Maiden Lane  
SW., zone 15 (Tel. 2-2625)

Mrs. J. Harold Putt, 1822 Windsor  
Ave. SW., zone 15

ROANOKE, VA. (W. Carl Miller)

Washington Heights Brethren  
Church (36)

Michigan Ave. and Westside Blvd.  
NW.

B. H. Conner, 4131 Vermont Ave.  
NW., Roanoke

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W. Marvin)

Arrowhead Avenue Brethren  
Church (107)

1351 Arrowhead Ave. (Tel. 83-  
7185)

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Baum)

First Brethren Church (89)  
1828 El Cajon Blvd., zone 3 (Tel.  
Woodcrest 2567)

Mrs. H. L. Lee, Box 1525, Lemon  
Grove, Calif.

SEAL BEACH, CALIF. (Jerry A.  
Yerian)

First Brethren Church (105)  
8th St. and Central Ave. (Tel.  
991-80)

Mrs. Louise Brownyard, P. O. Box  
R-145

SEATTLE, WASH. (Thomas E.  
Hammers)

View Ridge Brethren Church  
6242 30th Ave. NE., zone 5 (in pas-  
tor's home) (Tel. Fillmore 0163)

Mrs. Ralph J. MacConahay, 3119  
E. 83d St., Seattle 5

SEVEN FOUNTAINS, VA. (Paul E.  
Dick)

Trinity Brethren Church (73)  
Clarence Coverstone, Waterlick  
Va.

SHARPSVILLE, IND. (Russell Kon-  
ves)

Grace Brethren Church (35)  
Mrs. Don Stewart, R. R.

SIDNEY, IND. (Earle E. Peer)

Sidney Brethren Church (85)  
Miss Enid Heckman, R. R. 2, North  
Manchester, Ind.

SINGER HILL—See Conemaugh, Pa.

SOUTH BEND, IND. (W. RUSSELL  
Ogden)

Sunnymede Brethren Church (47)  
1234 E. Bronson St. (Tel. 7-7302)  
Mrs. Harley Allen, 305 S. 36th St.  
zone 15

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. (Alfred  
Dodds)

First Brethren Church (249)  
Sequoia Dr. and Montara Ave.  
(just east of General Motors  
(Tel. LOraine 6-6433)

Mrs. Imogene Driskill, 8734 Don-  
ovan Ave., Downey, Calif.



**SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.**  
(Charles H. Ashman, Sr.)Fremont Avenue Brethren Church  
(132)

Corner Fremont Ave. and El Centro St. (mailing address, 920 Fremont Ave.) (Tel. SYcamore 9-6081)

H. O. Hammer, 920 Fremont Ave.

**SOUTH SAN GABRIEL, CALIF.**  
(G. Earle Rosenberger)

Grace Brethren Church (43)

3107 N. Gladys (Tel. AT-66938)

Mrs. Sidney Miller, 8638 E. Olney, Rosemead, Calif.

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First Brethren Church (100)

W. 402 Montgomery Ave., zone 17 (cor. of Washington and Montgomery) (Tel. EMpire 1683)

Mrs. Bessie Pilger, W. 2308 Boone Ave.

**STERLING, OHIO** (Joseph L. Gingrich)

First Brethren Church (139)

Mrs. Fred Bucklew, R. R.

**SUMMIT MILLS**—See Meyersdale, Pa.**SUNNYSIDE, WASH.** (Harold D. Painter, after Jan. 1)

First Brethren Church (392)

7th and Franklin Sts. (1 block south of P. O.) (Tel. 7-4763)

Mrs. Lois McDaniels, Tacoma Ave.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** (Sam Horney)

Cañon Brethren Church (167)

Cañon de Fernandez de Taos (mailing address, Box 1531) (Tel. O3J2)

Luciano Sisneros, Taos

**TAOS, N. MEX.** (Tony Luna)

Cordillera Brethren Church (18)

Cordillera, 8 miles south of Taos, near Ranchos de Taos (mailing address, Box 711)

Miss Josie Martinez, Ranchos de Taos, N. Mex.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.** (Leo Polman)Temple City Brethren Church (50)  
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Mrs. Geo. Garrould, 559 N. Del Mar, San Gabriel, Calif.

**TRACY, CALIF.** (William H. Clough)

First Brethren Church (102)

Parker and Beverly

Mrs. Robert Cover, P. O. Box 724

**TROY, OHIO** (Richard T. McIntosh)

Grace Brethren Church (63)

527 N. Market St. (Tel. 9727)

Blanche Garber, 13 N. Mulberry St.

**UNIONTOWN, PA.** (Clyde K. Landrum)

First Brethren Church (300)

148 Union St. (Tel. 6320)

Mrs. Dorothy Collier, 254 Brad-dock Ave.

**VICKSBURG** — See Hollidaysburg, Pa.**WASHINGTON, D. C.** (James G. Dixon, Jr.)

First Brethren Church (325)

Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E SE., zone 3 (Tel. LINcoln 4-6142)

Miss Katherine Sampson, 501 Barr Bldg., zone 6

**WASHINGTON, PA.** (L. E. Rogers)

Laboratory Grace Brethren Church

(23)

R. R. 4 (at Laboratory, south on Route 19)  
Mrs. John Reese, R. R. 4, Washing-ton**WATERLOO, IOWA** (Richard P. DeArme)

Grace Brethren Church (220)

1760 Williston Ave. (Tel. 8473)

Mrs. Will King, R. R. 2

**WAYNESBORO, PA.** (Dennis I. Holiday)

First Brethren Church (345)

Philadelphia Ave. and Fourth St.  
Guy Anderson, 311 Fairview Ave.

## WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO (C. A. Flowers)

Sampleville Brethren Mission (42)  
R. R. 1 (2½ miles west of West Alexandria on Route 35)

John Musch, R. R. 3, Camden, Ohio  
WHEATON, ILL. (Kenneth L. Teague, after Dec. 1)

Grace Brethren Church  
YMCA Building

Mrs. D. A. Spangler, 416 W. Indiana Ave.

## WHITTIER, CALIF. (Ward A. Miller)

Community Brethren Church (60)  
8101 S. Vicki Dr. (corner of Washington Blvd. at Vicki Dr.) (Tel. OX-9-5913)

Robert Hilker, 1412B W. Broadway Ave.

## WHITTIER, CALIF. (Lewis C. Hohenstein)

First Brethren Church (420)  
144 N. Milton Ave. (Tel. Oxford 42-1106)

Glenn Peterson, 8652 S. Enramada Ave.

## WINCHESTER, VA. (Paul E. Dick)

First Brethren Church (264)  
645 Berryville Ave. (Tel. 6360)  
Mrs. Earl Hildebrand, 374 Gray Ave.

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Winona Lake Brethren Church (114)

Grace Seminary Chapel (Tel. 727-R)

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake

## WOOSTER, OHIO (Kenneth B. Ashman)

First Brethren Church (223)

Burbank Rd. at Reed Rd. (State Route 76 north from square) (Tel. 1965)

Mrs. Robert Heller, 715 McKinley Ave.

## YAKIMA, WASH. (Russell L. Williams)

Grace Brethren Church (86)  
904 S. 26th Ave. (Tel. 3-3720)

Mrs. Jane Shaver, R. R. 2, Selah, Wash.

## YELLOW CREEK—See Hopewell, Pa.

## YORK, PA. (Gerald Polman)

Grace Brethren Church (33)  
999 Chanceford Ave.

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## CHRIST'S INSPECTION . . .

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to hold the light. God is threaten to choose another channel through which light would be given.

Let us heed this warning. A church may be so busy for Him, so full of good works, that Christ Himself lost sight of completely—like Martha, so busy doing for Christ that she had no time for sweet communion with Christ. Departure from the faith many times can be traced to failure in private devotion with Christ.

Let us examine our life—let the church examine herself. HAVE WE LEFT OUR FIRST LOVE? Have we lost our testimony?

The same God who called on saints at Ephesus to repent calls to do the same thing.

Do we have a spiritual ear? Then let us hear what the Spirit says to the church at Ephesus, because it is the same message the Spirit would get across today. Live the overcoming life! To those who overcome God promises them to eat of the tree of life (vs. 6). Why that is the very thing Adam lost!

Examine your life, dear one. Have you lost your first love? Do other books have more attraction for you than the Bible? Have you lost interest in attending public worship service? Has spiritual obedience become wearisome? Do you have interest in the salvation of precious souls? Are you no longer interested in missionary work; no longer concerned over personal sin? Has worldliness crept into your life?

May God help each one of us to strive to be an overcomer, for this is the victorious life. If you want YOUR CHURCH to be a powerful church, we must not allow her to lose her first love. If YOU want to be a powerful Christian, you too must be careful not to lose your first love.

Salvation is by grace, apart from works, but overcomers are enriched with joys and added grace which belong to them alone. Claim all that God can give you in this life and you will be a powerful Christian.

our privilege on several occasions to participate in the administering of the anointing service at our brother's request. In each instance the Lord graciously undertook and relieved his suffering. It was a joy indeed to have had fellowship with him in the Word and prayer, and we do praise the Lord for the fragrance of his life. For him to depart and be with Christ was far better.—Rev. Jesse Hall.

The vitality of a church is often judged by the splash it makes in the weekly social calendar. Needless to say, there is no guarantee that a church is spiritually alive because it has a pot-luck dinner Monday night, a Tuesday-afternoon tea, a luncheon forum Wednesday noon, with a choir practice and a fellowship hour following on Thursday.—*Presbyterian Life.*



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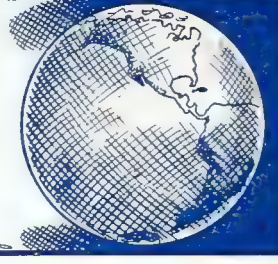




# W.M.C. 53-54

## "Come Ye Apart"

Mark 6:31



## WORSHIP

By Mary Emmert, National Prayer Chairman

"Let me answer your question by telling you my life story," she said, as she looked up at me earnestly. "I was born in slavery. Yes, I was a bondslave. One of my most vivid recollections, as a girl, was of that day I found myself on an open slave market in the midst of quite a company of men, women, and young people, all of us chained to the slave block.

"A boisterous, oily-looking man sauntered up and down the market place, examining the various slaves. His clothes were loud, and his manner much too familiar, especially with the young girls. Some of them welcomed his attentions, but I cringed as he approached me.

"Oh, here is a sullen one! We'll soon take that out of her!" he twitted me, as he took hold of me with his clammy hands. I shrank back with terror. Oh, who would deliver me?

"Just then there appeared a quiet-mannered gentleman, whom few had noticed. I had seen him speaking earnestly in low tones to some of our company, but he had not yet come near me. Now suddenly he was by my side, and he spoke forcefully to my tormentor, saying, 'Hands off her, you villain! Leave her alone, I say!'

"To my joy and amazement, the oily one stopped his unwelcome attentions. He blustered, 'By what right do you command me?'

"I have bought the option on this whole market," answered my deliverer. 'Yes, I have paid a great price—all my ready cash in fact—to purchase any and all who will willingly go with me.'

"Oh," sneered the antagonist, 'if that is your bargain, we shall just see how many choose to go with you. Ha, ha! They know how to choose a master. They have already seen that I shall give them a jolly good time if they desire to come with me!'

"How about you?" spoke the gentle one softly to me, ignoring the other's taunts. He looked at me pityingly, with a wealth of tenderness and concern for my helpless state.

"Oh, good master, let me follow you," I begged. 'Let me be your slave forever.' He assured me that it was all settled depending on my willingness alone, and so he led me out of the slave market together with several others who had likewise chosen him as their master."

"How wonderful to have escaped the foul clutches of that wretched villain," I remarked. "No wonder you love the one you call master."

"Yes, indeed," she replied. "When I stop to think of the miserable existence I certainly should have suffered with that vile person, I cannot but adore my master for what he has done for me. I see on all sides the sad fate of those who blindly chose what they thought was a jolly pleasure-loving master. What a cruel heartless tyrant he proved to be in the end.

"You asked me why I love my master? But listen, you have only heard a small portion of my story. Can you imagine how happy I was to serve the one who had given such a great fortune to redeem me? We were a happy household indeed, and I was so glad to find a number of tasks I could do for so kind a patron.

"Sometimes I would see him for a few moments, but we lived in such a vast manor with so many servants like myself, that I became absorbed in my round of duties. I loved to serve, but too rarely did I seek out the one I served. Oh, of course, I reported dutifully each day for a few moments' chat, mostly taken up with a number of requests, but it seemed I was so busy I never could tarry long. And I felt, too, that I did not really know him very well at all.

"Then one day he took some of my regular tasks from me. And he spoke to me, 'Peace, be still. Tarry here and talk with me a while.'

"So I sank down at his feet while he talked to me. 'You do not seem to fully realize,' he said, 'that when I bought you off the slave market, I also liberated you. You are no longer a slave, but a free person. You have been serving me in a spirit of bondage, but now I wish you to understand that my father has adopted you into his family long ago.'

"How wonderful," I cried, 'but I am unworthy. Besides I am unfit for such a great position. Let me remain your bondslave. I shall willingly let them pierce my ear with the awl as a sign that I am your love-slave forever—that I have no desire to depart.'

"I believe you and rejoice when you say you have no desire to depart," he answered smilingly. 'You are doubly mine now, for I not only purchased you, but you have freely given yourself to me also. Now as to your feeling of unworthiness to take your place in my father's palace, I have made full provision for that, too. I have provided a special tutor for you. He will guide you continually and prepare you in all ways for your position in my father's house. Yes, we are living in this old manor now, where there is always sufficient for our needs but often not an abundance. But one day it will be vastly different. Just put yourself entirely in my hands; fear not, little one, you are mine, you can trust me. You are a joint-heir with my father and me of all our wealth.'

"Oh, I cannot tell you of all the long way he has

### DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

Bible Study.....Come Ye Apart for Praise  
Mission Study.....Baja California



brought me since that time," she continued. "I have learned this much, however. The oftener I stop to speak to my lord and master and to thank him for his love and care over me, the better he likes it and the happier I am. How ungrateful I would be if I did not pause often at his feet to tell him how I love him, and to praise him for everything he does for me."

"But why do you feel that you know him so well? How did you come to get on such good terms with your lord, as you call him?"

"Can't you see?" was the answer. "One gets well acquainted with anyone by spending much time in their company, by watching them at work, by attuning oneself to their likes and dislikes, by trying to see things as they see them.

"All of us who live in his household are very near and dear to him, and his desire is that we love one another sincerely and learn to get along well together. Just think, he has spoken of us all collectively as his bride. So now we are, in a figure, as a fiancée being trained for vast responsibilities in the king's palace. Should not our chief delight be in the bridegroom?"

"If the cry of your heart is that you, too, might know this altogether lovely one, here is another word of counsel. Do not neglect to pore over the great volume of his love letters which he has written especially for those who love him. Remember that the tutor or guide, of which I spoke, is always present to interpret them to you. If you are of a ready mind and a willing heart you will find much there that is addressed to you personally. For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Come let us adore him together."

## BIBLE READING CORNER

### HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.

If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it.

If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it, and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.—*F. B. Meyer.*

Bible reading for September—Genesis, chapters 1-30.

Bible reading for October—Genesis, chapters 31-50; Exodus, chapters 1-11.

To any of the WMC ladies who failed to get started with the daily readings at the beginning of September we suggest the reading of more than one chapter each day in order to be up to date by the end of October.



We are now midway in the period in which we give our offering to the Lord for our HOME MISSION PROJECT. This year a two-year project was adopted to raise the \$5,000 necessary to build an adequate school building and recreational room on our Navaho mission field. We thank the Home Missions Council for the cover pictures on this Herald which they supplied for us to bring to our remembrance some of the things we have done for the Navaho field and to challenge us for this greater project which we have now undertaken.

During past years the Lord has permitted us to supply furnishings for the main building, to purchase a Jeep for the field, and to send clothing, boots, school and dormitory supplies to these Navaho children. We praise the Lord for what He has permitted us to do and we pray that we may meet this new challenge with greater enthusiasm and deeper love for our Lord and these neglected sheep than we have ever had before. May we count on YOU to help us put this project "over the top"?



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# BRETHREN

# Women Manifesting Christ

## AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission studies for the present year will take us all the way around the world presenting glimpses of some of our Brethren missionary women as they serve their Lord and live our WMC motto day by day. We began these studies last month with Taos, N. Mex., and your editor regrets that the mass of conference material was so great that there was not space to present to you any material on the very fine work that our missionaries are doing there among the Spanish-American people. It is the purpose of your editor to present on this page each month some up-to-date information on the particular field being studied that month in order to coordinate our paper with the program packets.

Our particular mission study for the month of October



Angie Garber

is of our Brethren mission work among the Navaho Indians. It should prove of vital interest to us this month as we are just in the midst of our home missions offering period, and our project for this year is for the Navaho work. Our mission study was written by Miss Angie Garber while she was serving as teacher to the Navaho children and her study should challenge us to give sacrificially for that very needy school building. Unfortunately her health has made it necessary for Angie to give up that work she loved so well so that others have had to take over the school this year. Your editor has just received from Joan Adams a description of the opening of school for this present year. May Angie's mission study and Joan's up-to-the-minute description of these needy Navaho children challenge us to go "over the top" in our project to give them an adequate school and recreational building.

## NAVAHO SCHOOL DAYS

By Mrs. Joan Adams, Brethren Missionary

After several days of busy preparation—getting beds ready, painting, washing school dishes, and organizing the clothing—13 of our Navaho boys and girls came in today to the first day of school. Some arrived on foot, others by wagon, and others in battered vehicles. In the next two or three weeks as many more will join the group. The stragglers are at such places as the potato fields of Colorado, and the Apache Indian Fair at Dulce, N. Mex. We could easily fill their vacant beds with the many requests for admittance. But most of these boys and girls have been here two years and we don't want to lose them. No amount of publicizing the opening date of school could hurry them home, for out here everything works at Navaho speed. The parents as a whole want their children in school, but will not force a child to attend who is reluctant to do so.

We were amazed today to see how clean most of them arrived here at the mission. Compared to last year's sores and lice, cleaning them was not quite the task we anticipated. Now, as I write this, all of the children are snuggled in their beds, clothed in new pajamas provided so generously by our faithful WMC ladies, and resting on the new mattresses provided by the Iowa District WMC ladies this past summer. A hearty "thanks" goes



Joan Adams

to each women's group and individual who made so much of the clothing for the boys and girls, and also to those who have provided gifts of money and such gifts as trays, dishes, balls, and books.

Tomorrow morning will find the Navaho boys and girls eager for their schoolyard toys and for their second school meal from the school kitchen. They have well-planned, nourishing meals that will soon begin to change their undernourished bodies to fat ones, full of energy for play.

Fred, one of our schoolboys, arrived today with one of his eyes badly inflamed by trachoma, a dangerous eye disease. So, early tomorrow the truck will leave for the Government hospital, 105 miles away, to have this treated before it spreads to the other children. This disease is the cause for most of the blindness found among the Navahos.

A few tears were shed by one of the small girls tonight. Her new bed, clean clothes, and school companions could not replace her thoughts of her own hogan where her mother was tonight. A few days and the tears will be gone, but the family ties will remain strong. You cannot change a Navaho into a white man, but you can give them a new life in Christ. The "reading, writing, and arithmetic" are important for the minds of these small precious souls, but not as everlastingly important as the souls for the Lord. Remember these little "lost sheep" in your prayers.



# MESSAGES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Corral de Bustos, Argentina.

Dear WMC Friends:

Some time has passed since the Marshall family celebrated their birthdays, but we hope it is not too late to say, "Thank you," to all of you who helped to make each celebration more pleasant. Every card and greeting, every letter, was sincerely appreciated. We would like to send a letter to every society who remembered us, but it just isn't possible. Please consider this your personal "Thank you."

This is a rather dreary winter day here in Argentina. It has been trying to rain. How we wish it would start in earnest, for we need it so much. We decided this year to plant a flower garden in our patio, but if the dry weather continues, I'm afraid we'll see few results.

Jim has just left the house to make a few calls and do a little personal work. He wants to inquire why Ramona Abaca doesn't come to Sunday school any more. She was coming faithfully every Sunday until she started to the secondary school. Now her excuse is that she has to study too much to come to the meeting, but we know the influence of the school teachers over the pupils. The same story has been repeated so many times. It helps us to appreciate the faithfulness of the few who have been able to withstand the ridicule and questionings of their friends and neighbors to attend our meetings week after week. It costs to be a Christian in this land.

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## MRS. LOREE SICKEL

### *WMC Missionary of the Year*

After her graduation from high school in Sunnyside, Wash., Loree Cutright left with Ruth McClain for Los Angeles to attend the Bible institute there, choosing to serve the Lord rather than follow the career her family had in mind for her.

At the national conference of 1918 she was approved for service in Argentina. The following year, as Mrs. Clarence Sickel, she sailed for the southern continent, where with her husband she gave her life and love, enduring the hardships of the pioneer missionary, making a wonderful home for her husband and two daughters, Loraine and Miriam, and becoming with each passing year a more loved and efficient worker.

Besides being a great help to Jack and Miriam Churchill, with whom she makes her home since the upcalling of Brother Sickel, she is the head of our women's work, visiting the various churches, teaches classes in our *Instituto Biblico*, and has various other activities, not least of which is that of valued companion and "grandma" in each missionary family at the time when a new little missionary comes there to live.

We deem it very fitting that in this year, 1953, just 35 years from the date of her appointment to Argentina, she should be chosen the WMC Missionary of the Year.

(Editor's note: The above short biographical sketch of our first WMC Missionary has very fittingly been written by Miss Johanna Nielsen, close personal friend and colleague of Mrs. Sickel.)



Mrs. Sickel

Our two boys, Michael, aged 2, and Peter, aged 4 months, keep us happy and quite busy. Peter is quite a husky little fellow, and is already learning to defend himself when Michael's attention becomes too rough.

We are planning to send you a picture of our women's group and an article about our activities soon. We appreciated the letter we received from your president some time ago.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in remembering our birthdays.

Your friends in Christ,

Margaret, Jim, and Michael Marshall.

Nzoro, French Equatorial Africa.

Dear Ladies of the WMC:

Since good intentions are not able to write letters it is indeed time for me to hold a conference with my paper and pen and do that very thing—write a letter to the ladies of the WMC, our fellow workers for Christ. We have fellowshiped with you in spirit and in prayer and have eagerly digested each issue of the Herald magazine as it has come to the house on the hill at Nzoro.

Soon we will have been at Nzoro six months. So you see we have been "home" for six months. The homes of our local people are below us in the valley. The reason for our being in this land is ever before us.

As yet we have no WMC work among the women here but must wait until the women's work becomes stronger. The women who come to the reading classes are both village women and wives of the Bible-school students. They come each week-day morning between 5:30 and 6—rain or shine. Pray for these women who are children of God and are learning to read their Father's Word. Pray that they may be faithful to Him through all things that may arise in their lives. Pray that they may be strong spiritually and physically. In many ways the lives of these people are filled with difficulties. The only answer to these burdened lives is Christ and the real rest found in Him.

The best reader in my women's class has lost five babies at birth in the past years. Last month the Lord gave her and her husband a baby girl. (During the same month her husband was bitten by a poisonous snake. He came to Aunt Estella for treatment right away and the Lord undertook for him.) When my oldest girl, who was home from school, and I went to see the new mother, she was sitting on the ground in front of her house and her elderly mother was sitting beside her with the baby in her arms. (The skin of the African

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## REPORT OF THE LITERATURE SECRETARY—1952-53

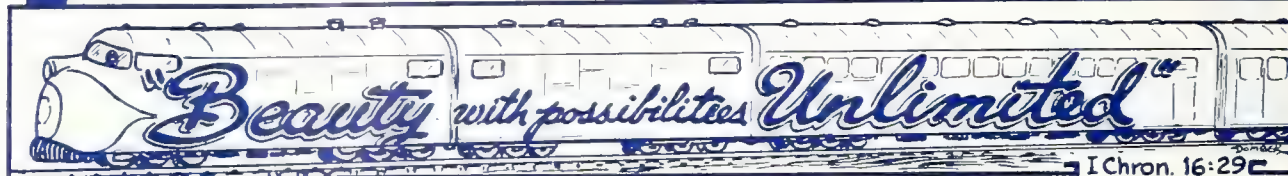
Literature mailed during the year to local councils: Packets, 21; Covenant Cards, 369; Prayer Warrior Cards, 2,492; Constitutions, 13; Objectives and Recommendations, 6; Cards and Letters, 23.

Disbursements: Postage, \$6.13.

Many books were read as we endeavored to ascertain which ones the Lord would have us recommend as reading circle books for the year.

Respectfully,

Fern Sandy.



## BEAUTY OF FORM

By Mrs. Robert Miller

This sin-mad world has gone overboard in its wrong emphasis on the human body. This has been especially true when it comes to women and girls. Evil-minded men have glorified the human form to the exclusion of far more important characteristics of life. Because of this undue emphasis many a Christian girl has been sidetracked in her thinking on this subject. With the world she has come to believe that a lovely form with perfect dimensions as outlined by fashion leaders of the world is the most important thing to have or accomplish.

Now I am not one to ignore the beauty of a lovely figure. If you have been blessed with one be thankful, but *please* don't be conceited. After all you didn't do anything to merit or get it, did you? A nice figure can be spoiled mighty fast by a nasty spirit and cranky face. Regardless of your physical defects you can have them go unnoticed if you glow with sweet Christian grace. But we might as well face it right here and now: Christian grace will not be in evidence if you go around with a chip on your shoulder and are hard to live with!

No girl who is careless about keeping her body clean can glow with a real testimony. Nor will she ever minimize her bodily defects if she goes about with a musty, unwashed odor coming from her body. And whatever you do, don't try to cover up failure to bathe by the use of perfume and makeup. Dirt and body odors are bound to come through. *Nothing* takes the place of soap and water, and every Christian girl will use them faithfully. Frequent bathing and careful use of deodorants will keep you sweetly attractive.

As a further offset to figure defects you will always remember to keep your fingernails and toenails clean and neatly shaped at all times. They are much prettier without any wild-colored polish, too! Clean and nicely pressed clothes are a must. The careful girl will always keep her shoes well polished. Have you looked at yours lately? Your hair will be shining from much brushing and periodic shampooing. Above all, don't be fooled by advertisements into thinking that cosmetics will add to your looks. If God had intended for you to have fiery red lips or nails He would have provided you with them! Don't insult God by doing what the world does! Jezebel was a very wicked queen way back in Israel's history and she is the first woman mentioned in the Bible who painted her face (II Ki. 9:30). Jezebel has had thousands of foolish followers. I pray no Sisterhood girl is part of this throng.

The secret of any Christian girl's loveliness is just being her own sweet natural self. You will minimize your poverty of form or lack of perfect figure if you allow God's love and life to be reflected through you. The right heart attitude will lend enchantment to any girl.

Isaiah the prophet tells us that Christ the Messiah was "despised and rejected of men. He had no form or comeliness" (especial outstanding appearance) which appealed to the worldly wise sophisticates of His day (Isa. 55:2-3). Yet His life and death made an impact on this old world which none other has done. He was beautiful to His Father because He did His Father's will. He is beautiful to us because He died to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Jesus Christ was holy and He did *always* those things which pleased His Father (John 8:29).

If you want beauty of form which really counts (and who doesn't?) you will be more interested in your spiritual form than in your physical. Your "beauty of holiness" will add to and enhance your physical loveliness. God help you each to remember this.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering [your own self], and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29).



## Perfume CORNER

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*"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).*

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Pray for the new year in Sisterhood. Don't forget your officers! They all need your faithful, prayerful support.

Pray that all SMM girls will work harder on their goals and receive a blessing from the new program.

Pray for the Lord's richest blessing and leading on our new projects and goals.

Pray for special needs of our home- and foreign-mission fields.

Pray for our boys in the service of our country.

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DORRICK



How many times have you quoted the verse found in Romans 12:1? "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your *bodies* a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." I imagine you could not count the times you have quoted or heard this verse quoted glibly. It is an easy verse to learn, but do we really have it hid in our hearts? Do you know what it really means to present your body to the Lord as He would have you to present it? God does not want a dead body, for it would be of little or no value to Him as far as the work He has for us to do on this earth. Our Lord wants a beautiful, young body presented to Him, without any "hold-backs." Many heathen in the world, even today, make a sacrifice of the most beautiful young girls to their heathen gods. We think it is terrible when we hear of such things, but do you know that many of our most beautiful girls are being sacrificed daily to the god of this world? We must be careful that we are not blinded by the bright lights, etc., but that we give our bodies unto our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has bought us with His precious blood.

You might be saying, "But I am not beautiful. There is much that I lack in physical beauty." Let me remind you again that beauty is only skin deep. When we speak of beauty we must also include the spiritual beauty within. If we conduct ourselves in a manner proper to Christian girls, we need not worry about any physical lack. Your friends, whether saved or unsaved, will realize that you have something far better than any physical attraction, and any friend that is your friend just because of your attractiveness, is not one that will stand the test of time.

I don't want to leave any false impressions. We must cultivate a spiritual beauty through our "QT" and Bible study, but let us not neglect the physical side of our life altogether. You cannot be an effective testimony for our Lord if you are badly in need of a physical cleansing. Our Lord Himself attracted others to His side. We must *always* be sure that we are not offending others when the cure lies in soap and water and some of the preparations that are on the market today. (No, I am not writing copy for a deodorant ad, but it is good once in a while to read them and ask if it could mean you.)

We must also be careful of the little things as well. Is our hair fresh and shining, our nails (I don't mean claws) well trimmed, our shoes and hose neat and clean, and our teeth shining and bright. These things all make for good grooming and no one needs to be better groomed than a Christian girl, who has given her body to the Lord. We will be better able to reach the unsaved if we are neat and clean, for who wants close contact with one who has an unsavory odor about them?

Above all, girls, let us be sure that our Lord would be well pleased with us as we step out to meet our friends or schoolmates, etc. We must certainly be modest in our apparel. Let us not be too quick to copy the styles that would not reveal to anyone who might see us that we belong to Christ. He is the altogether lovely One. He was willing to lay aside all His heavenly beauty and come to this earth as one of us that He might redeem our poor helpless souls. In Isaiah 53:2-3 we read that He had no beauty or attractiveness when He died on the

cross. But remember, He died for you and for me and He was bearing the ugly sin of your life and mine that day. We praise His name that today He is in that beautiful place preparing it for us. And when He shall come to take us to our heavenly home He shall change these vile bodies and we shall be like Him forever. I am looking forward to that day, aren't you? It might be today.



Hint 1. Get a good start on your personal project this year. Start *now* to learn James if you are a senior or I John if you are a middler or a junior.

Hint 2. If you have not yet received some material or awards, please notify the literature secretary, Myra Joy Conner.

Hint 3. If any district or local organization wants to use the slides or tape recording from Marybeth Munn that were used at national conference, please contact the national president about it.

Hint 4. Have you had your fall cabinet meeting yet? Don't forget it! It is important to plan your whole year now. Let's have lots of honor SMM's this year.

Hint 5. This year we are offering *both* the diamond and emerald awards to you. You may also get an honor emblem for on your pennant if you are a member of an honor SMM. Let's work hard this year and see how many honors YOU can get.

Hint 6. Have you any writing ability? Well, whether you have or not, try your hand at writing either a short story, essay, or poem that's suitable for SMM. This would be a good way to work off one of your Martha Goals. These are to be sent to the national patroness, Mrs. Kriegbaum.

Hint 7. INFORMATION: Don't forget to write to your general secretary. She is looking for a letter or card telling about your local SMM activities.

Hint 8. LEADER FOR THE MONTH: For something different in the line of choruses, have each girl select a chorus with "love" in it, for our theme is "Beauty" and to have Christian beauty we must have a heart of love.

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## PROGRAM GROOMING FOR NOVEMBER

**PRAISING VOICES**—Singing unto the Lord. Open by theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

**SWEET SAVOR**—Spend prayer time in the Perfume Corner.

**CLEANSED HEARTS**—Read Scripture, Isaiah 55.

**GLOWING LIVING**—Seniors study "Beauty of Form." Middlers study "Comeliness of Body."

**SPARKLING TALENTS**—Give special number.

**BEAUTIFUL FEET**—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeating year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**

**SMM BENEDICTION.**

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### A CIGARETTE SPEAKS TO A PRETTY GIRL

I'm just a friendly cigarette; don't be afraid of me!  
Why all the advertisers say I'm harmless as can be!  
They tell you that I'm your "best friend" (I like that cunning lie)

And say you'll "walk a mile" for me because I "satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport! Why longer hesitate?  
With me between your pretty lips, you'll be quite up to date!

You may not like me right at first, but very soon, I'll bet,  
You'll find you just can't get along without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know I've nothing now  
to fear;

When once I get a grip on girls they're mine for life, my dear!

Your freedom you began to lose the very day we met,  
When I convinced you it was smart to smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks; your fingertips are stained;

And now you'd like to give me up, but sister you are chained!

You even took a drink last night—I thought you would  
ere long,

For those whom I enslave soon lose their sense of right  
and wrong.

Year after year I've fettered you and led you blindly on.  
Till now you're just a bunch of nerves, with looks and health both gone.

You're pale and thin, and have a cough; the doctor says,  
"T. B."

He says you can't expect to live much longer, thanks  
to me!

But it's too late to worry now; when you became my  
slave,

You should have known the chances were you'd fill an  
early grave.

And now that I have done my part to send your soul to  
hell,

I'll leave you with my partner, Death—he'll come for  
you. Farewell.

—Elizabeth Hassell.

## ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

### Lesson III

#### IA. Chapter 5—The Little Doctor.

##### 1b. Another Gospel trip.

##### 1c. The first night (p. 41, par. 2).

##### 1d. A Gospel service.

##### 2d. A comfortable night.

##### 2c. A lost road.

##### 3c. Carapato bites (p. 42).

##### 4c. Another uncomfortable night (p. 42, par. 3).

##### 2b. Experiences in Santa Rita.

##### 1c. A visit with the chief man (p. 43, pars. 1-3).

##### 2c. The second celebrity, the doctor (p. 43, par. 4).

##### 1d. A conversation with the doctor (p. 44, pars. 1-3).

##### 3c. Invitations to the service (p. 45).

##### 4c. The results of the meeting (p. 46).

#### IIA. Chapter 6—Through the Land of the Jesuit Fathers.

##### 1b. The empire formed by the Jesuits.

##### 1c. Its location (p. 47, par. 1).

##### 2c. Its subjects (p. 47, par. 1).

##### 3c. Its owners and governors (p. 47, par. 1).

##### 4c. The opportunity to accomplish this plan (p. 47, par. 3).

##### 5c. Its area and cities (p. 47, par. 3).

##### 6c. Its government (p. 48).

##### 7c. Its downfall (p. 48, par. 1).

##### 2b. Mr. Glass visits this region with his Gospels.

##### 1c. The only traces of the old empire (p. 49, par. 1).

##### 2c. Freedom for the Gospel (p. 49, par. 2).

##### 3c. A curious incident in S. Borgia.

##### 1d. The priest and the saints (p. 49, par. 4).

##### 2d. The priest's punishment (p. 50, par. 1).

##### 4c. Success in this region (p. 51, par. 2).

##### 5c. The case of the old man and the Gospel (p. 51, pars. 3-4; p. 52).

#### IIIA. Chapter 7—A Great Deliverance.

##### 1b. The South American priest and the Bible.

##### 1c. His ways of hindering the Gospel (p. 53).

##### 2c. A challenge (p. 54).

##### 2b. A dangerous experience.

##### 1c. A knock at the door (p. 55, par. 2).

##### 2c. The mob (p. 55, pars. 7-8).

##### 3c. Deliverance and a chance to witness (p. 56).

##### 4c. The mob returns (p. 57).

#### IVA. Chapter 8—The Converted Priest.

##### 1b. Father Hyppolyto.

##### 1c. His character (p. 58).

##### 2c. His desire to read the Bible (p. 58, par. 5).

##### 1d. His efforts to gain permission (p. 59).

##### 3c. He searches his church's Bible (p. 59, pars. 5-6).

##### 4c. He listens in on a Protestant service (p. 60).

##### 5c. He becomes a Protestant (p. 61, par. 1).

##### 6c. An article on Catholicism written by him (pp. 61-62).

### SISTERHOOD—IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please do not send any more bed jackets until further notice. There are plenty on hand.

Dr. R. D. Barnard.



An *African party* is another added attraction for SMM devotional meetings. This idea came from the Dallas Center, Jr. SMM of Iowa. Everyone dressed up like natives, and had a backward meeting by starting with the SMM benediction.

*Sewing* was a project of the Jr. SMM of Roanoke, Va. All the girls made their own SMM outfits. Another interesting item in handwork was the making of wall plaques with engraved Scripture verses on them. A slumber party held recently also was enjoyed by all.

*Painting* usually is a man's job. But the Jr. SMM girls of the Harrah Brethren Church had as their local project painting the walls and furniture of the church. The patronesses made drapes and put up decals. They also had a birthday party for Marybeth Munn recently.

*Penny pals* are one solution for raising money for the projects. This was used recently by the Jr. SMM of Meyersdale, Pa., through which they collected \$35. The girls sang a special song at the mother-daughter banquet some months back. For a meeting specialty they planned a picnic after the devotional meeting.

The combined SMM of Harrisburg, Pa., joined with the boys' club of the church. They have their devotional meeting as before, but their handwork will be on a larger scale. From time to time they have a special film, and also compete against the boys in a baseball game.

### ISN'T IT TRUE?

A Christian woman says that when she was a little girl she prayed often something like this: "Dear Lord, make me a Christian someday, but not yet, for I do like to laugh and be happy. Don't let me die suddenly as some children do, but save me a few weeks before I die. Amen."

Too many people, children as well as older people, have the wrong idea that to become a Christian means that one must give up all joy, and become most unhappy. Nothing could be further from the truth. God is good to His children; all He takes away from one is his sins. And it is sin that makes people unhappy. Remember what David said in the 23d Psalm? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: . . . my cup runneth over." Our Lord Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). It is the Devil who tells people that the Christian life is unhappy. Let us urge people to "taste and see that the Lord is good!"

Our responsibility can never cease so long as we have a life to live for Christ and a whole world still waiting for the Gospel.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"

While the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls for you;

Take the task He gives you gladly; let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly while He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me."

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babies, when very small, is as much white as black.) Here I saw a contrast that I would like to share with you, and one that I wish you could have seen. The young Christian mother's lips were smiling and overflowing with praise to her God. Beside her sat her elderly mother with lips closed in sadness and indifference. She continues to cling to her gods. What an outward difference when Christ is on the inside!

May I share with you some of the experiences that set the joybells ringing? Last week a doctor came through the villages of our district. This was an opportunity for your missionaries, as many people came from the outlying villages to gather in the larger villages. We held services here and in a larger village several miles away. At both services a number came to accept Christ. When we first came to Nzoro the chief of the village said, after a meeting and a flannelgraph lesson on the crucifixion, "Christ was a good Man, yes, He was a good Man much." Pray for this chief that he may see that Christ is a wonderful Saviour. He does not oppose the Gospel but he does not accept the Christ of the Gospel. Just recently one of our canton chiefs accepted the Lord. This is a victory. A canton chief is over the other chiefs of a district.

Every Sunday morning the children meet for junior church. I shall never forget the feeling that came to me the first time I stood before the children—great opportunities before me and a great God beside me. The children enjoy singing and, when they know the song, they sing with much power. One of their favorites is "Heavenly Sunshine," but they sing it (translated literally), "Joy is, joy is in my heart. Jesus Christ fills. Joy is, joy is, hallelujah, this true joy." They sit rather quietly as the lesson is given. (The older ones seem to think that it is their duty to chastise their younger brothers in the Lord.) I thank God for the child evangelism helps and the flannelgraph method that we are able to use in this land. They often help to make the pages of the Bible more clear to children and adults.

Now to tell you of a refreshing experience with our "white relatives." Several days ago we went to Bozoum to take our Nancy back for another term of school. The new missionaries were still at Bozoum so we were able to fellowship with them and with the others there. The Saturday that we were there was the monthly day of prayer and, in the afternoon, most of us went to Bassai. As we prayed together there we prayed for revival—among ourselves, the catechists, and the native Christians. As different influences come into this land they warn us to hurry in going out and gathering up souls for our Christ who could return today. We will go to heaven, but how many will go there because we told them the Way? Revival must begin within me first.

Christian love in our Lord,

Lois Miller.

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**Roanoke, Va.** Roanoke Bible Institute, founded in 1950 by Ghent Brethren Church and its pastor, Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, alumnus of Grace Theological Seminary, began its fourth year on September 21 with a record enrollment of more than 80 students, representing various denominations. Of the seven faculty members, two are Brethren. Pastor Miller teaches Bible Doctrine and Pastor W. E. Howard, of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, teaches Life of Christ. The school is accredited by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of Chicago.

**Baltimore, Md.** Recent speakers at the Bible Brethren Church have been Rev. W. E. Roop, of Westminster, Md., and Rev. John Roop, of Linwood, Md. C. H. Hinegardner is pastor. This church plans to buy lots in the near future for the erection of their badly needed edifice.

**Akron, Ohio.** Prof. M. A. Stuckey, guest speaker at the June graduation of the Akron Bible Institute, recently presented 440 books to the institute library. Dr. R. E. Gingrich is president of the institute.

**Alexandria, Va.** Rev. Kenneth Teague resigned as pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church and will become the pastor of the new home-mission church in Wheaton, Ill., soon. Brother Teague will pursue further studies at Wheaton College.

**Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.** Rev. Richard Burch was ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday afternoon, September 20. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt delivered the message.

**Danville, Ohio.** The Danville Brethren Church celebrated its 70th anniversary on October 11, with homecoming and rally day services. The church was organized on October 10, 1883. Rev. Neil Beery, pastor, will begin his fourth year in November.

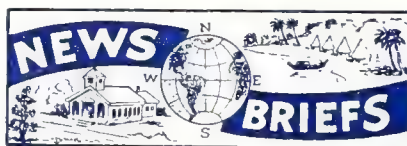
**Conemaugh, Pa.** The East District WMC held their rally here on Thursday, October 1.

**Beaumont, Calif.** Guest speakers at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church will be Rev. Keith Altig, October 11, and Phil Kerr, of musical fame, Sunday evening, October 18.

**Waterloo, Iowa.** Dr. Fred Schwarz, noted authority on Communism from Sydney, Australia, spoke at the Grace Brethren Church on September 20. Richard DeArmey is pastor.

**Modesto, Calif.** Rev. Harold Painter, pastor for the past eight years of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, has resigned to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash.

**Clayton, Ohio.** The Southern Ohio District BYF (senior group) will hold a Halloween party on October 30 in the new youth building.



**Los Angeles, Calif.** According to Prophecy magazine, America's leading modernist, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, recently passed his 75th birthday, which was marked by a dinner in his honor at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. The liberal Christian Century magazine, in its editorial tribute to Dr. Fosdick, commented that "he has been subjected to more reckless abuse than any other Christian minister of our time." Comments Editor Keith L. Brooks (of Prophecy magazine), "Somehow it had never occurred to us to class Dr. Fosdick among the modern martyrs or to think of him as one 'persecuted for Christ's sake.'" Dr. Fosdick has repeatedly declared his dislike for those called "fundamentalists," and is proud that he is a liberal.

**Grafton, W. Va.** Rev. W. H. Schaffer, of Spokane, Wash., was used of the Lord in bringing several young married people to the place where decisions were made for Christ, during his recent evangelistic campaign. The meetings closed September 13. Lee Crist is pastor.

**Limestone, Tenn.** Dr. R. L. Rossman has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Vernon Brethren Church, and has accepted a call from

the First Brethren Church of Camden, Ohio.

**Long Beach, Calif.** The softball team of the Second Brethren Church ended its season as the top church team in the city, with a record of 23 wins and 2 losses. This team went on to greater victories by winning the southern California championship in the church division, which is sponsored by the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation. George Peek is pastor.

**Kingsport, Tenn.** The mission board of the Southeast District is requesting special prayer that God might raise up a full-time pastor for the work here.

**Washington, D. C.** The International Council of Christian Churches, meeting in its British Isles Regional Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, in July 1952, adopted a project to send copies of the Bible and Scripture portions, without note or comment, to Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Poland by means of balloons carried by the wind over the borders of these countries. Christians from many churches of the denominations and countries represented by the ICCS caught the vision of this unusual missionary enterprise to convey the Word of God on the wings of the wind to those countries behind the Iron Curtain. Full permission was granted by the State Department in Washington. Upon arrival in western Germany State Department representatives were contacted at Munich, Frankfurt, and Nurnberg, and full cooperation was assured. Two days later, permission was withdrawn and to date no explanation has been given, and the entire matter has been referred to the State Department in Washington, D. C. By means of delaying tactics on the part of the State Department, this missionary work has been stymied.

**Covington, Va.** Miss Ruth Snyder spoke at the fall overnight youth rally October 2-3.

**Covington, Ohio.** The Southern Ohio District SMM met September 8. New officers were installed, with the pastor of the host church, Rev. James Young, in charge.

**Conemaugh, Pa.** The Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church has broken ground for the building of a parsonage.

**Long Beach, Calif.** A rally for all teachers in Brethren schools was held Sunday, October 11, at the First Brethren Church.



# CORNERSTONE REMOVED

## *at the Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles*

A very unique ceremony was conducted at the Second Brethren Church on September 20, 1953, at the close of the regular morning worship hour, in that the cornerstone was removed, the enclosed vault was opened, and the contents were displayed.

Since this church building has been sold to the Calvary Baptist Church (Negro), and since the church is currently writing a history of the events as they transpired in this church, it was felt that this should be done before the time when possession will be given to the new group. The contents in the niche unearthed valuable material for the writing of the church's history.

The ceremony began at 11:45 a. m. and was conducted under the leadership of the pastor, Elder Henry G. Rempel, who was ably assisted by Elder Joseph Hoffmann, long-time member of this congregation. After special music, prayer, and Scripture reading, Pastor Rempel read the following:

"In the changing course of events, it becomes necessary from time to time to make proper adjustments to meet such changes. We believe that such digressions, as men might call them, are to be found within the sovereign will of our allwise heavenly Father. Since so many of the members of this congregation have moved out of this community, it has been deemed wise to transfer this church building to another religious body of believers. Such a transfer has been effected, and as soon as the negotiation has been consummated, the equity of this edifice will be reinvested in a new Gospel testimony on the east side of our city. After the buyers have taken possession here, the Second Brethren Church will continue its work in Norwalk, California, under the new name of The Norwalk Brethren Church.

"This congregation had its inception in 1909, and was formally organized in the year 1910. The early church worshiped in a remodeled schoolhouse until the present edifice was erected and dedicated in 1924.

"The cornerstone-laying ceremony was conducted on July 13, the same year. Fain did those Brethren know, much less surmise, that we would gather here today, on September 20, 1953, to remove this stone, and to open the enclosed vault to display the contents thereof.

"We approach this unusual task with reverence and caution, yet with the inner consciousness that were our spiritual forefathers here they would concur with us in this act. We have not come to undo what they did, but we have merely come to make one of those necessary adjustments of which we spoke earlier. The cornerstone, and the contents of the vault enclosed in this niche are symbols of the foundation of and the purpose for which this church was established. This stone is a symbol of the true Cornerstone of the church, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we transfer the equity of this church into a new testimony,

we carry this marker with us to symbolize the fact that Christ will be the head of the corner in the Norwalk church.

"The other items collectively set forth the fact that this congregation since its beginning had a twofold aim in view; first, to preach the simple Gospel message of the shed blood of a crucified Saviour, the only means of salvation; and, second, to establish the saints in the most holy faith, through the expounding of the unadulterated Word of God.

"Since we, the members of the Second Brethren Church, transfer this equity to Norwalk, we do here and now dedicate ourselves to the same task which our forefathers so nobly performed. By the grace of God, the new Brethren Church of Norwalk shall truly be a soul-saving station, so that many in that community may find the sweet peace of

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OFFICIALS AT "VAULT-REMOVING CEREMONY"

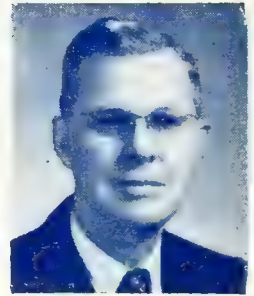
Upper row (left to right)—Donald Robison, trustee; Charles McDowell, chairman of trustee board (hand on box); Clarence Shively, charter member (nephew of Dr. Martin Shively, first pastor of this church); Ray Runyon, charter member (member of building committee of present edifice). Lower row (left to right)—Pastor Rempel, Rev. Joseph Hoffmann, chaplain of Los Angeles Fire Department and long-time member of this church (now attending at First Church); P. A. Yerian, moderator of the church.



## In the Secret Place

PSALM 91

By Herman W. Koontz, Pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church



Rev. H. W. Koontz

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

A numberless host of people down through the centuries have found help in these two verses—and the remainder of the Ninety-first Psalm—as they faced the sword of the enemy, the ravage of the pestilence, the strike of the poisonous reptile, or the attack of the ferocious beast. In this psalm there is the promise of protection from such dangers to those who dwell in the secret place of the most High.

Missionaries have claimed the promises of this psalm as they have endured the dangers of untrodden jungles to take the Gospel to those who have never heard before. Christian workers have clothed themselves in its protective armor as they have ministered to the sick and dying when some killing plague has swept the land.

If Moses wrote the psalm, as many believe, the divine inspiration for writing it doubtless came when he beheld God protect the children of Israel when the plagues fell upon Egypt and then deliver them from the wrath of the army of Pharaoh. If David gave it to us, as others believe, it no doubt came out of his experiences with a host of enemies of one nature or another who could not touch him because of God's protective care. If you haven't recently read this psalm, please do it before continuing to read this article.

### To Whom God Is Speaking

It is of the utmost importance to discover to whom God makes such sweeping promises as we find in this psalm. Is it to all, irrespective of their relation to Him? Is it to those

who confess their faith in Him but who walk afar off from Him? No, it is clearly stated who can claim this protection: he that *dwells* in the secret place; he that *abides* under the shadow of the Almighty. It is definitely a matter of where we are that counts with God, for where we are is the evidence of what we are.

Our position near to His side is our confession to Him and to all men that we are helpless in our own strength, that He is able to protect us, and that we are trusting Him to do so. Furthermore, let it be noted that to dwell and to abide means to settle down and remain in God as our refuge and fortress. It means that we have called upon Him, we know His name, and we have set our love upon Him.

### The God in Whom We Can Put Such Confidence

Four names are given to God in this psalm that do not leave us in doubt as to who He is and what He can do. First, He is called the most High. As the "most High" He is recognized as the "possessor of heaven and earth," according to the words of Melchizedek in Genesis 14:19. There came a day when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, boasted that it was by his power that Babylon had been built. Then God brought this gentile king down to the level of the beasts of the field until he recognized that the "most High" ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." He who is the possessor of all and rules over all is able to take care of His own.

Second, He is called the Almighty. The Hebrew for this English word is *Shaddai*, which according to one lexicon means "Shedder-forth, that is, of blessings, temporal and spiritual." Therefore His children can

expect that He longs to bestow such care as is found in our psalm.

Third, He is called the Lord or Jehovah. This name in the Old Testament is compounded with other names to show us that the Lord is my provider, my healer, my banner, my peace, my shepherd, my righteousness. Thus in a name we have revealed redemption, deliverance, care, security, etc.

Finally, He is called God. This means the strong One. He is able "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

### The Problem in the Psalm

Is it true that God will protect those who dwell in the secret place from the dangers mentioned in the psalm? If so, what about the great physical calamities that many times come into the lives of His choicest saints? What about Allen Bennett's death by flu when as a young man he was ready to start his missionary career in French Equatorial Africa? What about those consecrated young men of God who went into the service of their country and have laid down their lives on the battlefield in the very prime of youth?

In much of the Old Testament revelation it appears that God's promises to His people emphasized the blessings of their existence in the land of Israel. Obedience as a people meant prosperity in the land and protection from the enemy, and long life. Then God's Son, Jesus Christ, came. He always lived in full and complete harmony with His Father God. There never was a time when He did not dwell in the secret place



of the most High. In that place of refuge His archenemy Satan and Satan-inspired men tried to reach Him but without avail until His hour had come to accomplish the work for which He had come into the world. Then in early life His enemies took Him captive, tortured Him, and crucified Him. His work in behalf of a lost world accomplished, He ascended back to His Father.

In this dispensation of grace, God is calling out a people from the world. Such are told that they are but pilgrims and strangers here. Heaven is their home. Their time spent here is only the preparation for their heavenly existence. They are not promised ease and prosperity, but afflictions and sufferings. Their Lord and Master said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20). While here, we who have been born into the kingdom of God by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross are commissioned to be ambassadors in this foreign land.

The ambassador for a country always has the promise of the protection of that country back of him while serving in that capacity. God will keep His own spiritual ambassador until his work is done. No enemy can touch him apart from God's will and permission. When the ambassador has completed his work his Lord will call him to his heavenly home and blessed reward. The life of the great Apostle Paul illustrates this great truth. Few men suffered as he, yet God kept him until his work was completed. Then he permitted him to go to heaven by the martyr's pathway that he might receive the martyr's crown along with the other crown rewards.

If we dwell in the secret place, which for us is that life that is fully and completely yielded to the Lord Jesus Christ, we can take the words of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:16 and apply them to our own lives: "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear [put here our work for Christ even as Paul was called of Christ to a particular work]: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

## NEW PASTOR INSTALLED AT HARRISBURG, PA.



Rev. Conard Sandy was recently installed as the pastor of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa. Pictured, left to right, are Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., and also moderator of the Atlantic District; Rev. Ulysses Gingrich, who assisted in the installation; and Brother Sandy.

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## ATTENTION—CHURCHES AND PASTORS!

There has been a growing feeling in our National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers of the need of a clearing committee whose duty it will be to serve only as a source of information to churches without pastors, and to elders open for pastorates. Such a clearing committee was established by our National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers at our recent sessions at Winona Lake, Ind. The committee for the ensuing year consists of the secretaries of the various district ministeriums, together with the undersigned as the chairman of this clearing committee.

Accordingly, any church desiring a pastor has the privilege to contact this committee, or the secretary of the district ministerium. Likewise, it is the privilege of any elder to contact the secretary of his district ministerium to learn of churches that are seeking pastoral services.

It is not the purpose nor the intention of this committee to make any recommendations. The committee will merely supply a complete list of ministers who are available for pastorates, or to ministers, a complete list of churches seeking pastors. Any minister who is available for pastoral service will not be listed with this committee except at his own request. Likewise, only such churches as apply to the clearing committee will be listed as in need of a pastor.

This is a new venture and it is the desire of your clearing committee to be helpful to all concerned. Address all correspondence to the committee chairman, Rev. Ord Gehman, Berne, Ind.

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# ADVENTURE

WITH UNCLE PAUL IN  
THE ROCKIES

Harold and George packed up their old Chevrolet car with a tent, camp cots, oil stove, groceries, vacation Bible school material, and Bibles as they prepared to go into the far spiritually unreached lumber camps of North Park, Colorado, to teach vacation Bible school classes.

It's Uncle Paul's job to check with each group of workers before they leave, for this was the first trip for Harold and George into the "back" country. "Well, boys, let's check over your equipment to see that you haven't forgotten anything," I said. "How much bedding do you have?" Whereupon I nearly unloaded their car in my earnest quest to find the



Uncle Paul

answer to my question. The answer reached in my own mind, I suggested, "You fellows had better take plenty of bedding because the nights get plenty cold up there at North Park." The fact is that there is seldom a week that is frost-free. "I think we are all fixed, Uncle Paul," retorted George, "for we also have our sleeping bags." Did you ever sleep in a bag with a mummy liner? Needless to say you can really keep warm in the coldest weather in one.

The equipment fully checked and approved, the three of us paused beside the old Chevy, and with bowed heads we prayed, asking God to bless the boys as they started out on a hard journey. In a few minutes they disappeared down the road and around the corner as they headed for Fort Collins up there over Cameron Pass, and on to Bockman Camp in the North Park region. I prayed again as they drove out of sight, for

I knew that road to the west of Fort Collins was a long, rough, winding road that was treacherous. But beyond, the boys would find that secluded lumber camp, hid away in a forest of the high Rockies, 37 miles from the county seat at Jackson.

Some weeks later I headed for Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je (which means "I'd - Rather - Have - Jesus") for a summer camp program. During the day, as I carried on the usual work of setting up for the opening of camp, I heard a noise that sounded mighty familiar. I stood beneath a mighty giant of the forest and listened intently to what I thought was—and it was—Harold and George and their faithful Chevy. The dust curled up behind them as they completed their trip of 180 miles from North Park and came to a stop in Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je.

"Hi, Uncle Paul," cried Harold, which was echoed by George. Greetings were exchanged, and then I saw something move in the midst of their "baggage department." While I was alarmed, and stared in a cautious manner into the rear of the car, George's face took on a half grin, and Harold chirped, "Got a surprise for you, Uncle Paul." "Surprise?" I asked. "Yep," said Harold as he pivoted toward the Chevy and cried, "Come on out, Rex!" "Rex?" I countered. "Who is Rex? Where did you get him?" "We'll tell you later," whispered George. Formally, or informally, the fellows introduced me to Rex. First impressions are lasting ones, and my first impression of Rex was favorable. A young lad about 13 years old, hair well-combed and clothes clean, although pretty well wrinkled, climbed out of the car. He looked as though his ride in the "baggage department" had been pretty hard on any former creases.

After a few "get-acquainted" words, Harold was off to the car to start unloading the equipment in preparation for a great week at summer camp, and behind him went Rex. "Tell me, George," I whispered, "where did you get the boy?" At this George and I turned and

walked on down the hill toward the mess hall, and George said, "Uncle Paul, you asked about Rex. When we finished our vacation Bible school at Bockman Camp, we went on through the North Park area holding schools wherever the opportunity opened. Well, we ended up at Willow Creek Pass, where the Lord provided us with a mountain cabin in which to stay while we conducted our Bible school. Uncle Paul, it was wonderful! I never ate so many mountain trout in my life.

"It was beautiful, too," he continued, "for not far from our cabin a mountain stream flowed lazily down to the valley. And we had a wonderful Bible school there, too,



and though we only had a very crude mountain building for a classroom, the Lord sent us 39 boys and girls who knew little or nothing about Jesus and His death on the cross of Calvary for their sin. While in that school, Harold and I just took to Rex. *That kid is real!* He took his stand for the Lord during our Bible school, and when we told him we were coming to Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je this week, he begged to come along. It's O. K., isn't it, Uncle Paul?"

"Yes, siree!" I answered, "but tell me, did you have a good trip down from Willow Creek?" "Oh, sure," George answered, "we were only delayed about half a day." "Half a day?" I asked; "how come?" "Well, Uncle Paul," we weren't going to say anything, but we had to stop for Rex. You see, sanitary conditions are not



too good at Willow Creek, and Rex was pretty dirty. We knew he would never meet the standards of Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je, so we stopped up in the mountains, along a nice mountain stream. We undressed Rex and scrubbed him; then we washed his clothes, hung them up to dry, and then proceeded on to camp. Uncle Paul, we knew he was clean inside, for he had accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. By scrubbing him on the outside, we knew he would make a good camper and a blessing to the other campers.

When the 10 days of camp had ended, and the campers started for home, Rex came up to me to say goodbye. His shining face revealed how much he had enjoyed camp, as well as the love for Christ that was in his heart. Rex went back to Willow Creek, but I agree with George and Harold, "That kid is real."—Paul Eiselstein.

## CORNERSTONE REMOVED

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sins forgiven through faith in Christ, the only Saviour of the world. To this task we do now pledge our most loyal support until the Lord comes and shadows flee away; and this we do in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!"

After the removing of the stone by the trustees, the vault was opened and the enclosed articles were displayed. It was found by actual count that the box contained in excess of 20 items, the most important of which were: rosters of the 1924 Sunday school, of donors for the present edifice, of the charter membership; a brief history of the church covering

the years of 1910-24; pictures of the old building and of the pastor of 1924, Dr. E. M. Cobb; a copy of the constitution, and the old Bible of the first pastor, Dr. Martin Shively, now deceased.

The ceremony was attended by many former members, the regular attendants currently including four charter members of the church, namely, Clarence and Hazel Shively (nephew and niece of Dr. Martin Shively), Mr. Ray Runyon, and his sister, Mrs. Edith Minyard.

The contents of the box, with the cornerstone, will be moved and placed in the new building, where the Second Brethren Church will continue as the Norwalk Brethren Church. Brethren, pray that the Lord's will shall be done in this move. In view of His soon coming.—Henry G. Rempel, pastor.

## ATTENTION

### PASTORS—SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS—TEACHERS

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company desires to provide for our churches and Sunday schools the best service possible. Such service is only possible as we have the full cooperation of our churches.

Beginning this quarter, as churches are billed for their previous order, each one will receive the order blank for the January-March quarter of 1954.

WILL THE PROPER OFFICER OF EACH CHURCH SEE THAT THIS ORDER BLANK IS FILLED OUT AND RETURNED AT ONCE! We would like all these orders to be in by October 30, or before. Such cooperation will assure you faster and more efficient service from your company. Thank you.

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Hagerstown, Md..	Oct. 4-25.....	Russell Weber....	Miller and Team 1.
Winchester, Va...	Oct. 5-18.....	Paul Dick.....	Archie L. Lynn.
Mundy's Cor., Pa.	Oct. 6-18.....	Clair Gartland....	Conard Sandy.
Wooster, Ohio....	Oct. 11-15.....	Kenneth Ashman..	R. I. Humberd.
Kittanning, Pa...	Oct. 11-25.....	Gordon Bracker..	Clarence Nida.
Radford, Va.....	Oct. 11-25.....	K. E. Richardson..	R. E. A. Miller.
Hopewell, Pa.....	Oct. 13-25.....	Sheldon Snyder...	Galen Ling'nfelter.
Leamersville, Pa.	Oct. 13-25.....	Robert Crees.....	Lepp and Team 2.
Limestone, Tenn.	Oct. 19-Nov. 1...	R. L. Rossman....	Ord Gehman.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 1...	R. L. Burch.....	William Smith.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	S. F. Hauser.....	Mark Malles.
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.
Meyersdale, Pa...	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	Leslie Moore.....	Miles Taber.
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	Nov. 1.....	John Aeby.....	R. I. Humberd.
Canton, Ohio....	Nov. 1-8.....	John Dilling.....	Herman A. Hoyt.
York, Pa.....	Nov. 5-6.....	Gerald Polman...	R. I. Humberd.

## In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

JOHN R. MYERS, member of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, passed away suddenly at his home, Wednesday, September 16, at 5 p. m. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Clarence H. Lackey. John Myers was a brother of Miss Estella Myers, missionary to Africa.

CONARD PIEPER, 15, departed from this life on September 2, 1953, the result of polio. A Conard Pieper Memorial Fund has been opened by friends and relatives of the deceased, this memorial to be used in the erection of the new chapel at the First Brethren Church of South Gate, Calif.—Alfred Dodds, pastor.

WILLIAM S. WINELAND was promoted to be with the Lord, Wednesday, August 2, at the age of 79. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Crees, pastor of the Leamersville Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa., assisted by Rev. Clair Gartland, pastor of Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Pasadena, Calif. Rev. Norman Nelson, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Compton, Calif., and William Carle, former opera singer, gave a concert at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium September 14.

## A PICTURE

"Here's Grandpa! He's not dead now."

Fresh from the grief of saying a last goodbye to her beloved daddy, Mother turned startled attention to the voice of her four-year-old daughter. Whatever does she mean? Seated on the floor, Althea was rummaging through some of the children's treasures which Mother terms "junk." In this collection was a picture of Grandpa. To the little girl's way of thinking that picture meant Grandpa was alive.

After regaining her composure, Mother took a precious girlie in her arms and said, "You're right, dear. Grandpa is not dead. He has just vacated his house of clay to take up his abode with God his Father."

"Will he come to see us?"

"No, Grandpa will never again come to see us on earth, honey. When Jesus takes us to heaven we'll

see him. Won't that be wonderful? Oh, happy day!"

"Grandpa is on this picture and he will come." Althea would not give him up.



Grandpa's wife and daughter had given him up in vivid reality. Death was real to them and they sorrowed. No more those rare visits to his daughter's home. How we'll miss that pretty white hair and the twinkle in those blue, blue eyes. No



—Photo courtesy of King's Business.

### REV. AND MRS. ROBERT E. A. MILLER AND FAMILY

(For the sake of our many readers of "Under the Parsonage Roof," we thought it would be of interest to picture the fine family that lives under that roof.—Editor.)

more will we see him hold the baby and kiss the back of her little neck. No longer will his voice be heard in little children's talk urging them to be careful with the trivial gifts for them which meant so much because they were from Grandpa and Grandma. Never again will the older boys have this grandpa ask them of their plans, wag his head at their amazing growth, and talk to them in almost grown-up language. Nor will the children's daddy hear him ask amazingly, "How do you ever feed them?" —to which Daddy always replied, "We don't do it. The Lord makes the money stretch while we use our heads."

Death is very real, and we sorrow. But we sorrow NOT as those who have no hope. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (I Thess. 4:13-14). Praise God for the hope of being with Him and reunited with our loved ones in the glory one day.

"Grandpa is on this picture and he will come." Because of a picture, a likeness of a loved one, little Althea was confident Grandpa was alive. Mother couldn't but wonder if the picture she shows to others is a true likeness of Christ. Does her testimony convince others that He is vitally alive and "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25)? Jesus Christ not only arose from the dead and lives today making intercession, but He is very real and alive in Mother's heart.

May it be that all who have named His name as Saviour will present a clear, undistorted picture of their living Lord.

"You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,  
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.  
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true.  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?"

—Author unknown.

**Soviet Union.** According to The Evangel, only five Jews have been allowed to leave Russia for Israel in the past five years.



*Ground-Breaking at Washington Heights (Roanoke), Va., on September 6, 1953*





# Washington Heights (Roanoke) Brethren Break Ground

By W. Carl Miller

The deep joy that filled the hearts of us all at this blessed occasion was truly uplifting beyond expression. Though at times it seemed our ground-breaking was delayed, we know the Lord is never too early or too late. May we also say that we know this new work in the northwest section of Roanoke is largely the result of earnest prayers and faithful efforts of a few members formerly of Ghent who have lived in this part of the city for many years.

Sunday, September 6, was an uncertain day in regard to the weather. In fact, just as several of the men were ready to transport the chairs and benches from our present meeting place to the lots for the 3-o'clock service, it looked as though it would pour rain at any moment. However, we were reminded again to trust the Lord to hold back the rain. How could a service of this kind be held inside, away from the lots, and be at all effective! It not only pleased the Lord to hold back the

the Lord, assuring us of their continued prayer and financial support.

Among the other ministers who spoke words of admonition were Rev. George Donahue and Rev. Archie Lynn. Brother Donahue, who is a retired pioneer minister of the Southeast District, helped us when he said, "You must build on your knees, ever remembering the wiles of your great adversary, the Devil." Illustrated to us by Brother Lynn was the need, above everything else, to give ourselves anew to the Lord even above our money, reminding us that a church is effective only to the extent that each and every member enters into his personal responsibility for cooperation in reaching the lost. The vice moderator then presented the shovel to the pastor for the first shovelful of ground. The building committee, comprised of B. H. Conner, O. R. Keith, and John Wright, each had their turn with the shovel. After the benedictory prayer offered by Brother Conner, the pastor announced the beginning of construction upon the soon arrival of the Brethren Construction Company from Dayton, Ohio.

Despite its being so small, the present rented house in which we are meeting has been serving quite well because of its natural divisions for Sunday-school classrooms, but we need more room immediately for Sunday-school expansion. Our Intermediate Class has been meeting at the home of one of our members for almost a year. The temporary answer to this urgent need has been realized by way of this member's opening up his whole house for Sunday-school use.

At the time this is being written (September 23), the excavation for the basement has been completed. May we ask for your continued prayers for the building program, especially that we may be able to get sufficient loans to complete the building without any delay. Above all, we plead your prayers with us for souls in this community as we await the completion of the new building for the Washington Heights Brethren Church.

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## COVER PAGE

The pictures on the cover page were taken on Sunday, September 6, 1953, at the ground-breaking service for the new Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. The top picture is a small dwelling used for the present meeting place; the bottom picture shows the location for the new church, with Rev. William Howard, of the Clearbrook Brethren Church delivering the message for the occasion. Inset is Pastor and Mrs. W. Carl Miller.

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rain, but also to grant a gathering of at least 150 people. We were indeed greatly encouraged by the pastors with their delegations from our churches at Clearbrook, Covington, Ghent, Hollins, and Radford. Some of the churches in our district were not represented because of the distance and time factors, but all expressed their desire to attend had it been possible.

The pastor opened the service as he led in the singing of the grand old hymn of the faith, "How Firm a Foundation." After the reading of the third chapter of I Corinthians by Rev. Robert E. Miller, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Rev. Paul Mohler, of Covington, led in prayer. Bro. Alva Conner, our building committee chairman's son, played on his cornet one stanza of the missionary hymn, "Send the Light," in the minor key and then another in the major key as a testimony to the blessed harmony Jesus Christ alone can bring to hearts, homes, and communities that give Him His rightful place as Saviour and Lord. A brief message of challenge and inspiration from God's Word was delivered by Rev. William Howard, pastor of the Clearbrook Brethren Church. All of the visiting ministers of the district were given an opportunity to speak a few words. The president of our district mission board, Rev. K. E. Richardson, of Radford, spoke first, with comforting thoughts as we entered into this building program for

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## WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BUILDING COMMITTEE



From left to right: Mr. Richard Greig, Mr. J. B. Huffman, Mr. B. H. Conner, Rev. W. Carl Miller, Mr. John Wright, Mr. S. M. Coffey, and Mr. O. R. Keith. Mr. Keith, Mr. Conner, and Mr. Wright make up the building committee for the Washington Heights Brethren Church. Mr. Greig, Mr. Huffman, and Mr. Coffey make up an advisory committee from the Ghent Brethren Church, and both committees work together with the pastor, W. Carl Miller, in making up the entire building committee.





# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## ***Come Over and Help Us!***

This Macedonian call is heard over and over again in Brethren home missions. Letters coming to our office from isolated Brethren all over the nation are saying, "Come and help us establish a Brethren church." Many of God's people, refusing to compromise with modernistic denominational programs, are gathering themselves into groups and requesting organization of a Brethren church. Such opportunities are coming to us in a flood.

One dear Brethren woman says, "The Lord and I have \$3,000 to put into a church here when we can have one." She is starved for Brethren fellowship. A Brethren layman has written, "We should get a Bible class under way in this city immediately, else we will lose our opportunity." In another city where a Bible class has been started, but we have no pastor or location for a church, the leader of the group says, "There is something we can do even though we do not have a leader or a regular pastor. We have \$182 on hand and this could be used in a radio broadcast to bring our class before the people." Another writes, "About 50 members have withdrawn from a church. There is no fundamental church here and folks are driving miles in all directions seeking something spiritual. This ought to be followed up at once."

This is what is happening all over our nation. What a challenge to all of us!

## ***Unprecedented Growth Possible***

*No limits*—would describe the possibilities before Brethren home missions *NOW!* If our churches can see the white harvest field *NOW* and pray and give *NOW* many, and perhaps all, of these wonderful opportunities may be grasped for Christ. Never in the history of the Brethren movement has there been such possibilities for growth. We want to see the scope of our testimony for Christ greatly increased. *NOW IS THE TIME* to plunge into the breach for Christ!

## ***Brethren Construction Company Building New Churches***

Brethren men are building Brethren churches! With Tom Bailey as superintendent, the Brethren Construction Company has just completed its first project in Dayton, Ohio. Many thousands of dollars were saved in the construction of this building by using our own men on the job. Five men and their families now form a fine corps of workers in our first Brethren construction crew. We hope to amplify this with several more such crews operating all over the nation in new church construction. As far as we know this is something new in denominational church expansion.

## ***Washington Heights Next on the List***

The Brethren Construction Company has now moved from Dayton with all its equipment to Roanoke, Va., where a new Brethren church building is under construction in the Washington Heights area. Here we have a fine group of Brethren who have been meeting in a house for months awaiting the time when they might have a new church building. In the meantime they have built up a sizeable building fund.

Just as ministers and foreign missionaries have received a direct call to this specific service for the Lord,



The three men shown here, Mr. Vernon Latham, Mr. Paul Circle, and Mr. Thomas Bailey, represent the first families to form the company, and they will be joined by Mr. Don Sellers, and Mr. Ed Rife, with their families, at Roanoke, Va. All five families are members of the Sidney (Ind.) Brethren Church. The lower picture is the equipment trailer.

so have our construction men and their families all felt definitely called by the Holy Spirit into this special work for our Brethren Church. They have sold their property, made many sacrifices, and then in addition have invested some of their own material means in the building of new Brethren churches. We believe that this call from the Lord and its response are as important and far-reaching in their effects as any other. We **MUST**

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have adequate church buildings if we are to effectively serve the Lord in these days.

### **Training Communist Preachers**

There has been much talk and writing about communism among the clergy, and not without foundation. Some statements have been extreme and grossly exaggerated, but others have squarely presented the truth.

An excerpt appeared in the Sunday School Times recently taken from the American Mercury's article on "Reds in Our Churches." The opinion of the writer seemed to be that at least some preachers under Communist influence were rather dupes than actual Communists. However, this article pointed out one exception as being the People's Institute of Applied Religion, with headquarters in Helena, Ala. Its director, Claude C. Williams, is a notorious Communist and confessed Unitarian, besides being professionally a Presbyterian minister.

This organization purposes to extend Communist teaching to ministers in southern rural communities. In a letter from Mr. Williams to one of his assistants regarding a conference to be held in the Episcopal cathedral at St. Louis, he requests him to have "at least 10 hillbilly, honest-to-God Bible preachers" at the conference, and promised to pay their expenses. He also added that he was certain he could get his correspondent on the payroll.

It is extremely edifying to note that this payroll is none other than that of the Home Missions Council, the

**"SAY NOT .....TOMORROW  
I WILL GIVE....WHEN THOU  
HAST IT BY THEE TODAY"** Prov.3:28

division of home missions of the National Council of Churches. So, those who support the National Council of Churches are supporting the training of preachers in Communist ways and doctrines.

This is a subtle, Satanic scheme, and will have its effect among some ministers who are not well-grounded in the faith. However, the most serious infiltration of communism into the ranks of the so-called Christian ministry is through modernistic and infidelic seminaries and schools of higher learning. This situation should be exposed and measures taken immediately to stop such activities.

PLEASE, PLEASE, do not confuse the Home Missions Council of the National Council of Churches with the *Brethren Home Missions Council*, the home-mission division of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We assure you that they are widely different in their purposes, aims, and activities!

Perhaps we should change our name.

## **'The Forgotten Navaho' Is a Film!**

**Remember to Book It for Your Church!**

**16-mm. Film**

**30 Minutes**

**Sound**

**Color**

**Available**



**75,000 Navahos  
in Physical  
and Spiritual  
Poverty**

## **'The Forgotten Navaho' Is a Fact!**

**Remember to Pray for Them in Your Church!**

**WRITE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, WINONA LAKE, IND.**



# Testimonies by Brethren Home Mission Pastors and People

## JESUS SAVES A BRICKLAYER

By David R. Garner

[Pastor's Note: This young man and his wife have both been baptized and added to the membership of our church. They are very faithful and are devoted to the Lord and to His church here in this city. Many folk could hardly believe it when David Garner started attending church. He was thought of as one of those individuals too hard for the Lord to save. In just about four Sundays he stepped out for Christ, and has been faithful ever since. This young man has a fine personality and leadership ability. Being a former high-school football star, he is a blessing to other young men in our church. I believe God has a future for this fine Christian young man.—Kenneth L. Teague, Alexandria, Va.]

It was in February 1953 in the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va., while I was listening to Rev. Kenneth Teague delivering the wonderful Word of God that I realized my life was full of sin. It was then that I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour, and surrendered my life fully to Him.

I didn't come from a Christian family and I wasn't sent to church every Sunday like some children. I didn't know much about the Word of God, and I didn't realize that I was living in sin, and what it would mean at the coming of our Lord. I wasn't saved and, therefore, I grew up to be just another "wild young fellow" who didn't have time for things of the Lord.

I am a bricklayer by trade, and found it hard at the beginning of my Christian life. The men mocked and laughed at the idea of me going to church and living and working for the Lord. However, I tried to be a testimony for my Lord even though sometimes you find yourself tempted by things of the past. But I know that by prayer and a strong faith in my Lord that I will continue to love my Saviour more each day.

I am now married and have three little boys. I know that to be a good father and a good child of God, I must be a good example for my children, relatives, and friends.

It is wonderful to know that not just the rich and important people can be saved, but that the poor and less important people can also be saved, by believing in the Lord.

Now I am looking for His soon coming to end the reign of the enemy of peace, who is now ruling this world.



and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). But Jesus also placed a high value upon the LIFE of the believer.

Jesus said, "Follow me." This is for believers. Lost, blinded souls who are "dead in trespasses and sins" cannot follow Jesus. Hear what Jesus said to His disciples one day: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). From within the membership of this home-mission church God has found young people who have turned their backs upon the world to "follow" Jesus. Let me name the four precious lives that are now in Christian schools preparing for full-time service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

GILBERT HAWKINS has graduated from Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oreg. While in Portland he preached for the newly organized Brethren church in that city. He is now a middler in Grace Seminary. For the past two years Gilbert has held summer pastorates in the Brethren church at Beaver City, Nebr.

LEROY HAWKINS (Gilbert's younger brother) has also graduated from Multnomah School of the Bible. He then attended Westmont College for one year and transferred to the college division of Grace Seminary, where he is now in his third year. Leroy is the soloist on the Gospel Truth radio program.

BILL HOFF graduated from high school last spring and has just begun his first year at Grace College. Bill is a promising prospect for a fruitful life of service for Christ.

JACQUELINE FISHER (better known in Albany as "Jackie") also graduated from high school last spring. She has entered Bible school at Multnomah School of the Bible. Jackie's ability to play the piano and violin adds to her usefulness in serving her Saviour.

But before a life can be given to Christ, the soul must be reconciled to God in salvation. Some have been saved. The following is the testimony of one mother who, along with her daughter, accepted Christ a few months ago.

## A MOTHER'S TESTIMONY

"I am writing this, thanking and praising the Lord I am saved. My young daughter and I were saved last March. I had gone to church and Sunday school as a child, but it wasn't until this year that I really accepted the Lord as my own Saviour and knew that I was saved.

"My prayers now are that soon my husband and young son will also be saved. Please pray for us."—Mrs. Maxine Harlan.

## TO SAVE A SOUL AND A LIFE

By Glen Welborn

For a church to be used of God to bring a lost soul out of spiritual darkness into the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ" is not enough. To be sure, a soul saved from eternal hell is value immeasurable. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world,

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PRAYING,  
AND GIVING A LITTLE EACH WEEK.  
Means THOUSANDS MORE HEARING THE  
GOOD NEWS of the GOSPEL EACH WEEK.

# PHOENIX FIRST BRETHREN LAY CORNERSTONE



Top—The congregation of nearly 100 gathered to witness the cornerstone service. Center—Mrs. Minnie Niswonger and Mr. Stanley L. Beam placing the last brick, with Mr. Nicholas Zoah and Mr. Don Strain observing. Bottom—Pastor J. C. McKillen, Mr. Stanley L. Beam, and Mr. George Brainard on the left, with Mr. Nicholas Zoah, Mr. Don Strain, Mr. William Wilhide, and Rev. Robert Betz in the background on the right.



She was almost affectionate to that big pumice brick as she smoothed, patted, troweled, and coaxed it into place. It had to be just right, and as she maneuvered it, Mrs. Minnie Niswonger, "first member" of the First Brethren Church of Phoenix, seemed as self-conscious as if everyone in the neighborhood was watching her. And they were.

This was the last brick of the new church building God is permitting us to watch go up here at Phoenix, Ariz.—thanks to the gifts and loans of the Brethren folk everywhere—and Mrs. Niswonger knew that she was being watched by every eye in the big crowd behind her, and was grateful for the kindly help of Masonry Contractor Frank Wagner, Jr., and Vice Moderator Stanley L. Beam. At last it was in its exact spot, and she turned with a glance of triumph, not because she had done it, but because at last it had been done, by the grace of God.

Earlier that afternoon they had sat with joyful faces as the program unfolded: Rev. Robert Betz, of the North Riverdale church, Dayton, Ohio, invoked God's blessing on the occasion; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Fulton led us in "How Firm a Foundation," and then he sang "God Leads

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM PHOENIX

Dedication day for the new First Brethren Church of Phoenix has been set for November 1, 1953, at 3 p. m. Rev. George O. Peek, pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, is to be the speaker, and will remain for special meetings on the following Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. J. C. "Bill" McKillen writes, "The contractor assures us that we can move in Sunday, October 24—are we rejoicing?" Eighty-two in Sunday school last Sunday was too many for the parsonage.

His Dear Children Along," right after the responsive reading of I Peter 1:25 to 2:10.

Rev. LeRoy D. Thomas, pastor of Palmcroft Baptist Church, a good friend of our Dr. McClain, and president of the Phoenix Evangelical Ministers' Association, brought us the message from Exodus 3, speaking of God's choosing of a land and a people for His praises. When he finished, every member knew that we had been privileged to take our stand upon "holy ground," and that we "do not stand alone."

Introductions and testimonies included Mrs. A. T. Sobey, who with her husband, now in glory, had home-steaded this ground 40 years before. The designer of the building, Ralph E. Parachek, spoke briefly; then came the genial contractor, Howard D. White, under whose energetic supervision the building is rising so swiftly. Greetings from the secretary of the Evangelical Ministers' Association, Rev. Clarence Gerig, of First Missionary Church, were suddenly turned by him into an impromptu introduction of the building committee: Richard L. Riggs, structural advisor, and Trustees Stanley L. Beam, Nicholas Zoahrt, Lester M. Wilhide, George Brainard, and Donald Strain. After sizing up these men, Brother Gerig decided they looked competent to "lift" a good offering, and then "painlessly" extracted the same from the good-natured audience.

After this, Pastor Bill McKillen presented to Vice Moderator Beam the following articles to be placed in the cornerstone: a new Bible, King James Version; the pamphlets, "History of the Brethren Church," "We Believe," and "Touchstones or Trinkets"; the Brethren Missionary Herald, June 20, 1953, showing and describing the groundbreaking; the newspaper, Arizona Republic, September 23, 1953, with its announcement of the cornerstone program; the roster of the members of this church; the Brethren Minute-Man letter, with its cry of "Help" for Phoenix to which so many of you have so wonderfully responded; the telegram received from the Spanish-American Brethren folk in New Mexico; the first announcements about the work starting at Phoenix in 1953; the \$100 canceled check which was given as down payment on the property; the program of the day; and last, but not least in our sight, a dear letter written by Bro. Earl Schrock of the La Verne, Calif., church a few hours prior to his loosing away upward into the presence of his Lord. He and his wife have been prayer warriors for this work since its beginning. He knew that July 15 was our first annual meeting, with several knotty problems, and he had been praying for us much that day. Our meeting ended in wonderful harmony at 10 p. m., and at 10:10 p. m. Earl had gone to be with our Saviour.

After the documents and mementos had been locked into the metal box, all present adjourned from the shady interior of our partly finished building to the bright sunshine near the entrance pillar. Here we faced the spot left vacant for the occasion. The building committee, led by Vice Moderator Beam, quickly placed the metal box in position and then the beautiful stone, with its inscription, was mortared into place. It reads just like Grace Seminary's cornerstone: "To our Lord Jesus Christ in whom we have redemption through His blood according to the riches of His Grace." Then the last brick was put in place by Mrs. Niswonger. Rev. E. C. Eymann, dean of Arizona Bible Institute, pronounced the benediction, and the crowd with a great deal of hand-shaking and fellowship slowly melted away.

This was our cornerstone laying. But, as Brother Thomas so forcibly reminded us, there must be a cornerstone laying in our hearts—each of our hearts—and sometimes, even with our own personal cornerstone in place, we too have one last brick that needs setting. So we ask your prayers that not one of us here at Phoenix will be one bit less self-exacting than was our Sister Niswonger as she placed that last brick.

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## KNOW ANY BRETHERN IN THESE CITIES?

We would like the names of any people living in Terre Haute, Ind., who would be interested in a Brethren church. We would also like to know of any people living in either Kansas City, Kans., or Kansas City, Mo., who would be interested in a Brethren church. Write the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Ind., if you have information that would help us. Thank you.

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# WHEAT OF ANOTHER KIND

By C. S. Zimmerman



**ARTESIA, CALIF.** (*Adam H. Rager, pastor*)—

Last Sunday was rally day. The Lord gave us 196 in Sunday school and 77 in the worship service. There was one decision for rededication and church membership. Next Sunday several are planning to be baptized. We must make more room for our growing Sunday school.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** (*Gene Farrell, pastor*)—

We praise the Lord for continued victory in our building program. We also praise Him for giving victory over sin in recent decisions. Yesterday morning saw two young mothers and two young people finding their way to the altar in confession of Christ as Saviour. On the previous Sunday a junior-high boy and a mother accepted Christ. Five young people from our church are now in training for His service, and it is our desire to have a Christian day school at the earliest possible date, so that more young people might be directed to Christian schools and colleges.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO** (*Russell M. Ward, pastor*)—

Praise the Lord for some wonderful victories over the week end. When the invitation was given Sunday morning a man was the first to walk down the aisle. His wife had made a confession on the previous Friday. An entire family for whom we had been praying followed, and following them two more ladies came, making a total of seven decisions in this one service. A baptismal service was held in the afternoon, at which time another public confession was made, and four were baptized. The Lord has answered prayer in a way we never thought possible.

**MODESTO, CALIF.** (*Harold D. Painter, pastor*)—

Sunday, October 18, 1953, has been set as homecoming day at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church. This will mark the close of a Sunday-school contest with the First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif. A special program is planned with a special speaker. On this day every member, including missionaries who will be unable to attend, is requested to send a greeting.

**CLAYHOLE, KY.** (*Sewell S. Landrum, missionary*)—

We are getting ready for six weeks of real work here at Clayhole. Rev. Bob Ashman will be with us for two weeks, after which we will be working hard on the Sunday-school contest. Last year we finished in fourth place, but this year we are going to try for the No. 1 position. A plane has been secured and flying saucers will be seen over the Clayhole area announcing the contest.

After our Lord Jesus Christ had met and won the Samaritan woman who came to draw water from Jacob's well, she went back into the city to tell the good news to those who lived there. The disciples returned from their marketing trip in the meantime. He said to these men, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

This field spoken of referred not to the standing wheat crop just across the path but to the people coming out of the Samaritan village to meet our Lord at the well. Many times our Lord referred to people as a crop, and the ripened grain was used as a symbol to show us the urgency of gathering in the precious grain ere it was too late.

Many of us at one time or another have lived on the farm, and have had the privilege and duty of harvesting the farm crops, among which was the wheat. Some farmers in days gone by harvested the wheat by means of a binder, which was followed by those who shocked the wheat for curing. When the wheat was cured the farmer called in the neighbors to thresh the wheat. They came with their teams and wagons and hauled the wheat from the field to the threshing machine. Thus the crop was harvested and the grain stored for protection from the weather until it was sold in the market place.

It was my privilege to go into a field a number of years ago to help the neighbor thresh the wheat that had grown in that field. That field has now long since ceased to be farm land, but has been subdivided for housing, and is almost entirely built up at this time. Among the lots laid out in this field are the three lots owned by the Patterson Park Brethren Church. On these lots the congregation has built the first unit of their building for our Lord to be used in the evangelization of this new community.

This church was organized May 31, 1950, but before its organization the group called me as their pastor. When coming to Dayton, I was shown the lots, a location of beauty, and well centered in a community built up on all sides. To my astonishment these lots were the very part of the field out of which we had hauled wheat a few years before to the threshing machine. Now we are here to help in the harvest of another kind of "wheat."

God works in many ways His wonders to perform. The lots where the church is now located were among the first to be laid out, and have remained vacant all these years, no one apparently wanting them. God wanted a church there from which location a vast field could be harvested. We have just begun. Our first unit of our planned building is now dedicated, and we are ready to go into the field to "haul" the "precious grain" to the "granary."

Harvest time on the farm was indeed a time of responsibility. If the grain were not cut at the proper time, and then threshed at the proper time much loss would be sustained, but the harvest of souls is a much greater responsibility. They slip off into eternity one by one every day of our lives. Some have heard the Word



C. S. Zimmerman



# NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN DAYTON, OHIO

The Brethren Home Missions Council is happy to present a new Brethren church in Dayton, Ohio. On September 27, more than 200 people from all sections of the city and the surrounding area packed the new auditorium for a blessed dedication service. The first unit of a much larger church plant is a fine illustration of Sunday-school-unit building with future expansion in mind.

As we praise God for this opportunity to present another new Brethren church building to our many home-mission friends we also congratulate the hard-working

sacrificial Brethren and their pastor, Brother Zimmerman, in the new Patterson Park church.



*The North Riverdale quartet singing a special number.*



*Entrance to the new Patterson Park church.*



*Rev. Clyde Balyo bringing North Riverdale greetings.*



*Dr. L. L. Grubb bringing the dedication day message.*



*Mr. Roy H. Kinsey, building committee chairman, presenting keys to Trustee Chairman Laurel Hedges.*

and received it with joy, some have rejected it, some have not heard. It is our responsibility to care for this crop of souls with a diligence that sets all other things aside.

It may be that no one else will have the privilege of harvesting two kinds of wheat from the same field, but one thing is certain—that all of us have an opportunity to harvest from the field that is the world. Let us use the greatest care and diligence in this, and labor long and late in the field, for it indeed is white to harvest.

We request the continued prayers of our Brethren across the land that we here in Patterson Park will be diligent in this harvest, and bring many precious "sheaves" to our Lord.

## HOW "CHRISTIAN" IS AMERICA?

America is called a "Christian" land, yet there are 10,000 villages that have no religious services of any kind, and 30,000 villages that have no resident pastor. According to Evangelism, there are 60,000 closed rural churches in America. Two out of every three children in America are not in Sunday school.—*Selected.*

## THAT QUESTIONABLE PLEASURE

### Eight Practical Tests

1. Will you see any harm in it on a dying bed?
2. Would you like Christ to catch you in the act?—Luke 12:37.
3. Do the best Christians you know see any harm in it?—Hebrews 5:14.
4. Is it consistent with your profession that by the cross of Christ the world is crucified unto you and you unto the world?—Galatians 6:14.
5. Can you commune with God after it as freely as before?—I John 1:7.
6. Can you look up to God for a blessing in the midst of it?—Romans 14:23.
7. Is it lawful, is it becoming, is it profitable?—I Corinthians 10:30, 33.
8. Are you WILLING to see any harm in it?—John 7:17.—*Exchange.*

Calvary calls all sinners, cures all sinning, covers all sins. Come to CALVARY!—*Selected.*



# MISSION FIELD IN YOUR LAP

By Donald Walker, Editor of Christian Life Magazine

[Editor's Note: This article should be read by every Christian and particularly every friend of Brethren home missions. It emphasizes the need of the Gospel in the U. S. A., and mentions every field of endeavor where the Brethren Church is working, in addition to some others. We are printing this timely article through the courtesy of Christian Life magazine, as it appeared in the September 1953 issue. The pictures accompanying the story are of our Brethren mission fields.]

Teeming millions in New York City, isolated cattle ranchers on the Oregon Trail, Japanese laborers in Idaho beet fields, Mexicans in Nebraska potato fields, Negroes, Indians, Chinese, Jews—America houses them all, feeds them, clothes them. But frequently missing in America's provision for them is the spiritual message of redemption.

Strangely, the mission field often forgotten is the mission field in America's lap. "There's one cure for that," say home missionaries. "Come out and visit a home-mission field sometime. Stay three days or a couple of weeks. And when you return home, you'll never doubt the vastness nor the whiteness of the harvest."

There isn't a person in America who lives too far from a home-mission field to visit it, they say. It may be five miles to a city rescue mission or 500 miles to a restful vacation at a rural mountain mission.

But one of the largest home-mission fields includes the youth in every American's home town. Actually, 30 million American youth under 21 are never touched with the Gospel. Of course, aroused evangelical groups try to reach them. Youth for Christ, Child Evangelism, Inter-Varsity, Young Life, Rural Bible Crusade, and Youth Gospel Crusade are a few of these.

Some churches squawk. They say some of these movements encroach upon their field of service. True, it is the church's job to reach the youth of its community. Too often, though, the church has failed. Time and time again one of these outside agencies has snatched a skidding youth from the brink of sin's destruction and has rerouted him back into the church.

Inside the church, the Sunday school is the focal point of the youth program. And today slightly more than 15 million youth are members of Sunday schools. Yet Sunday-school leaders realize that the surface has hardly been scratched. The fact that Sunday schools can boost their attendances more than 200 percent during special contests indicates the possibilities.

As the crime rate of youth increases, J. Edgar Hoover's statement becomes more significant. "I am convinced that crime among young people would be negligible if they attended Sunday school regularly during their formative years."

Active Sunday schools today discover that they must branch out to reach youth effectively. Suburban and country areas are growing. Ten thousand villages today are unchurched; 30,000 with no resident pastor.

To plug the gap, such groups as the American Sunday School Union, the American Inland Mission, the American Mission for Opening Closed Churches, and the Rural Home Missionary Association open Sunday schools and churches.

Parts of the rural picture present a specialized problem. Through the Kentucky and Ozark mountains, for example, vacationers miss much of the true mountain flavor by traveling only the main highways. Back up the hollows and out on the ridges where the mountain missionaries labor, the dwellers are totally unreached by Christ, and sometimes almost unmarked by civilization. Here, where intermittent feuding still erupts, both homes and schools are small. Vacant churches are



*Kentucky mission work—Dryhill and Clayhole, Ky.*

usually plentiful; churches still in use have services only one or twice a month.

In the hills, the schoolhouse is the scene of Sunday-school services and town meetings alike. During the week, schools fling open doors to missionaries for a Bible lesson. Missionaries may visit a score of schools on a regular route over rutted roads.

Although many mountain people are easy to enthuse, the missionary must plant God's Word in their hearts so that enthusiasm will be permanent, not transient.

Similar problems in a different locale are faced by workers among migrants. Agricultural workers in California, Arizona, Texas, and Florida, wandering from crop to crop, picking and harvesting in order to have something to eat, make one-fifth of the yearly salary of a factory worker.

A social outcast, the migrant has become suspicious of all religions. And since he moves from place to place so frequently, gospel workers struggle to gain his confi-



dence. Ignorance and lack of education handicap the effectiveness of the Bible and of gospel literature.

Mission to the Migrants, Missionary Gospel Fellowship, and Mid-Missions are working among them.

Another work in the Southwest is among 4.5 million Spanish-speaking people, most of whom are Mexicans. These people are located in the Southwest because they can work in intense heat and because of extensive field work done by hand there. Much gospel work among Mexicans is now self-supporting, but the Mexican who has left Catholicism is suspicious about giving to churches. Hence this field still presents a big missionary opportunity.

Other neglected Americans are the Indians, 400,000 of whom are located in reservations in 26 States. Near-by a town with several excellent churches often lies a reservation whose dwellers still worship the sun. A Seminole tribe in Florida had not heard the Gospel until 10 years ago, but in five years 300 were saved.

Some Navaho Indians, who inhabit a reservation covering 26,000 square miles of territory in Arizona and New Mexico, have been evangelized. But back in the desert many Navahos have never once heard the name of Jesus.

The American Indian Crusade, the Navaho Gospel Mission, and many denominations as well as smaller independent groups are trying to do this immense task, but Indians are scattered and home folks lack interest. As Wendell Phillips said, "It is the Indian that the peoples of the United States will most dread to meet in the awful day of judgment."

Also largely neglected is the Negro race, U. S. population 15 million. Sunday schools in colored sections of large cities have been rewarding, and a few workers labor faithfully in southern rural sections. Sunday schools, such as launched by students in Chicago and church workers in Kansas City, are reaching thousands weekly, but they are limited by lack of space and lack of teaching personnel.

The most important objects of home missions, however, are God's chosen people, the Jews. With more than 5 million Jews in America and five cities each containing more Jews than Jerusalem itself, the responsibility of evangelical Christians is great. But according to one mission board's estimate, fewer missionaries per million work among the Jewish people than among any



*Spanish-American mission work—Taos, Arroyo Hondo, Cordillera, and Albuquerque, N. Mex.*

other people of the world with the exception of the Moslem.

Personal work among the Jews makes the most effective ministry. Big problems arise from Protestant indifference and Jewish antagonism to the name of Christ.

Also carried on in cities is the ministry of the gospel rescue mission. Symbolized by the Salvation Army, rescue missions bring the Gospel to slum areas and to skid rows of America. The activity of such missions as Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission is made known by the men's lives who found Christ there. In addition to spiritual help, these rescue missions frequently give food, clothing, and lodging as well.

That all this missionary activity needs to be done in our nation indicates the failure of Christians. As Denzel Osburn, home-missions director of Baptists Mid-Missions, stated, "This land of ours has been the recipient of many people from every nation, tribe, and tongue. Had we been as alert to our home-mission responsibility as we should have been, and had our missionary zeal been genuine, we would have met them at the ship with the Gospel."

But we didn't. Consequently the job is immense today. Wherever we look a mission field can be seen. At our doorstep we can find people to be reached with the Gospel. But the big handicap to activity is our indifference.

Evangelist T. W. Wilson stated, "I never was really missionary-minded until I saw a mission field just as it is. And never was my heart more stirred than when I visited a mission station in the Kentucky mountains."

This privilege and responsibility remains for Christians to see the vastness of the home field. It may mean going to an Indian reservation, staying with a Jewish worker, spending your vacation in the Ozarks; but it will be worth it when it grows a missionary vision that lasts a lifetime.

A visit to a home-mission field will reveal 30 million youth not touched by the Gospel, 10,000 villages without churches, rural churches dying 1,000 per year, Indians who have never once heard the name of Jesus, record-breaking crime rates, four million alcoholics.

This is America. What a mission field it is!



*Navaho mission work—Cuba, N. Mex.*



YOM KIPPUR, 1953

By Leanore M. Button

As I write these words the Day of Atonement 1953 is over. Yom Kippur—the holiest day of the high holy holidays, the Day of Atonement—is the day when Jewish people the world over fast and pray and ask God to forgive their sins, promising NEVER to sin again. As the first star of evening twinkles forth in the evening sky and they leave the synagogue to break their fast, they HOPE their sins are gone. Ah, foolish people! A people who killed their prophets and rejected their Messiah. What HOPE can they ever have that God will answer their prayers when their hands are filled with blood and their hearts are black with sin—the sin that only their own Messiah, their own Prince of Peace, can wash away?

As the sun melts down behind the purple mountains in the west on the eve of Yom Kippur, Fairfax Avenue, street of book stores, dress shops, grocery stores, and kosher butcher shops, becomes a street of silence. Not a light, not a sound, not a person is in evidence. In almost every Jewish home the candles are lit. Those homes where candles never burn on Sabbath evenings shine

## ISAAC DA COSTA—POET LAUREATE

(From *The Mediator*, April-June 1953)

Isaac Da Costa was a lineal descendant of the famous Jewish hero and martyr, Uriel Acosta. Next to Bilderdijk, he is considered the greatest poet of Holland. Although this son of Israel was an ardent believer in the Messiahship of Jesus, the Jewish Encyclopedia, Vol. IV, p. 291, says of him:

"Da Costa's character, no less than his genius, was respected by his contemporaries. To the end of his life he felt only reverence and love for his former coreligionists, was deeply interested in their past history, and often took their part."

This poem, which we bring here, was originally written in Dutch, and is generally assumed to have been translated into English by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

### THE SABBATH

By Isaac Da Costa

On the seventh day reposing, lo! the great Creator stood—  
Saw the glorious work accomplished—saw that it was good—

Heaven, Earth, Man, and Beast have being; day and night their courses run.

First Creation—Infant Manhood—earliest Sabbath—it is done!

On the seventh day reposing, Jesus filled His sainted tomb,

From His Spirit's toil retreating while He broke man's fatal doom.

'Twas a new Creation bursting, brighter than the primal one.

'Twas Fulfillment—Reconcilement; 'tis Redemption—it is done!

brightly now through the gathering gloom. People examine themselves and eat their last meal for 24 hours. Then new clothes are put on and the families who can afford to do so troop to the synagogue, where seats range anywhere from \$5 to \$150.

What do they think about—these people who are called "God's chosen ones," even though set aside for a time? Is it honest repentance in their hearts? Is it forgiveness for sin they seek from Him? Do some of them think of the many charities they support? In an editorial in the B'nai B'rith Messenger the editor seems to think so. He says that too many Jewish people in America come to the synagogue on Yom Kippur with only one prayer—Yizkor—the memorial service for dead parents whom one is obligated to remember.

In the same issue, Dr. Abraham Elman, in commenting upon Yom Kippur in relation to Leviticus 16:6 ("And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house"), says that the rabbis interpreted "his house" to mean Aaron's wife and that when the high priest confessed his sin and begged forgiveness of God for them, ancient Israel realized this to the extent that the high priest was not allowed to take charge of the service unless his wife was living. No mention of the sin offering, but just Aaron's wife. Is this the message of Israel for Yom Kippur?

Poor, blind ones. Is it any wonder they cannot see today God's hand in their lives when all through their history they have refused to SEE God's marvelous works in their behalf? God's own chosen ones whom He led so carefully through the waters of the Red Sea and to whom He revealed the most wonderful works of His power; God's own chosen ones who were led by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night; God's own chosen ones who grumbled so much at this very time that Moses told the people to stand still and SEE the salvation of the Lord—that the Lord would fight for them. But did they? Ah, no! The people grumbled and God sent them the manna, but they tired of it, so He gave them quails. And even though they promised never to forget how their God delivered them from Egypt, still they danced naked around the golden calf, and when Moses asked Aaron why this thing happened, Aaron answered, in effect, "I was just minding my own business, when suddenly out of the fire walked this golden calf."

God's own chosen ones couldn't even SEE long enough for Moses to bring them the tablets of stone but worshiped the calf as the one who REALLY brought them out of the land of Egypt.

Is it any wonder God's own chosen ones today cannot SEE they need Him? Or that, as they happily go through life buying and selling and giving in marriage, swift doom is approaching?

But some have been able to SEE because God is dealing with the Jew today individually. The time is getting dreadfully short. Are we doing our best in these last days? Are we trying to let the glorious Gospel of sal-





Here are two home missionaries that few people see and probably most of you do not know. On your left is Miss Helen Shaffer, the office secretary, and on your right, Miss Louise Blankenship, the bookkeeper. These girls are busy every day doing a real service for the Lord and Brethren Home Missions. At this season of the year they are busier than on an ordinary busy day. In the foreground of the picture is a shipment of home-mission bulletins that have been prepared for shipment to Brethren pastors across the nation. Several such shipments of bulletins, along with other materials, are sent out that you might be more fully informed about the great need in Brethren home missions. Of course, this is only one of a multitude of tasks these girls perform during the year.

### TOO GOOD TO KEEP

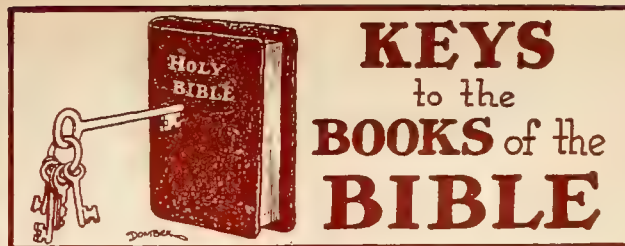
In a wealthy residential section of Richmond, some new owners complained that the singing of a small Christian church nearby disturbed them. A petition to be presented to the city council was circulated.

The solicitors brought it for signing to a Jewish resident. He read it and said, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed as do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetops and on every street of Richmond, and nobody could stop me."—*The Fundamentalist*.

vation shine forth into those Jewish lives? Even if we can't talk to Jewish people we can always live before them in such a way as to provoke them to jealousy because of the joy and happiness we find in **THEIR** Messiah. If you haven't anything else to give—give them **LOVE!**

The Word is being sown here in the Fairfax area; it can be sown the world over! We will never know in this life, perhaps, those who will be singing the song of Simeon: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

But we may be sure, if we are faithful in our living and witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ, we will meet in that life over there many who first found evidence of Him through us, and finally accepted Him for what He really is—God, Saviour, Messiah!



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### TITUS

#### I. Presents.

A. In this letter we see the true church of Jesus Christ so far as her ecclesiastical order is concerned.

B. Presents a revelation of the true church of Jesus Christ, and appeals to the church to be true to Jesus Christ.

#### II. Key Words.

A. Saviour (1:3, 4; 2:10, 13; 3:4, 6).

1. Three of these refer to God (1:3; 2:10; 3:4).

B. Sound or healthy doctrine (1:9, 13; 2:1, 2, 8).

C. Sober or sound-minded (1:8; 2:2, 4, 6, 12).

D. Good works, as the practical issue of faith is a recurrent phrase (2:7, 14; 3:1, 8, 14).

#### III. Key Verses.

A. 1:1—"The truth which is after godliness." *Motive* for church order.

1. Negatively to convict the gainsayers (1:12), "The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies."

2. Positively to show that Christians were to live soberly (2:11-13).

B. 1:5, gives the *method* of church order.

1. The work of the elder (1:6-16).

C. 2:11-13, gives the *might* of the church's order.

1. The dynamic that came from the cross.

2. The inspiration that comes from the crowning.

#### IV. Key Outline.

A. Man to man (1:1-4).

B. Titus' mission (1:5).

C. The kind of men to be used (1:6-9).

D. The field of labor (1:10-16).

E. The blend of doctrine and life (2:1-10).

F. The doctrinal background (2:11-15).

G. The blend of doctrine and life again (3:1-11).

H. Personal matters (3:12-15).

#### V. Key Thoughts for Today.

A. The church shall be true to Jesus Christ, who is the Truth.

1. The inclusive responsibility of the Christian church is to adorn the doctrine (2:10).

2. The individual Christian responsibility is to carefully maintain good works (3:14).

a. The consequent responsibility of those in oversight is to affirm confidently these things.

B. The church is powerful in the measure in which she is revealing the truth of God in her own life.

1. The church is not influential because she is able to manipulate the affairs of the state.

C. The power of the overseer is that of the truth, and not that of his office.

D. "The test of success is not the crowd, but the souls transformed under the power of the Word who adorn the doctrine, and thus fulfill the holy function of being the pillar and ground of the truth" (Morgan).

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*New York, N. Y.* Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, president of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, departed from this life the early part of October.

*Chicago, Ill.* According to Moody Monthly, a total of 13,948 draft registrants have been classified as conscientious objectors, opposed to combatant and noncombatant military service. This is a ratio of one out of 610 draft registrants.

*Special.* Brethren day schools in California opened with a total enrollment of 659, as follows: Long Beach Brethren High School, 241; Long Beach Brethren Elementary School, 211; Temple City Brethren School, 105; Inglewood Brethren School (grades 1-4), 67; Whittier Community Brethren School (grades 1-4), 35.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* The Second Brethren Church will observe homecoming on November 8. A history of the church is being compiled for distribution at that time. Henry Rempel is pastor.

*Kittanning, Pa.* The First Brethren Church now has 17 life members in the Brethren Home Missions Council. Life members are individuals who give \$100 during the year to the home-mission program. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

*Compton, Calif.* August was a record month for the First Brethren Church, Norman Nelson, pastor, with the finest attendance in the history of the church.

*Ashland, Ohio.* Dr. Paul Bauman, assisted by the Grace Trumpeters, the Ohmans, and the Messners, conducted a conference Oct. 4-11. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

*Special.* Rev. R. I. Humbert will speak Oct. 21 at Houghton College; 22, Practical Bible Training School; 27, Gordon College; 29, Missionary

Training Institute; 30, Shelton College.

*Johnson City, Tenn.* Rev. John Burns has resigned as pastor of the Johnson City Brethren Church.

*Kittanning, Pa.* A new high in Sunday-school attendance was recorded at the First Brethren Church, Gordon Bracker, pastor. There were 325 present.

*New Troy, Mich.* The New Troy Brethren Church established an Eikenberry Memorial Fund, which closed Oct. 4, to be used in the purchase of a suitable gift in memory of the late Rev. D. F. Eikenberry, and presented to the Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.

*Formosa.* Chinese Nationalist troops will soon be seeing the same films used by the United States Air Force. At the request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Robert L. Constable, vice president of Moody Bible Institute, flew to Formosa to present the institute's gospel-science films to the generalissimo.



*Notice to pastors.* Your church bulletins are sincerely appreciated, for from them we gain the news for this section. However, bulletins over two weeks old are not considered news. Thank you kindly for sending them in regularly—Editor.

*Buena Vista, Va.* Rev. Galen M. Lingenfelter has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, effective Dec. 16.

*Clayton, Ohio.* Dr. Alva J. McClain was guest speaker on Oct. 11.

*Compton, Calif.* Rev. Norman Nelson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, uniquely presents the Gospel by means of "the singing sermon," in which he presents the message in song.

*Conemaugh, Pa.* Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, will sail from New York Oct. 28 to return to her field of service.

*Covington, Va.* Honorable mention for the neatest, most attractive bulletin of the week goes to the First Brethren Church, Paul L. Mohler,

pastor. A regular radio broadcast has been initiated by the church.

*Chicago, Ill.* Nov. 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, has been declared the Day of Prayer, by the Great Commission Prayer League. Brethren churches are urged to join in this effort, and especially let Brethren pray for our Thanksgiving offering for Brethren home missions.

*Waterloo, Iowa.* Fifteen were baptized at a recent service at the Grace Brethren Church, Richard DeArmey, pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* According to Rev. Ernest Keasling, youth director for the Free Methodist Church, and recent representative to Freedom Village, Korea, states: "In all my visits to air bases, Freedom Village, and various cities of Korea, I found no one who thought the war was really settled."

*Conemaugh, Pa.* The fall rally of the East District WMC was held at the Conemaugh Brethren Church on Oct. 8.

*Wooster, Ohio.* Rally day attendance was: Bible school, 248; morning worship, 284; evening service, 161. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Rev. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, is improving rapidly from his recent fall, and it was not necessary to place him in a cast, as doctors first thought necessary.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Mrs. Clara Torrey, 94, widow of Rev. R. A. Torrey, died at a nursing home in Wheaton after a brief illness. Dr. Torrey was associated with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for many years.

*Washington, D. C. (RNS).* The Federal Bureau of Investigation has just released statistics revealing that 1953 is the greatest crime year yet. James V. Bennett, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons, in his August report, has stated that the prisons are overflowing. There were 2,478 more adult prisoners in State and Federal institutions on January 1, 1953, than there had been the year before.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Wheaton College has decided not to enter the Associated Colleges of Illinois, an organization of schools to solicit aid from industry. Reason given by Dr. V. Raymond Edman was the fear that some unwholesome industry such as a distillery or brewery might contribute, and in all good conscience Wheaton would have to refuse such aid.



# What Is Our Defense?

—By the Editor—

The supreme question in the minds of governmental officials as well as the average citizen concerns our defense against the A-bomb and the H-bomb, if used by an enemy. It is speculated, if not concluded, that Russia has the know-how for these bombs. Be that as it may, our national leaders are determined that we must strengthen our defenses against any potential aggressor.

Kept on 24-hour alert, U. S. jet-fighter units, strategically located, are ready for combat; a highly developed radar network is in constant search for approaching planes; a corps of over 300,000 air observers scan the skies to identify each passing plane; and battalions of men are constantly readied to defend this beloved nation. To retaliate, if an enemy should attack this nation, are 40 to 50 air wings of large U. S. bombers. All this, and more—and yet, with the spending of billions of dollars, and the alertness of millions of men, still Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declares in *This Week* that our defense is inadequate to meet any H-bomb attack by the enemy. What, then, is our defense?

For 2,000 years man has beaten his plows into spears, ever seeking after peace but constantly finding himself involved in bloody battles and gory onslaughts. Today the story is the same. From one side of the mouth man talks around a peace table, while from the other side he barks his orders for more implements of war. Why do we have such double talk? Why is that pathway to peace, so desired by man, an apparent impasse?

The only reason for war in this old world is the fact that man crucified the Prince of Peace, having bitterly cried, "Let him be crucified." Stubbornly man has refused to acknowledge Jesus as Lord, and the result has been that man retreats more and more to a beastly nature as sin develops in his heart.

If man continues to retrogress,

only the omniscient God knows the extremity to which man will go in sin. The fact is that man schemes to develop his fanciful utopia by bypassing the incarnate Christ of God. Not until man will recognize that the Jesus Christ of history was God in the flesh, and is willing to acknowledge Him as the only source of salvation, can man hope to find the solution to the catastrophic issues of this present world system. Absolute faith in the incarnate Christ is the only way out of the jumble. The only defense we have is to be found



in the One who left heaven's glory and descended to this old world of sin, and was robed in human flesh. The only defense we have is to be found in the One who was crucified, buried, and was subsequently raised from the dead. Faith in Him gives salvation to the sinner, and courage to the saint.

*Jesus Christ is our defense!* He is the source of defense, not only to the believer in this present world, but throughout eternity. While all about us things give way, the Lord Jesus is the constant stay of the child of God. He is not a deistic Creator, but rather the infinite Son of God who tabernacled in human flesh, and as such tasted and experienced every

testing of humanity, but remained apart from sin. This is the Christ who is more real than a brother, more faithful than a mother, and of a truth is God.

The late F. D. Gordon told of a Christian mother who continually sought to teach her child implicit faith in the Lord Jesus. This mother sought to impress upon the child the truth that she need fear nothing at any time, for the Lord Jesus was always near. On one occasion this mother had tucked her little girl into bed, turned off the light, and had gone downstairs. Some little time later a terrific storm arose and the blinding flash of lightning, together with the deafening crash of the thunder, caused the little girl to cry out, "Mama! Mama! Come and get me!" With tender love the mother hurried to the room and picked up the little child and sought to quiet her.

The godly mother, seeking to impress her teaching upon her child, said, "Sweetheart, you need not be afraid, for the Lord Jesus is always near, and He would never permit anything to harm you." The little girl clung to her mother about the neck and said, "Yes, Mommy, I know Jesus is always near, but when it thunders and lightnings, I want someone near me with skin on 'em."

Ah, beloved, the God of heaven sent His only begotten Son into the world, and put "skin on Him," but a godless world crucified Him. He came to establish peace, but with man's rejection of Him, man "let slip the dogs of war." However, this same blessed Saviour that the world crucified gave us the promise that He would come again. When He comes, He will not come riding into Jerusalem on the foal of an ass, but, according to Revelation 19, He will come riding out of the heavens on a mighty charger, and the redeemed shall cry as the psalmist, "He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved" (Psa. 62:6).—A. R. K.



## The Real Secret of Christian Victory

By Richard L. Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

God's directive will is that every born-again believer should live a victorious Christian life. This is not a goal which can be achieved by some method of trial and error. It is, rather, an experience to be realized in accord with certain well-defined Scriptural principles. Probably the most clear, concise, and comprehensive statement of these principles is presented in Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

According to the average conception, the precious truths outlined in this passage are ideal rather than actual, beyond the experience of this present life and reserved only for that which is to come. Let it be emphasized, however, that the Apostle Paul describes this as "*the life which I now live IN THE FLESH*"! This means that everyone who has received Christ can be a victorious Christian in the fullest sense here

and now! In the verse which is before us God unfolds the secret.

### What Is the Secret?

Actually there is but one Person in all the universe who can, in His own strength, live a life of complete victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. This is none other than Jesus Christ Himself. And it is this very same victorious Christ who, according to God's testimony, "liveth in me"! The real secret of Christian victory, therefore, is to permit this indwelling Christ to live HIS life, unhindered, in and through us. But how can this be done, when *self* is so prone to get in the way? God does not leave us without an answer.

### How Is This Accomplished?

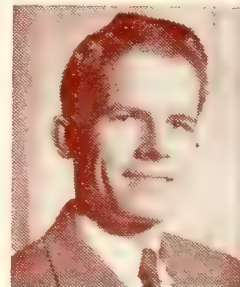
According to God's reckoning, we are dead to sin, no longer to live therein, but to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:1-4). The way of real victory is to reckon these facts true in our practical, day-by-day experience (Rom. 6:11). But how? Only by a once-for-all presentation of self to God (Rom. 6:13) which issues in a continual, moment-by-moment obedience to His will (Rom. 6:16ff.).

In other words, Christian victory is achieved not on the basis of struggle but of surrender—complete and continual surrender of self and selfish desires to the perfect will of God. Self must be put to death! Only when we can sincerely declare with the apostle, "I am crucified with Christ," and truthfully say, "I die daily" (I Cor. 15:31), will Christ's life, the life of supreme victory, be *our* life!

### How Can I Know?

How can I know, beyond all shadow of doubt, that triumph comes by trusting rather than by trying? These

vital facts of Christian experience must be perceived not by feeling but by faith—"the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me" (ASV). If I cannot trust the One who loved me enough to lay down His life for me, then who in all God's universe can I trust? He has given us His Word in



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order that we might know the way of peace, joy, and victory. Let us believe it with all our heart!

### When Can This Be Realized?

Can I actually experience a life of victory today? Or must I wait until some future time when I am a more mature Christian? Again let us remind ourselves that this is—or can be—"the life which I NOW live." Every single moment holds for us the glorious fact of a living, triumphant, indwelling Saviour! It need not matter if your life has been defeated up to now. For by a complete surrender of self to the Saviour, you can begin immediately, this very moment, to enjoy the life of victory which God offers to every believer!

"Lord, bend that proud and stiff-necked 'I';  
Help me to bow the neck and die,  
Beholding Him on Calvary,  
Who bowed His head and died for me."





# INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

## Is It Dark or Bright?

By Charles W. Mayes, D.D., Pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

They tell us there is a truce in Korea. We hope it will not be necessary to fight a third world war to enforce its provisions.

One headline has already stated that Russia has violated the agreement. Looks dark!

They tell us there is more liquor consumed than ever before and that more of our American citizens are going insane than ever before and that whereas Christians were once concerned about liquor consumption, the problem of first magnitude is now narcotics. Looks dark!

It is no longer how much we will pay for war that becomes the prob-

lem of legislators, it is how many more billions we are willing to borrow to negotiate a war. When will we get paid up? Looks dark!

We are spending more for education than ever in past history, but the education of America is becoming increasingly godless. Princeton University, which was founded by God-fearing people, now has a professor who recently said, "Belief in

cernment to know that the final solution to every problem awaits that unspeakably glorious moment when the Son of God shall break through the firmament of blue to return to this godless world. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up" (Luke 21:28). "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness" (I Thess. 5:4-5).

Will the problems of government, economics, society, religion, education, and human welfare ever be solved? Yes, indeed, but not until He comes again. His coming for us means that we shall be "caught up together with them in the clouds "to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:17-18). Looks bright!



Dr. Mayes

the ultimate irrationality of everything is the quintessence of what is called modern mind." In other words, God is out now and the universe doesn't make sense. Looks dark!

There was once a day when we could tell people, "Read the Bible and you will find what God has to say about the Saviour, sin, and salvation." Now our battle is increased because almost any man of the street may now ask us, "Which Bible?" Looks dark!

Those who know God and His truth in the midst of our world do not expect world peace nor a reign of righteousness nor improvement in social and moral conditions until the Lord Jesus comes back again. The Lord Jesus will not always stay away. He said, "I will come again." Looks bright!

The Christian has sufficient dis-



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# MOMENTS on the MOUNT

## KNOWN OF GOD

"Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage to them that by nature are no gods: but now that ye have come to know God, or rather to be *known* by God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage over again?" (Gal. 4:8-9, ASV).

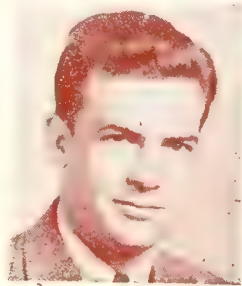
As a small lad I went one day with my mother to the city. As a farm boy, it was a rare experience for me to go to the city. Once or twice a year it was our privilege to go, and then it was like a page out of "Alice in Wonderland." On this particular occasion I became so enthralled in the baubles and toys of the five-and-ten-cent store that I became disengaged from my mother's purse strap. When I discovered the separation I did what any able-bodied child would do—I bawled. Through my tears I saw many who were curious about my condition; some tried to comfort me and others offered to help, but my little heart sank within me for I saw no one that I knew. Then a big burly fellow reached down and picked me up; he brushed the tears from my cheek and put a big hanky to my nose and said, "Blow." He then stated, "You don't know me, but I know you." He told me who I was and who my parents were and then assured me all would be well. And when my mother found me I was seated at the soda fountain partaking of a favorite sweet. I had known no one, but someone knew me.

To know God is wonderful, but to be fully conscious of the fact that you are known of God is sublime. As Paul addressed the Galatians he did not hint that those outside of Christ were not within the realm of God's knowledge, but that they were alienated from the realm of redemptive love by unbelief.

### I. What It Means To Be Known of God.

The psalmist declares, "For the Lord knoweth the way of the right-

eous" (Psa. 1:6). The pathway that stretches out before the child of God is known and ordered of the Lord. "The Lord *knoweth* the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever" (Psa. 37:18). He knows their length and all that they shall contain. "Shall not God search this out? for he *knoweth* the secrets of the heart" (Psa. 44:21). His knowledge of HIS own goes to the most secret recess of the heart. As David was credited for the building of the temple, because it "was in his heart," so the frailest and weakest child of God can find assurance in a "right heart." "Thou hast *known* my reproach and my shame, and my dis-



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honour: mine adversaries are all before thee" (Psa. 69:19). We need not quake and fear before our enemies; they are marked of God.

"O Lord thou hast searched me and *known* me. Thou *knowest* my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off" (Psa. 139:1-2). He not only knows what end our lives accomplish and the means which are used, but He knows the motives, even our thoughts afar off. "When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou *knewest* my path" (Psa. 142:3). Literally the Hebrew here is, "When my spirit darkens itself upon me" or when my spirit is clouded over with the darkness of night, that pathway is known of God. Heartaches, poverty, sickness, death, HE

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knows that pathway and shares it with us, taking away the reproach in life and the sting of death.

Being known of God, as spoken of in the Scriptures, involves the most intimate relationship between God and the believer. So intimate is this relationship that it defies description or example. The Greek word *ginosko* used in our text (Gal. 4:8-9) always transcends the intellect and relates itself to experience. The same is true of the Hebrew word *yada*, used in the psalms quoted above. This is best illustrated, if I may be allowed to tread on such a delicate subject, by the fact that this word has been used since the time of Alexander to express the intimate relation of man and wife, and is so used in the modern Greek (Gen. 4:1; Luke 1:34). This word means to find a sign in a thing by which to recognize it, we are known of God because He sees us in His Son, and we are thusly recognized as His own. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord *knoweth* them that are his" (II Tim. 2:19). We as the children of God have "been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise," the Lord *knoweth* them that trust in him" (Nahum 1:7).

The world of men are ignorant of God willingly. God did not choose to cast off man, but man chose to cast off God. "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are convenient" (Rom. 1:28). But God sent forth His Son, the Good Shepherd, to search the creviced hillside of sin for the lost sheep. The Good Shepherd says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I *know* them, and they follow me."

To be conscious of being known so intimately of God is to know "that all things work together for good to



them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." When this world is convulsed and shaken by a mighty earthquake or hurricane, or when a leaf is gently stirred in a summer breeze, God's sovereign power is in operation on behalf of them that are known of Him.

## II. Why We Need To Be Known of God.

"Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts 17:31). None will be able to escape that judgment but those who are known of God. It is all-important that you are known or else you will have to depart from His presence forever.

When Jesus was bringing His great manifesto to a conclusion in Matthew 7:22 He said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never *knew* you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22-23). Having been known of Him by the intimate relationship brought about by regeneration is the insurance of the believer against His day of wrath.

## III. How To Be Known of God.

"But if any man love God, the same is *known* of him" (I Cor. 8:3). This condition seems simple enough; it leaves no doubt but that anyone capable of loving God could be, or would be, known of Him. The thing which must be determined then is, What is meant by loving God?

It does not mean just to believe that He exists. A recent poll showed that 99 percent of Americans believe in God. Does that mean that all of these Americans are intimately known of God. No, for all of America could believe that there is a God and all could be lost. Satan, we are told, believes and trembles. Only a fool could believe that this universe was not the result of an intelligent being, God. Such a belief, however, makes greater the responsibility to love Him.

Some will say that sincerity toward God is loving Him. Certainly there must be sincerity in love, but sincerity apart from a consideration of fact is foolishness. Religious sincerity crucified our Lord, religious

# OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

The time of day is now 6 a. m. All is quiet and dark outside. Your writer has been asked to furnish a series of articles as captioned above. As I sit here taking stock of the immediate past experience at national conference, I confess that mixed emotion possesses my soul. Much talk is made of the two major political parties in the United States. At the present one has difficulty in learning who is the "titular" head of the party not in office. It just occurs to me that perhaps the moderator might be recognized as the "titular" head of our denomination and as such speaks for the entire church. If this be true, how extremely careful one must be as he dares to express opinions. Referring to the darkness mentioned above, I am reminded that Satan is the prince of the powers of darkness. Christ is the Light of the world. How these two forces are pitted against one another. Thus there is presented a great challenge to our people.

"CHALLENGE" is the word that should challenge us today. My dictionary is open before me and I observe that among other things this word means "to dare a person or power to a contest or trial; to call out to a duel." Your moderator, therefore, is sounding forth a CHALLENGE for the ensuing year. Two powerful forces are operating simultaneously in this age. In such an age, when the world is at its worst, the church should be at her best. I challenge you to deny the fact that the world is at her worst. BUT the church, far from her best, is most confused.

WE BELIEVE in and subscribe to some indisputable tenets of Christian

sincerity has caused more bloodshed and war than any other thing, yet we would not dare to say that such sincere devotion is loving God.

Then some believe that loving God is keeping commandments, doing good works, or going through rituals or ceremonies. Many of these things will be the result of loving God; they are the fruit that hangs on the tree of love.

The only way that an alienated sinner could love God is to receive God's love for him. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he



Moderator Joseph L. Gingrich

faith: first, God never changes (Heb. 13:8); second, in spite of man's futile attempt to do otherwise, the Bible continues to be the final court of appeals and never changes; third, God is pleased to use this age, through the Holy Spirit, as a sifting time for His saints. Surely the church is being prepared for the last change and awaiting the upward call.

IN VIEW OF THESE sobering facts, your moderator challenges every church and church member during the coming year to "put on the whole armour of God" and prepare for the conflict. We must FIGHT our three common enemies, viz., (1) our external foe, the world (worldly living); (2) our internal foe, the flesh (base selfish ambitions); (3) our infernal foe, Satan (ever bothering those who bother him). Verily, there is a duel on. May God count on us?

loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). Just as a baby can only love its parents by allowing the parents to love it, so an unregenerate sinner can only love God by allowing God to love him. This He did when He sent His only begotten Son into the world to redeem us from sin. To be intimately related to God and known of Him requires only that you receive His Son, "who loved us and gave himself for us."

Beloved, do you know God?—or rather are you known of Him?

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## YOUNG RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Dear Friends of the Young Russian Christian Association:

I am sure that some of you are anxious to know how things are going for us here in Mexico City. It can all be summed up in the Scripture, that He is "able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

We traveled the west coast of Mexico coming down. Going through the State of Sonora was not so bad, but both in Sinaloa and Nayarit we hit their tropical storms that washed out bridges over some big rivers. One place we waited two days to be ferried across on a not-too-hefty barge. It was a real adventure and the Lord gave us a safe trip.

We have visited both the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Education, with splendid results from both. We found them to be very wonderful people and sincerely interested. Although no papers were obtained at the Foreign Affairs Office, he advised us not to try to get them. "They probably would not be granted and if they were it would take a lot of time and red tape," he said, and then proceeded to give us

some wonderful advice as to how we could manage our building legally and safely. Our 6,000 adobe bricks were made in faith that such a thing would be forthcoming.

Then at the office of the Minister of Education we obtained papers from Señor Gomes, the Minister himself, recommending to the local authorities that we be allowed to have the fifth and sixth grades in our building with our own teachers. What an answer to prayer! Perhaps the uniqueness of the colony, being Russian, brought on the leniency, for they are usually not too generous with foreigners, we are told.

We are driving a Señor Villalpando back with us to San Diego. This is also of the Lord, for he is the Minister of Exterior, and has a great deal of influence with such things as passports, etc. How we praise the Lord for this contact and we pray that we may water the seed in this man's heart that has been planted there as he has dealt with the Wycliffe Translators.

Pray for us that the Lord will continue to lead and that we will be good followers.—*Jack Green.*

## CHAPLAIN LEE JENKINS ASSIGNED TO CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.

Chaplain (Lieut.) Lee Jenkins has received orders to report to Camp Lejeune, the Marine base in North Carolina, following the completion of his training at the Chaplains Indoctrination Unit at the Newport (R. I.) Naval Station.

Brother Jenkins was a member of a group of chaplains which included for the first time at the school representatives from the Plymouth Brethren denomination and our own.

During the course of their schooling, according to Brother Jenkins, the Navy issued the information that at all times the chaplains were to preach exactly what they believe. They are to cooperate whenever possible, but they are not to compromise on their belief.

When Chaplain Jenkins reports to Camp Lejeune (in early November)

he plans to send for his family when housing facilities are found. His wife and children are now living in Winona Lake. They are asking that prayer be made on their behalf that the Lord may open doors to them and permit the truth to be proclaimed to those who in many cases would not be subjected to it any place else.

## "HOW OLD ART THOU?"

On the tomb of Dwight L. Moody, at Northfield, is graven the sentiment, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." The passing of the years has ever served to remind us of the rapid flight of time and the amazing brevity of our life on earth. But our faith reminds us that lives lived for God and humanity defy the grave.—*Selected.*



Among officials elected by the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers are (left to right), Rev. Blaine Snyder, financial secretary; Rev. Gerald Polman, vice chairman; Rev. Ord Gehman, assistant secretary; Rev. Glenn O'Neal, chairman. Rev. Norman Uphouse, secretary, and Rev. Robert Crees, treasurer, were absent when picture was taken.

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL ORDERS

*Attention Pastor and Sunday-School Superintendent*

Your church has received its order blank for the next quarter (January-March 1954). Please make out your order and return at once and your quarterlies will be in your hands one month early.

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## *Grace Seminary and Home Missions*

This month and next Grace Seminary joins in urging every member of the Brethren Church to give his best toward what should be the largest offering in the history of Brethren home missions. This year the school has 29 of its alumni and former students working under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council. They are active in almost every branch of our home-mission work, including church pastors, the Jewish, Spanish, and Navaho works, administration, and church construction. Grace Seminary had a real privilege in training these. Let us recognize our present opportunity as a real privilege also.

## *Businessmen Believe in Grace Seminary*

Within a week's period recently the editor was engaged in separate conversations with four different businessmen in the Winona Lake-Warsaw community, none of whom were members of the Brethren Church. One was a contractor, another an insurance man; the third was a banker, and the fourth was a policeman. All spoke so highly of the character of the students of Grace Seminary that their testimony brought genuine rejoicing of heart to your editor. One of these businessmen sent us a check for \$25. A second backed up his estimate of the school by presenting us with a gift of \$200 and saying that he hoped for the day when his accumulated gifts could reach \$1,000. Businessmen know the value of investments. Do we of the Brethren Church know this as we should?

## *Those Requesting Projects*

Several groups have written the school requesting projects for their local work. Grace Seminary and College must receive the bulk of its support through the monthly offering plan and the annual offering. But we are always glad to have local churches, groups within them, or individuals undertake projects not covered in the regular budget of the school. These are many and usually represent some kind of needed equipment. The cost of such projects ranges from \$10 to \$1,000 and more. Several of these projects are under way at the present time, and a report of them will be given in the magazine next month. We are always glad to furnish a list of suggestions to those writing in. Your letter should state the amount you plan to give.

## *Our Cover Picture*

The first aerial photograph ever taken of the 33-acre campus of Grace Theological Seminary and College appears on the cover of the magazine this week. Almost at the very center of the picture is the seminary building. Although it appears small, the building is actually 182 feet in length. The main visible portion of the building

is the chapel wing, 90 feet long. To the rear of the building may be seen the large parking lot. Your editor's home may be seen just above the lot. Beyond the water tank and to the left just below the large building (Winona Lake School of Photography) with a gabled roof at each end is a three-and-one-half acre property owned by the seminary and reserved for future expansion. Immediately below the seminary building and stretching out to the left is the space being developed into the school's athletic field. To the right of the large clump of trees just below the building may be seen the trailer camp and the home of the custodian. Left of center and toward the lower part of the picture is a large pit from which the school has taken many tons of gravel for its parking lot and driveways. The space now being prepared for lawn is the large area between the building and the front road. All the way across the picture between the campus and the lake is the town. Winona Lake now has a population of approximately 2,000 people. Because of the angle from which the picture was taken, neither the town nor the lake appear to be their proper width. The lake itself covers an area of more than 900 acres and has nearly 10 miles of shoreline. It is one of the largest of 97 lakes in Kosciusko County. All who have been to Grace Seminary and College agree that the Lord in His goodness has placed the school in a lovely setting.

## *Church Membership Statistics*

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, associate research director of the National Council of Churches, recently called attention to church membership gains in the United States. He says that while in 1951 the United States population rose 1.7 percent, church membership increased by 1.8 million, "a healthy jump of 2 percent." The 1951 increase brought the total membership in churches of all faiths to 88.6 million people, "an all-time high" of 58 percent of the population. Of the more than 88 million church members, there are 52 million Protestants, 29 million Catholics, and 5 million Jews.

It is a little difficult to reconcile Dr. Landis' optimism with the increasing godlessness and lawlessness of our country. Statistics show also that America has more fine church buildings than she has ever possessed in her history. But what do these alone mean in the work of Christ? Recently, in Cleveland, Ohio, we were shown 2 new church buildings, costing \$250,000 and \$400,000 respectively. Neither congregation has Sunday evening or midweek services.

Sometime ago, in California, a lady commented on the "splendid attendance" at a summer Sunday evening service in one of our Brethren churches. She inquired as to what the special occasion might be. When informed by the pastor that it was only one of his regular

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# "A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER"



By Alva J. McClain, President

Our friends who have visited the campus of Grace Seminary recently know that the building is now completely surrounded with a wide and massive concrete sidewalk, costing about \$2,500, and paid for by the gifts of the National Women's Missionary Council. Furthermore, the area between the ring of sidewalk and the building is now green with a nice lawn. But since the building is set back from the street about 500 feet, we had an area of between 2 and 3 acres to sow to complete the lawn in front. Because of the high cost of seed we did not feel able to sow this area, but two good friends of the seminary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Hoffman, of Dayton, Ohio, made a very generous gift for this purpose. Five hundred pounds of seed were purchased, and we were ready to plant—except for one more problem! The lawn on Seminary Hill was formed by glacial morain, and in preparing the soil for seeding hundreds of stones were brought to the surface. Perhaps "thousands" would be more accurate!

In this emergency, it occurred to us that perhaps we might get some help from the students. And of course

the president was chosen to deliver the exhortation. Feeling that a Biblical text might be useful, I read from the Book of Ecclesiastes the following words: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . . a time to plant . . . a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together" (3: 1-5). Then, knowing that the freshman class in the college was in process of being initiated, I asked the other students whether they thought it might be a good idea to have the freshmen go out and pick up stones, to which I got an enthusiastic response. Then I asked the freshmen whether they didn't think it would be a still better idea to get *all* the other students to help, and to this suggestion the response was terrific. Then I asked all the students whether they didn't feel that the faculty should get their coats off too. The vote was unanimous!

As a result of all this cooperation the stones have disappeared and we are ready to float the ground and sow the seed. Then all we shall need is the proper amount of rain. The Lord "watereth the hills from his chambers. . . . He causeth the grass to grow" (Psa. 104:13-14).

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR A GOOD PASTOR

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

What kind of a man should a good pastor be? In an issue of the Bulletin of Fuller Theological Seminary, President Harold J. Ockenga has presented the following requirements for a good pastor in a metropolitan area. He says that for a rural pastor these qualifications would be somewhat different, but surely there would be many similarities. We present his suggestions, thinking that they will be of value. He names seven requirements.

1. **SPIRITUAL LIFE.** He should know the basic truths of our Christian faith in experience. He cannot lead his people to a higher realm than he has reached himself in this matter.

2. **PREACHING ABILITY.** The pastor must be a preacher able to present the Word of God in an attractive manner. He must be able to make the Word live for our day. In order to do this he needs to possess eloquence, sincerity, simplicity, intelligence, fearlessness, and passion.

3. **MISSIONARY ZEAL.** He must be a man of missionary statesmanship, vision, and passion.

4. **EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS.** He must be an evangelist. Dr. Ockenga calls attention to the fact that liberals can build a ministry by being brilliant and scintillating or by emphasizing psychiatry as a substitute for the Gospel, but an evangelical who is not an evangelist will have a pulpit die on his hands.

5. **EXECUTIVE ABILITY.** He should not handle all the details of the business affairs of the congregation. Others should do this. But he must be the ultimate, strategic director.

6. **EDUCATION.** The pastor should have a good education. A good education will enable him to cope with the various aberrations which are bound to appear in his ministry.

7. **EXPERIENCE.** Dr. Ockenga feels that a city church needs a minister who has had a ripe experience. He thinks such churches should consider men up to the age of 55 in order to command the maturest and ripest service of a life.



# GREETING THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

## MEET THE DEAN OF MEN—

What would you think if you woke up some morning and found your family responsibilities increased by 25 or more boys? Would you cry for mercy, turn and flee, or praise the Lord? It sounds like a staggering surprise, and I can assure you that it was such a surprise to me when I found I was appointed to be the dean of men of Grace College. When I attended school, the position of dean of men was the one which I least envied, but suddenly that is what I found myself being called. I am happy to state that the first few weeks have been mostly enjoyable and invigorating to me, in spite of my anxious forebodings.

My first inspection of the dormitories to be used was a pleasant surprise. The living quarters for this year are modern, pleasant, and sufficiently spacious to make living very comfortable, even to the convenience of a private bath for every room of boys. The dining hall is close to the rooms. It also is a fine place for them to gather for their soft drinks and chatter after a hard grind of studies. They are just far enough from the school to supply a nice healthful walk each day for the unattached, and a romantic stroll for those whose interests have broadened to reach beyond the study of books.

The boys were all cooperative in the moving-in, and we had a good time in spite of some of the backaches that were received in lifting the heavy furniture. I am not sure they were too happy about the cleaning-up



George Cone, Jr.

process afterward, but what boy have you ever seen who liked to mop floors and dust furniture?

One of the most pleasant things about the coming of these younger boys to our campus is the enthusiasm which they have brought into the school. The testimony meetings resound with the voices of these college students who are filled with a zeal for the Lord, and have come to get some knowledge of the Word in order to balance that zeal. It has caused me to think back to the days when I was first in college, and the vision which started me on my way into Christian service. It is a good thing for us to remember the vision which the Lord gave us of the fields which were white unto harvest, and I believe the enthusiasm of our college boys is taking us back to that vision again. The coming of the college to our campus has been a real blessing from the hand of the Lord.—George Cone, Jr.

## ... AND THE DEAN OF WOMEN—

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

I shall never cease to praise my heavenly Father for leading me to Grace Theological Seminary. I feel that I have been experiencing the depth of some of the riches of God since I came to the seminary this fall. As I look back over my life I can say from my heart that surely God's ways are



Evelyn Schumacher

## MUSTACHES AND CONES

Many who attended our national conference sessions last August will recall being startled just a bit by the new and somewhat dense growth upon the upper lips of father and son, George Cone, Sr., and George Cone, Jr. The elder Cone is custodian at the seminary, and George Jr., is instructor in science and physical education. Some of us were to learn that there was a story behind the mustaches.

It seems that when the two Cones visited some more Cones at a family reunion in Kansas last May, an older brother insisted that neither of the Georges was "man enough" to raise a mustache. Now a challenge like this never goes untaken by a Cone, so both father and son made good use of the summer growing season, and at the summer's end they proudly displayed luxuriant fields ready for harvest.

Shortly after the beginning of school the senior Cone appeared on the campus one day with his upper lip neatly and completely reaped. But for some reason, unknown at the time, the junior Cone continued to nurture his mustache. A bit of careful inquiry revealed that the young professor had solemnly vowed to leave the undergrowth until the arrival of his first child.



George, Jr., and George, Sr.

Should it be a boy the mustache was to come off, and should it be a girl it was to remain on.

The suspense was ended on the morning of October 14, when George Junior appeared for his classes, somewhat sleepy-eyed, but with his upper lip absolutely naked. The new Cone is Kimberly Joe, and he weighed six pounds, eleven ounces at birth. Since that time the school has been offering its congratulations to the proud parents and the equally proud grandparents, who rejoice that an heir has arrived who will be able to carry on the family tradition.—P. R. B.



past finding out! I marvel at the way God has led in my life.

When the Lord laid the burden on my heart for the foreign mission field in French Equatorial Africa, I realized that I would need further training beyond the Christian college education which I received at Bob Jones University. Miss Myers, one of our pioneer missionaries to Africa, was the one whom God used to lay a greater burden on my heart for the natives of Africa. She also suggested that I go to Grace Seminary. God not only has given me the privilege of being a student but also a real opportunity to serve as dean of women at Grace, which position I held in a western school last year. We have a fine group of girls and it is a real joy to work with them.

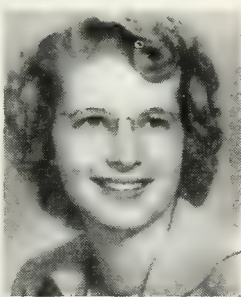
Since my arrival on this campus I have been impressed most of all by the spiritual atmosphere of the entire school. I am convinced more than ever that this is God's school and that the leaders are men who are filled with the Holy Spirit. It has been an inspiration to me to sit in the classes here and listen to professors who are men of God's choosing and who are well qualified to teach their subject matter.

The Brethren Church has a great treasure in this school of learning. I am thankful that God has permitted me to be even a small part of it. Again I say, His ways are past finding out!—*Evelyn Schumacher.*

## WOMEN'S DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION—

The first month of school at Grace College has been a time of real blessing and learning. After having spent several years in a secular college, I especially enjoy this happy, joyful Christian atmosphere that is so prevalent, whether in the classroom, chapel, library, or in other group activities.

I am indeed thankful for the opportunity of instructing the collegiate women in their physical education. For this year we have planned activities which will help us in a phys-



Edisene Whitcomb

ical sense as well as helping us in future work among children and young people's groups. At present we are participating in group or team sports, which will be followed by a unit in individual sports and a unit in recreational leadership. Our prayer is that whatsoever we do in word or deed that all will be for His glory.—*Edisene (Mrs. John) Whitcomb.*

## ASSISTANT OFFICE SECRETARY—

I am one of many wives who work to help put their husband through school. You might say we are working for our P.H.T. degree (putting husband through). I do not begrudge it one bit, but am glad I can help in some small way in the preparation for the work to which God has called us.

My husband is a middler at Grace Seminary and I work in the seminary office. I can truly say I enjoy my work and especially the environment among Christian colaborers. My work consists of many different jobs, one of which is to record and make receipts for every gift that comes in for the seminary. Believe it or not, that in itself is quite a job. I think the monthly seminary plan is a fine idea, and I can truthfully say every gift, large and small, is greatly appreciated. I just pray the Lord will continue to lay it upon the hearts of Christians to give generously to a school which is founded upon the Word of God and from which men and women are being sent into the fields that are white unto harvest.—*Ella (Mrs. William) Male.*



Ella Male

## EDITORIALS

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Sunday evening services and that he did not consider the crowd exceptionally good, this lady then told him that she belonged to a million-dollar church in the city of Pasadena. On the previous Sunday morning she said that there had been about 1,500 people present in her church, but only 25 people attended the evening service, so the board decided to close this million-dollar church on Sunday evenings for the remainder of the summer.

No more than some church buildings are used these days, even with the heralded increases in membership, the investment in dollars is not worth while, even from a worldly standpoint. With our increased membership, with so many people who appear to feel as if they are doing God a favor when they attend church once a Sunday, and with so many pastors preaching a watered-down milk-and-water gospel that is no gospel at all, Dr. Landis and his crowd would do well to consider Christ's own characterization of the church as it will exist at the close of this age. To the Laodicean church it was written: "I know thy works, that thou are neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. . . . Thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. . . . He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 3:15-17, 22).

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# THE PROPHECY OF NOAH'S SONS

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

The ninth chapter of the Book of Genesis contains one of the most interesting and, at the same time, one of the most misunderstood prophecies in the entire Bible. This prophecy, spoken by the Spirit of God through the lips of Noah, followed upon Noah's discovery of the wicked deed which his son Ham and his grandson Canaan had committed. The prophecy reads as follows (ASV):

"Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. . . . Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant."

## *The Cursing of Canaan*

Canaan was the third being in Scripture to receive the curse of God. The first was the *serpent* (Gen. 3:14); the second was *Cain* (Gen. 4:11); and the third, as we shall see, was *Canaan*. The fact that Canaan received the curse rather than his father, Ham, indicates that Canaan must have had an important part in the dastardly act described in verse 22. But more than this, it indicates that the purpose of God's curse was not only to punish Canaan, but also to shape the entire history of Canaan's descendants and to give a prophecy of that history. When we turn to Genesis 10:2 we discover that in addition to Canaan, Ham had three other sons: Cush, Put, and Mizraim (Egypt). God did not intend that *all* of Ham's descendants should partake of servanthood, but only the descendants of Canaan. Therefore, the Negro race (which did not descend from Canaan, but from one or more of Canaan's three brothers) is not subject to this curse, as many southern preachers in Civil War days mistakenly believed.

Now who were Canaan's descendants, and how does this prophetic curse work itself out in their history? A study of Genesis 10:15-17 reveals that the Canaanite tribes, consisting primarily of the Sidonians (Phoenicians), the Hittites (Heth), the Jebusites (who occupied the future site of Jerusalem), and the Amorites were the very peoples whom God turned over to the Israelites for conquest and extermination when "the iniquity of the Amorites" had filled its allotted measure (Gen. 15:16-21). In that sense, Canaan finally became the servant of Shem as predicted in 9:26 (ASV): "And let Canaan be his [Shem's] servant." Furthermore, the Phoenicians (who were descendants of Canaan through Sidon), were ultimately overcome by the Japhetic Greeks and Romans, especially when the Romans destroyed Carthage, an important Phoenician colony in North Africa. Through these events, the last phrase of 9:27 (ASV) was fulfilled: "And let Canaan be his [Japheth's] servant."

Before we turn our attention from Canaan to Shem and Japheth, let us be perfectly clear in our minds and hearts that this cursing of Canaan's descendants had nothing to do with personal salvation! Rahab was a Canaanite, but experienced salvation through faith in Jehovah (Heb. 11:31). In the New Testament our Lord commended the faith of a Canaanitish woman in the region of Tyre and Sidon (Matt. 15:22-28). On the other hand, our Lord said to some of the "cream" of Shem's descendants: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how

can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matt. 23:33). Therefore, we see that Noah's prophecy does not decide anyone's eternal destiny, but merely marks out the main characteristics of humanity's three branches.

## *The Blessing of Shem*

Notice first of all that it is *Jehovah*, not Shem, who is directly spoken of here. But since Jehovah is specified as the "God of Shem," we see that Shem's blessings are spiritual in nature. That is, Shem's descendants are to be blessed only to the extent that they recognize and receive Jehovah as their God. The prophecy clearly shows, then, that it was to be through Shem, not Ham or Japheth, that the promised seed of the woman was to come, who would finally bruise the serpent's head.

## *The Blessing of Japheth*

The very name "Japheth" means "to be wide." Thus the prophecy fits his name ("enlarge" and "Japheth" come from the same root word), even as Canaan's prophecy fits his name (which means "to stoop" or "to submit"). Therefore, Japheth's descendants would be characterized by the large area of the world which they would inhabit. A study of Genesis 10:2-5 indicates that Japhetic peoples spread into Europe, and probably also into India, China, and the Western Hemisphere. The name "Jehovah" does not appear in this 27th verse, but rather the name "God," or "Elohim." This suggests that Japheth's blessings would be primarily earthly rather than spiritual. Whatever spiritual blessings they would enjoy would come indirectly, through dwelling "in the tents of Shem." When the Japhetic Romans conquered Palestine, and in that sense came to "dwell in the tents of Shem," they learned of "Jehovah, the God of Shem" (ASV) and thus received from these "tents" far more than material blessings.

How utterly amazing are the truths of God's infallible Word! A few verses of Scripture, such as these, can contain within them far more than volumes can tell. The same God who somehow makes the mighty oak from an acorn to grow, has planted within His living Word the tiny seeds of prophecy whose branches reach upward to heaven.

On the morning of October 14, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goossen welcomed the arrival of their first child, Dwight Paul, who weighed eight pounds, two ounces. We of the seminary family heartily congratulate them on their new addition.



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## PART II

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOCTRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Many scholars, including Schaff ("The Creeds of Christendom," Vol. I, p. 117), think that Irenaeus, in the second century, planted the seeds of the doctrine of Immaculate Conception. This is based on the fact that Irenaeus suggested that whereas Eve was not free from sin Mary was. Irenaeus points this out in his "Against Heresies," book III, chapter 22, and book V, chapter 19, paragraph 1. However, a foreshadowing of Mary worship, culminating in the idea of the Immaculate Conception, was rebuked by Christ (see Luke 11:27-28).

Not until around the fifth century, though, did the idea that Mary was immune from sin, or the stain of original sin, gain headway. Thomas Aquinas, great Catholic theologian, disapproved of the doctrine. But the Scotch Catholic church of the Middle Ages strongly prevailed in extending the idea through the rank and file of the Roman Catholic community. The doctrine was not defined by the Council of Trent (16th century), but suggested it by declaring that the Council of Trent statements on original sin did not apply to Mary.

The first definite step to make the doctrine of Immaculate Conception official was taken when Pope Pius IX's encyclical of February 2, 1849, invited bishops to express an opinion on whether the Apostolic See should define Immaculate Conception. Pope Pius IX said: "You know full well, venerable brethren, that the whole ground of our confidence is placed in the most holy Virgin. . . . God has vested in her the plenitude of all good, so that henceforth, if there be in us any hope, if there be any grace, if there be any salvation, we must receive it solely from her, according to the will of him who would have us possess all through Mary." (The doctrine of an impotent Christ!)

More than 600 bishops responded. Four were unfavorable and 52 thought the proposed dogmatic definition inopportune. Archbishop Sibour, of Paris, thought the proposed definition unnecessary because it could not be proved by Scriptures or tradition!

At St. Peter's, Rome, December 8, 1854, the papal bull which defined the doctrine of Immaculate Conception was read, following mass. "The shouts of the assembled multitude, the cannons of St. Angelo, the chime of all the bells, the illumination of St. Peter's dome, the splendor of gorgeous feasts, responded to the decree. Rome was intoxicated with idolatrous enthusiasm, and the whole Roman Catholic world thrilled with joy over the crowning glory of the immaculate queen of heaven."

### THE DANGERS OF THE DOCTRINE

1. *It is not according to Scripture.* The Catholic interpretation of Genesis 3:15b, as used to bolster the doctrine of Immaculate Conception, is not based on the Hebrew nor the Septuagint (which is more highly regarded by many Catholic authorities than the Hebrew or Vulgate). The Vulgate rendering of Genesis 3:15b was a deliberate translation made by Jerome to give added impetus to Mary worship.

The Catholic view of Song of Solomon 4:7 and 12 is perversion.

The Catholic teaching on Luke 1:28—that the words

"highly favoured" should read "full of grace"—is incorrect exegesis of the Greek. The word translated, in English, "highly favoured" (King James Version) is in Greek the word *kecharitoomenee*, a perfect participle of the verb which basically means "to be honored with favor" or "made acceptable." "Made acceptable" is the way the King James Version translates the same verb (used of Mary in Luke 1:28) in Ephesians 1:6!

Luke 1:28 does not teach that Mary was without stain of sin. This is further shown to be the case in Luke 1:47. For if Mary were immune, and/or free, from the stain of sin she would need no Saviour, and in Luke 1:47 Mary calls God her Saviour! Mary realized her need of deliverance of sin and her spirit rejoiced in God because He saved her—rescued her—from her sins and their stain.

The perfect participle in Luke 1:28, mentioned above, points out that the moment God chose Mary to give birth to Christ God favored Mary. The abiding effect of that decision would result in Mary becoming an acceptable instrument for the fulfilling of God's redemptive plan.

Use of an apocryphal book, not in the Hebrew Bible, as support for the doctrine of Immaculate Conception, is flimsy support. But to use a general text, applicable to no specific person, to apply to Mary is willful, wrong wresting of a text.

2. *The doctrine of Immaculate Conception encourages misuse of plain Bible teachings.* The doctrine, as explained in the encyclical circulated among bishops by Pope Pius IX preceding the formal 1854 declaration of the doctrine of Immaculate Conception suggests that Mary was immune from sin. If this were true, and if Mary were equal with Christ (with regard to sin, as the Catholics instruct), then Mary would not have to be gathered with those stained with original sin to pray to God (see Acts 1:13-14). But Mary did pray and ask Christ for guidance like the rest. Jesus was Mary's Saviour as much as any other person's.

3. *The doctrine of Immaculate Conception is simply to make Mary an idol.* It was a wonderful illustration of God's love and grace that he should select a lowly Jewish maiden such as Mary to be a divinely selected vessel for bringing Christ, the Saviour of men, into the world. But Christ Himself never intended that Mary should be given worship—certainly it was not God's plan that Mary should be more honored than the Son of God nor be made the queen of heaven, an idolatrous goddess.

Luke 11:27 shows that a woman tried to give Mary elaborate and unwarranted praise and also tried to sow the seeds of Mary-worship. Look at Jesus' answer (Luke 11:28): "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." Not worship of Mary, not the doctrine of Immaculate Conception make God's own people blessed. Rather hearing God's Word (not papal encyclicals and bulls) and keeping God's Word by being doers of the Word is what every born-again believer is to do.

Let's keep God's Word by not referring to 1954 as the Year of Mary. For 1954, as the years before and after, is still Anno Domini (year of the Lord)—not Anno Mari-ano!

# Introducing Additions

## REDDING, IOWA—

I can truly see the marvelous working of the Lord in my life even before I became a Christian. I am thankful that the Lord has seen fit to save me from a world of sin. I had never really thought very much about college and never expected to go to college myself. But after graduating from high school I did not seem to be satisfied with the work I was doing. Then in September of last year I had the opportunity to come to Winona Lake with a girl from my home town who was entering seminary that fall. I lived and worked in Winona Lake last winter and became acquainted with several of the students. I enjoyed the fellowship of the school and also the church here. Spending the summer here was truly a great blessing to me also. I felt that the Lord had led me to Winona Lake for a purpose, and, after much prayer, I decided that it was His will for me to enroll in Grace College. I am certainly enjoying the fellowship of the Christian students and the many blessings that the Lord has for each of us here at such a wonderful school. I am truly depending on the verse which I have chosen for my life, Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."—*Helen Olney.*

## COMMODORE, PA.—

Proverbs 3:6—"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path." I can truly say without a doubt that the Lord has directed my paths. I am thankful to Him for leading me to Grace College, where the Word of God is being taught along with secular subjects. A Christian education is needed very much today in order that the work of the Lord be done properly and efficiently. Christian young people should take advantage of the opportunities given at Grace College and then put them to received into use for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the "last days" before Christ is coming very soon; let us work for the Lord as never before.—*Dorothea (M. Larry) Lawlor.*

## ASHLAND, OHIO—

When I was just a child I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I can truly thank God for my Christian home, for there are so many children who do not have the benefit of such a background. I had been planning to engage in the ordinary duties of a housewife, but due to the death of my husband in Korea, I found it necessary to alter my life plans. In the providence of God this change has brought me to Grace, and while my plans for the future as to a field of service are uncertain, I know the Lord will lead in each step of the way. Recently Proverbs 3:5-6 have become increasingly precious to me: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."—*Carol Becker.*

## AKRON, OHIO—

During the district conference at Portland, Oreg., Dr. McClain gave an inspiring message on grace. In his message he announced the new four-year college opening this year. I had planned to go to another Christian school, so I made up my mind not to listen, but did so in spite of my resolution. It seemed that he was speaking straight to me, so I had to listen. The Lord spoke to me in that meeting, and it was there that I made my decision to come to Grace.

Then, after the time came nearer, I didn't know if I wanted to go to school or not. I prayed about it, and the peace He gave me after I submitted myself unto Him was just marvelous. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you," has become very real to me since I entered Grace College. I thank Him for leading me to Grace.—*Janet Etling.*



# Students of Grace College

## ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—

Having been called of the Lord, I was faced with the decision of fulfilling the command of Christ. He said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." After much prayer, I am sure that it was the Lord's will that directed my footsteps to the halls of Grace Seminary to prepare myself both spiritually and academically to tell others of our one Saviour and His atoning blood which leads to salvation.

Grace Seminary completely fulfills both spiritually and academically the requirements I deem necessary for my preparation for God's ministry. I praise and thank the Lord continually for giving me the strength and faith to rely on Him to strengthen my faith to have Him work out in me what He would have me be. My one prayer is that I will always allow myself to be led of the Spirit and thus glorify the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.—*William H. Albany, Jr.*

## RITTMAN, OHIO—

The first two years of my college life were spent in a denominational school which is no longer true to the faith. You can understand, therefore, why I am really praising the Lord for making it possible for me to attend a genuinely Christian college. The presence of the Lord is constantly felt here at Grace, and we are conscious of His working and leading at all times. I came to Grace because I felt the Lord was leading me, and I can now say that for the first time in my life I have a goal—Christ's service. It's truly a wonderful feeling.—*Walter Blackwell.*

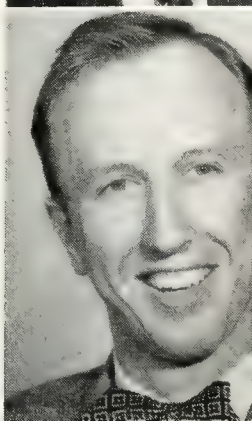
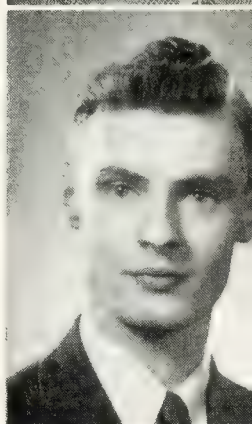
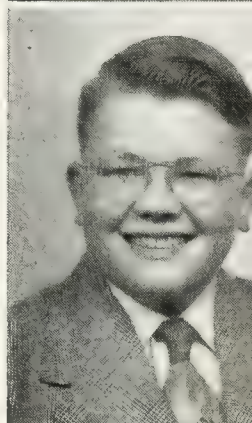
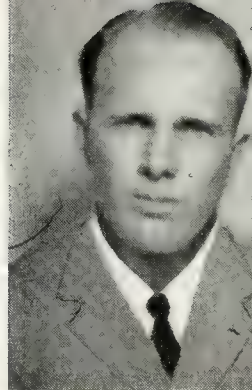
## JEROMESVILLE, OHIO—

From the time I met Jesus I felt the hand of God on my life, and realized that He would have me give my all for His service. I started searching for His will, and a school which taught the whole plan of God.

I applied at several schools and was accepted at one of them, but still I wasn't sure I was in God's will. So I still searched. Bro. Jack Mellick, a former student of Grace, advised me to go to Grace, and wanted me to look it over. While attending the Winona Bible Conference for Jewish Evangelism, I decided to tour Grace and look into its possibilities. To my surprise, the school appeared to be a different place than I had expected. It put forth a zealous attitude and way of life which I didn't think existed at Grace. I prayed about the matter and asked God to show His will. The missing parts of the school puzzle then seemed to fit together when I decided to enroll in Grace.—*Paul Newmeyer.*

## KOKOMO, IND.

I realized that the decision as to which college to attend was too great for me. With three sound Christian schools in mind, I went to the Lord in prayer. The Lord opened the way to Grace College and closed the way to the three I had in mind. The month that I've been at Grace has been a busy and joyful one. The greatest blessing to me has been the emphasis on a balanced Christian life.—*Jesse E. Roberts.*



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One of the fine features of a school with the Christian atmosphere of Grace College and Seminary is the opportunity given for a well-balanced social life. On Saturday evening, October 24, the students gathered at the county fairgrounds for a Halloween party. The accompanying picture was taken at a similar gathering last year and is shown here inasmuch as there was not sufficient time to secure a photo of this year's party before the magazine went to press.





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**Dayton, Ohio.** Rev. Charles Gantt has resigned his work at the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, and was installed as pastor of the Bethany Brethren Church on Sept. 20.

**Elyria, Ohio.** Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, who recently resigned as the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, Va., has accepted the call from the new Brethren church here, and will assume his responsibilities the last of December.

**Dayton, Tenn.** Bryan University began its 24th year with 279 students enrolled.

**South Gate, Calif.** A systematic Evangelical Teacher Training course is being offered for all teachers and prospective teachers. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

**Ankenytown, Ohio.** The Northern Ohio District Sisterhood of Mary and Martha met here on Oct. 10.

**West Point, N. Y.** At an impressive ceremony held in the massive flag-draped Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy, the American Tract Society made its 84th annual presentation of approximately 575 specially bound Bibles to the incoming cadets on Sept. 27.

**Clayton, Ohio.** Dr. Alva J. McClain, former pastor of the First Brethren Church, was homecoming speaker Oct. 11. Clair Brickel is pastor.

**Washington, D. C.** President Dwight D. Eisenhower has expressed the desire that there be fewer cocktail parties around our Nation's Capital, and especially on the part of cabinet officers and associates.

**Covington, Va.** The Southeast District rally of the Women's Missionary Council was held here on Sept. 24. Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary now returned to Africa, was the speaker.

**Harrisburg, Pa.** The Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches Wom-

en's Missionary Council met at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church on Sept. 24.

**Washington, D. C.** The Atlantic District youth rally will be held here on the week end of Nov. 27-28. James Dixon is pastor.

**Chico, Calif.** Phil Shuler, son of Rev. "Bob" Shuler, and brother of Evangelist Jack Shuler, preached here on Sept. 27.

**Elkhart, Ind.** The new Grace Brethren Church had 104 present for Bible school and 96 for the morning worship on Oct. 4.

**Washington, D. C.** "Tensions Within the Soviet Union" is a booklet that has been prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by the U. S. Library of Congress. The report reveals documentary evidence of unrest within Russia, as intergroup struggles continue. However, Communist strategy has not changed under the new Kremlin dictatorship and Malenkov refuses to make any major concessions to the West.



**Beaumont, Calif.** A beautiful new Knabe Spinnet piano was presented to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church by two families who are friends of the church.

**Spokane, Wash.** The Northwest District Women's Missionary Council met at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 23.

**Meyersdale, Pa.** Bro. Jesse Deloe, Herald linotypist, preached at the church here and at Summit Mills on Sunday, October 18—Laymen's Day.

**Norwalk, Calif.** The new address of what has been known as the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, will become known as the Norwalk Brethren Church as of Nov. 1. The Norwalk Brethren Church is located at Studebaker Rd. and Foster Rd., Norwalk, Calif. Rev. Henry Rempel is pastor, and his new address is 10906 Belcher St., Norwalk, Calif. Please change your annual.

**Cumberland, Md.** Rev. Roy Glass is working here under the district mission board of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches, in the estab-

lishment of a Brethren testimony. His Address is R. R. 5, Pinto Lane, Cumberland, Md.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** The new address of Miss Isobel Fraser is 8112 1/4 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

**La Verne, Calif.** The California District WMC rally was held at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 27. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

**Ft. Lewis, Wash.** The address of Chaplain Wayne S. Flory is Hq. 129th Inf. Reg. 44th Inf. Div.

**Long Beach, Calif.** The address of Rev. Arthur Carey is 1825 Lime Ave., Long Beach 6, Calif.

**Washington, D. C.** The First Brethren Church, pastored by James Dixon, has planned for the building of the second Sunday-school annex.

**New Orleans, La.** George E. Jeffcoat, former Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves pitcher, has entered New Orleans Theological Seminary, a Southern Baptist school, to prepare for the ministry.

**Stockholm, Sweden.** The Swedish Pentecostal Church has announced the purchase of two "Gospel Ships" on which they are installing strong transmitters to broadcast the Gospel in most languages of eastern and western Europe, including Russian. Transmission will be from the Baltic Sea.

**Fremont, Ohio.** Rev. Lester Pifer, new assistant field secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council, was given a surprise farewell by the members and friends of the Grace Brethren Church. Following the evangelistic service on Friday, Oct. 16, the congregation gathered in the basement of the church for refreshments, after which a service was conducted in the main auditorium. For seven years of faithful ministry, Rev. and Mrs. Pifer were presented a crisp \$100 bill, and on Tuesday, Oct. 20, Mrs. Pifer was given a personal shower by the ladies of the church.

**Israeli.** Sixty thousand Yemenite Jews from Arabia have recently migrated to the land of Israel. These Jews affirm to be descendants of the Israelites who accompanied the Queen of Sheba on her return from her visit to King Solomon (compare Jer. 16:15-16).

**Washington, D. C.** An increase of 185% in chapel attendance was reported at Camp Stewart, Ga. Sunday-school attendance for August was 261% better than July, and July was 220% above June.



## We Hear on Good Authority That . . .

## National Fellowship

OF

## Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

At the September meeting, the men at *Findlay, Ohio*, heard reports from those who attended National Fellowship. Bro. Jason Thomas reports God's blessing on the work there and tells us they hope to be in their new building by the first of December. . . . Rev. Arthur J. Mouw spoke at the Brotherhood meeting Sept. 15 at *Whittier (First), Calif.* He told of pioneer missionary work among the "head-hunters" of Borneo. . . . Bro. Arthur Collins sends us news of the Men's Fellowship meeting of the Sunnymede church in *South Bend, Ind.*, Sept. 15. Prof. John Rea, of Grace Seminary, showed pictures of his work with the archeological expedition in Palestine under the leadership of Dr. Free of Wheaton College. David Welborn is president

of the laymen. . . . Laymen of the Atlantic District met Oct. 3 at *Hagerstown, Md.* . . . Bro. Frank Coffin, president of the group at *Uniontown, Pa.*, sends news of the reorganization of the laymen's group and at their first meeting they had 18 present. One of their main projects is to work with the Sky Pilots, and at a joint meeting with them, there were 27 boys present. Tract distribution is also to be stressed. . . . At the September meeting of the men at *Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa.*, Billy Yoder was elected president; Walter Fike and Jack Yoder, vice presidents; H. Nicholson, secretary-treasurer; Carl Grew, assistant secretary-treasurer; James Morrison, pianist. On Oct. 17, a covered-dish dinner was held at which Jesse B. Deloe of *Winona Lake, Ind.*, was speaker. . . . Bro. Carl Uphouse, secretary of the *East Fellowship* laymen, reports that men from five of the churches in the *Johnstown* area met in the *Riverside* church October 5 in a rally featuring the *Lepp-Bergerson-Coffin* Crusade Team. The offering was designated for the Board of Evangelism. October 19 was the next date for the district rally at *Leamersville*. . . . *Canton, Ohio*, officers are Bob Meiser, president; Clyde Davenport, vice president; Tom Robinson, secretary; George Owens, treasurer. . . . *Conemaugh, Pa.*, laymen are planning big and great things for their church and the winning of lost men is the report we get from their September meeting. . . . Bro. Owen Hacker tells us that the men of the *First* church, *Dayton, Ohio*, invited the *First Team* of the *Evangelistic Crusade*, Rev. R. Paul Miller and Bro. Max Williams, to hold a rally of the men of the *Miami Valley*, Oct. 1. We are anxious to hear a report on this. The *Dayton* laymen have again agreed to contribute 10 percent of the national budget, \$475, in 1953-54; \$125 of this amount has already been received. . . . Men at *Pond Bank, Pa.*, near *Chambersburg*, had a time of fellowship on Sept. 20. Pastor William Wiles gave them the opportunity to take charge of the morning worship service. Bro. Frank Cordell, *Pond Bank*, read the Scripture; Bro. Paul Baker, from the *York Gospel Center*, led in prayer; Bro. Frank Cordell received the morning offering; and John W. Ritchey had charge of the services and brought the message on "Personal Evangelism." . . . From Secretary R. E. Neil, of the group at *Leamersville*, comes the following note of interest: "The Men's Brotherhood of the *Leamersville Brethren Church* have a sign committee in action and have a creditable report to make. Two sets of signs (of the *Burma-Shave* type) have been placed in prominent places along Highway 220, which runs north and south through many east-

### TESTIMONY OF BILLY F. YODER

In regards to my promise to write a testimony and a notation of my work: I am an electrical serviceman working for a farmers' cooperative. I am 34 years old, have a good Christian wife and three children, two girls and a boy.

I have been a trustee in our church at *Summit Mills* and a Sunday-school teacher, but I never realized the joy I could have until I met with the laymen's group at National Conference. Since then I have had some real Christian experience.

We have organized a laymen's fellowship in our church here and at *Meyersdale*, combining the two groups. The men elected me as president for the coming year. I have hopes of a very profitable year for the Lord, with His help, for I feel entirely inadequate for the job without His help.

So with your prayers to strengthen me I leave you with this quotation: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

In His name,

Billy F. Yoder.

### FROM OUR TREASURER

This is the treasurer's report from Aug. 1 to Sept. 30, with our projects.

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000) . . .	\$219.50
Student Aid (\$1,000) . . . . .	5.00
Brethren Boys Clubs (\$250) . . . . .	3.00
General Expense Fund (\$500) . . . . .	134.69

I will try to send a report the first of each month. I do think the laymen will support these projects this year.

Thank the Lord that I can make this report.

Yours in His service,

Walter Hoyt.

ern States. These signs read as follows: 'LIFE IS SHORT—DEATH IS SURE—SIN THE CAUSE—CHRIST THE CURE' and 'DO NOT WORRY—FRET AND CARE—JESUS WILL—YOUR BURDENS BEAR.' A third set of signs are ready to be placed, and they read: 'DEATH AHEAD—FOR EVERYONE—GET PREPARED—ACCEPT GOD'S SON.' Work has been started on large single signs which we trust will glorify our Lord. It is our prayer that these testimonies might be instrumental in leading lost souls to the saving knowledge of our loving Lord and Saviour." . . . This is late news, but the reason Secretary "Bill" Fisher wasn't at National Fellowship was because Stephen Wray arrived Aug. 19 and Papa just couldn't get away from their home in *Roanoke, Va.* . . . The Men's Fellowship at *Winchester, Va.*, at their September meeting elected Earl Hildebrand, president; J. G. Rogers, vice president; Gilbert Grimm, secretary-treasurer. The attendance of 18 men was the highest ever to attend a regular meeting. . . . "Ladies' night" was held Oct. 13 by the men at *Whittier, Calif.*, *First* church. "The Prior Claim," a Moody Institute of Science film, was shown.

Thanks, laymen, for your wonderful response to the appeal made for news for this page. Keep up the good work!—J. B. D.

# Operation Sunday School

Several days ago a yellow folder came to my desk, the outside cover of which had written across it the words, "OPERATION SUNDAY SCHOOL!"

Of course I was interested, for I did not know just what kind of an operation the Sunday school needed. I had not even heard that the Sunday school was ill. Quickly I opened the folder and was happily surprised to see that this was the announcement of the National Sunday School Convention to be held in Minneapolis October 13-18. Operation Sunday School was not a needed surgical operation, but rather the announcement of a Sunday-school offensive.

Why should the Sunday school open an offensive?

Why should the Brethren Church be interested in a Sunday-school offensive?

The first answer to that question comes to us from the command of the Lord Jesus Himself, who said, "Go ye into all the world." In the story He told of the great supper, He said, "Go out . . . and compel them to come in." Soldiers in the military forces of our nation never question a command. Even though it may mean hardship and sacrifice they are taught to obey. Dare we who are the soldiers of Jesus Christ do less than the soldiers of our nation? Jesus has commanded us to "go and compel." Let us obey.

A second reason is found in the fact that we have the equipment. The Brethren Church has long held as its motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." It has stood the test of the years. It has withstood every attack of the enemy. But remember, the Bible is the "sword of the Christian." A soldier does not defend his equipment. He uses it! He wields it to win the victory over the enemy. The time has come in the Brethren Church when we need to begin to wield the "sword of the Christian" in a real offensive campaign.

The Sunday school can be the greatest force for the church and for Christ as members of the Sunday schools across the nation go out with their "sword" (Bible) in hand to visit homes in every community, inviting men to come to know Christ,

and to fellowship with the brethren in the church.

Will you join hands with other Brethren Sunday schools as we face the future in a real "Operation Sunday School"?

## TEACHER TIPS

One of the finest ways we know for Sunday schools to grow and for Sunday-school scholars to grow is in "teacher preparation."

Here are four hints for preparing to teach in your Sunday-school class.

1. Prepare yourself thoroughly, not only by study, but by meditation and prayer. Think of the lesson in terms of the pupils you are to teach. Remember our task is of God and it is important enough to demand a thorough preparation every week.

2. Determine your own particular aim for every lesson you teach. This means the selection of a main thought or idea in every lesson that is essential to your own class needs. Having made the selection of that idea, prepare to use the lesson to drive home that thought or idea.

3. Prepare the pupils for the lesson before you begin to teach it. This can be done between Sundays as you visit your pupils in the home, meet them on the street, or in the business places of your community. Then, of course, you will always be on hand to greet them as they come into the church on Sunday morning.

4. Prepare your pupils by saying a word about next week's lesson before they go home today. This will awaken within them a desire to study next week's lesson and be prepared to hear it taught when they come on Sunday morning.

## FROM ACROSS THE NATION

From Clearbrook, Va., comes word of a recent contest within the church in which two huge clocks became the method of keeping score. The contest aroused so much interest that on the closing Sunday 200 people jammed their way into the church.



Every Sunday saw an increase over the preceding Sunday. Congratulations, Clearbrook, for this fine report.

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Clayhole, Ky., Sunday School has again entered the Christian Life and Times Sunday School Contest and is using "Flying Saucers" to interest the people of the community in attending their Sunday services. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? A plane flew over the community dropping paper saucers on which were printed the invitation to come to Sunday school. We trust Clayhole may again make the headlines in their latest venture in Sunday school.

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Fort Wayne, Ind., has likewise entered the contest and is using a "jet-plane" trip around the world, with stops at all our home- and foreign-mission points as an opportunity to not only arouse the Sunday-school enthusiasm but likewise to give missionary information to every Sunday-school pupil. No wonder this church recently was able to tell us about their fine missionary giving through the pages of our Herald.

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Sterling, Ohio, Sunday School held a joint promotion day and rally day on Sunday, September 27, with 124 present for the Sunday-school hour. Sterling has a completely departmentalized school with very fine facilities for classes, and a real Sunday-school enthusiasm. This is another illustration of what can be done when a church and its pastor have a real "Sunday-school vision" and a willingness to work.





# Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

## THEY HAD A MIND TO GIVE!

It used to be true that campers had little spending money, and what they had was soon "invested" in edibles in the camp store. That was not true this year at National Camp Bethany. Camp opened on Monday, and it was soon evident that most of the young people had ample spending money. The offerings at Bethany Vespers (and that's the only service of the day when we take an offering at camp) were good—from \$20 to \$30 a night. The year before, these offerings had totaled \$110 for the week, and that's the highest they had ever been, by far!

So on Wednesday night, we challenged the young people present to really dig deep, and give sacrificially, for the purchase of a tent for evangelistic work in France. We told them of the cost, approximately \$500, and asked for \$200 that night. We didn't get \$200, but we got around \$130, which, with the other offerings, made almost \$200. But some weren't prepared to give that night, and came ready for the offering the next night. Gifts came pouring in, until Sunday night, at the close of the last vesper service, the total was \$393. Someone wrote out a check to make it \$400. Then another camper wrote out a check for \$20. Another gave me his last quarter, just as he was leaving camp. Still another gave his last two dollars.

So the total was then \$424.84, and is still growing. One girl who worked at the Bethany Crackerbox the week after our camp gave her wages, and BYF's in Limestone, Tenn., and



Wooster, Ohio, sent in substantial contributions. A boy in Michigan talked it over with his mother, and they added \$20 to the fund. Other fellows sent in dollars, and we've added \$50 from the profits of Bethany, so the total is now well over \$500 and still growing! That which is over and above the cost of the tent and equipment for it, will be spent in helping in the actual costs of evangelistic meetings in France next spring and summer. Perhaps it will help send a special worker over to help Missionary Fred Fogle in the work!

But that isn't the total story of the missionary giving in Bethany. On Saturday morning the boys decided on their national BBC missionary project—a chapel for Brazil—and took an offering that totaled about \$60, giving them over \$100 toward the project, with the balance they had on hand. And the girls in Sisterhood got a good start on their missionary project.

Then the discovery was made that one of the girls in camp, from New Mexico, didn't own a Bible. Word was passed around, coins were chipped in, and soon over \$16 was given, and not one, but two lovely Bibles were purchased—one for this girl, and another for Tony Luna to take back and give to a young person in his church at Cordillera!

The Bethany Crackerbox did a thriving business for the week—over \$400 worth of candy, pop, ice cream, horses necks, sloppy joes, moron specials, etc. But the 200 young people who spent most of that money also gave approximately \$700 to specific missionary enterprises during the same week, and immediately afterward. Some of us didn't believe it could be done—and it's still hard to believe! But the facts are there—we can't deny them—so we praise God that our youth had a mind to give! Should we add, "Go thou and do likewise"?

## INDIANA DISTRICT HOLDS FIRST YOUTH RALLY

Fort Wayne was host to the first youth rally of the new Indiana District on the week end of September 11 and 12, and more than 60 young people were registered. "Living for Christ and the Church" was the theme, and it was developed by Evangelist Bill Smith in two messages, Friday night and Saturday morning. Special music was featured from a number of different

churches. Youth Director Ralph Colburn was song leader for the rally, and speaker at the banquet on Saturday noon.

BBC and SMM sessions were also enjoyed on Saturday morning, and the rally closed with a recreation period led by Camp Athletic Director Mark Jury.

Much enthusiasm was shown by this new district, and the next youth activity will be a one-night rally in Flora, Ind., in November.

## THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN ONE . . .

A little over a year ago, Lester Smitley and his wife moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., to begin a Brethren church. When they purchased a home in a newer section of the city—a home which had a large vacant corner lot next to it—Lester saw a way to win the confidence and friendship of the neighbors—especially of the young people. So he cleaned up the lot and began erecting playground equipment—a basketball standard, badminton net, horseshoe court, croquet court, etc. Of course, he got volunteer help, but most of the equipment belongs to him, and is gladly and freely loaned to all comers. And the children and young people, in appreciation, have taken remarkable good care of the equipment. The lot cannot be sold—it is city property, and reserved, for some reason which I've forgotten.

But this summer a real tribute was paid the Smitleys. Some of the boys made and carefully painted a sign which the Smitleys only reluctantly gave them permission to post. It reads, as you see, "Smitley Park, Elm and Chestnut Streets, Supervisor, Lester A. Smitley." And the "park" is popular. And some of the children and young people who play there have become attendants at the new Brethren Sunday school and church in Parkersburg. Yes, there are more ways than one to win a child!







## Three of the Handwritings of God

(Scripture—John 8:6-11)

By Sheldon Snyder, Pastor Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa.

*Text verse* (Ex. 31:18): "Written with the finger of God."

*Introduction.* They tell us a man's character may be known by his handwriting. What he writes, and how he writes reveals what he is. I don't know whether this is always true, but I do know that the handwritings of God reveal the character of God. There are three occasions in the Scripture when God wrote. The Bible gives us this record. God wrote on stone, on plaster, and on sand. See how these writings reveal the character of God, how they set forth His attributes of holiness and justice. And best of all, watch how they manifest His desire to save sinners.

### I. GOD'S WRITING ON STONE (Ex. 31:18).

"And he gave unto Moses, when he made an end of communing with him on mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

These two tables contained the Ten Commandments. The Scriptures are plain, saying they were written by God's own hand (Ex. 32:16): "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon tables."

#### 1. A Revelation of God's Holiness.

First we notice that this writing was a revelation of God's holiness. The absolute righteousness required by the Ten Commandments was a reflection of the righteous character of God. The law contained in the Commandments demanded a perfect holiness, both God-ward and man-ward, in harmony with the perfect holiness of the God who gave the writing.

It is true the law could not save men, neither could it pronounce anyone righteous; but in itself it was as perfect as the God who gave it. It was weak only because of man's sin. Clearly a perfect holy God could ap-



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prove of nothing less than a perfect holiness in man. It was a holy God saying, "Be ye holy for I am holy."

#### 2. A Demonstration of Man's Wilfulness.

When Moses came down from the mount with the tables of stone, he saw the people dancing around the golden calf, and in a fit of anger he threw the holy tablets upon the ground and broke them in pieces. One would have thought a godly man like Moses would have revered and preserved those God-written tables, but this was not so. Here we have a demonstration of the reception of God's laws in the hands of man. Man will not be bound by God's commands.

#### 3. Proof of God's Unchangeableness.

No sooner were the tablets broken than God commanded Moses to hew two more tables of stone. Despite man's disregard for God's Word, nevertheless the Word still stands. **WHEN WILL MEN LEARN THEY CANNOT DO AWAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD BY REJECTING IT?**

The irony of human life is that unbelieving men will be judged by the very Book they despise (John 12:48). What a day when infidels and scoffers will face the Word that they have heaped all their scoffings and sneers upon!

### II. GOD'S WRITING UPON THE WALL (Dan. 5:5).

This scene at Belshazzar's feast is familiar to every Bible student. The events of the feast. One thousand guests. The irreverence. "THE HANDWRITING." Suddenly a hush of death falls upon the crowd; all eyes are turned upon the king; his face is white with terror as his eyes are fixed upon the wall, for "in the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand" (vs. 5).

The king in great haste sends for the wise men to interpret the word on the wall, but in vain. To them it was an unknown tongue. But then Daniel appears at the door; the writing is still there (Dan. 5:25-28). The weighing was soon over. No sooner was the verdict announced than the sentence was carried out, for "in that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain" (vs. 30). This was written by a man's hand (vs. 5). Why a man? Why not angel? This man was the Man of Calvary, and the hand that was nailed to the cross (Acts 17:31).

Appointed unto wrath by the very One who could save them; banished from God and heaven by the very hand that is now stretched out to save them. The Saviour becomes Judge.

### III. GOD'S HANDWRITING ON THE SAND (John 8:3-11).

Here we have the story of a woman taken in sin. Her guilt was plain; she does not deny it nor make any effort to defend herself. The law of Moses demanded death. *What will Jesus say?* It was a cunning trap of the Devil to ensnare Jesus. Jesus answered nothing, but stooped to the ground and **WROTE SOMETHING**. He wrote it in plain view so all could see. Jesus said: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a

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## BEHOLD! A WHITE HORSE

By John W. Zielasko, Belem, Para, Brazil

"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer" (Rev. 6:2).

Who is this mysterious rider on the white horse? The answers to this perplexing question have been many and contradictory, and it will not be possible here to consider every case. However, in general, interpreters can be divided into two groups: (1) those who claim that this rider represents something *good*, and (2) those who claim he represents something *evil*.

The way a man identifies this rider tends to color his interpretation of the whole of Revelation. Therefore it is imperative that we find the answer which best agrees with the sum total of Scripture.

Those who claim that this rider represents something good say it is (1) the Christ or (2) the Word of God. But the rider cannot be Jesus because He is the Lamb in heaven who opens the seals (6:1; 8:1). Besides, such a train of events that follows this rider never follows our blessed Lord. He will not take peace from the earth (6:4), but rather will bring peace to the nations (Isa. 2:4). He will not bring famine (6:6), but rather abundance (Psa. 72:16). Furthermore, Christ does not leave heaven at the beginning of the tribulation, but at the close of it (Rev. 19:11). He does not come to the earth to initiate the time of tribulation, but rather He comes to put an end to this terrible period.

It hardly seems reasonable that this rider should represent the going forth of the Word of God because God sent His Word into the world long before the time represented here in Revelation. The Great Commission of Christ (Matt. 28:19) sent His Word into all the world, and it has been conquering sin and the Devil ever since (Rom. 1:16). It has

been said that this is the Word of God made naked by the rapture of the church and that because of this wonderful event many will believe. It is true that many will turn to the Lord during the tribulation period and many will be killed for the Word of God (7:9-17), but it has not been proved that the percentage of those saved then will be greater than those being saved now in this age of grace. If the preaching of the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, does not lead the world to repentance, it is hard to understand why the rapture of the church, even considering the great and wonderful event it will be, will produce greater results. The Scriptures nowhere teach that the working of miracles has greater power to convict of sin and lead to repentance than the preaching of the Gospel.

In Revelation 9:20 we read: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues *yet repented not* of the works of their hands." And again in 16:9, "And men . . . blasphemed the name of God . . . and *they repented not to give him glory*." This can hardly be called the Word of God conquering and gaining absolute victory during the tribulation period. It seems more in

keeping with the teaching of Scripture that there will be a lack of Scripture during this period, not an abundance (Amos 8:11).

The writer prefers to remain with the opinion commonly held in evangelical circles that the rider of the white horse mentioned here is the appearance of the Antichrist at the beginning of the tribulation.

Some of the major objections to this interpretation are as follows:

1. White is a symbol of righteousness and nowhere in Scripture, unless this is an exception, does it ever represent evil, nor is there any reason to believe that this is a false white.

We can agree fully with the above objection. It is true, as far as I know, that white is always a symbol of righteousness, and we have no good reason to claim that this is a false white. However, we are not seeking to identify the horse but rather the rider of that horse. Simply because a mean, wicked, immoral man should happen to rent a gentle horse from some riding academy does not mean that the character of the horse will change the moment the man mounts him. The horse can still be pure even if the rider is evil.

I would like to suggest that the white horse spoken of here represents the platform (campaign promises) upon which the Antichrist stands as he begins his rise to power. When he first appears on the scene he will be acclaimed as a remarkable leader. Even the nation of Israel makes a pact with him (Dan. 9:27). Surely this would not be so if his policies and programs did not appear to be righteous (white). Notice that he carries only a bow in his beginning career. He has the military potential but fires no shots. His first victories are won without war. There is, however, nothing to prevent this rider from changing horses as he



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gains power until at last he is demonstrated to be a beast (13:1).

2. It is further objected that this cannot be the Antichrist because of the phrase "conquering, and to conquer." This, we are told, can only mean that the rider goes forth and gains ultimate and final victory. This, only Christ will do. The Greek construction would permit this to be thought of as a purpose clause. If this is true, then such an objection is invalid. The rider went forth conquering and his purpose was to gain ultimate and final victory over the world. Napoleon rode forth with such ambition as did Hitler, even though neither attained his goal. Nebuchadnezzar rode forth (Dan. 2: 38) as did Alexander the Great (Dan. 2:39). Their purpose was to conquer and gain ultimate victory. Both of these men fulfilled their purpose. Alexander wept because there were (as far as he knew) no more worlds to conquer.

The Antichrist also rides forth conquering with the ultimate purpose in mind to gain the mastery of the world. But does he fulfill his dream? Scripture could not be clearer on this point, for in Revelation 13:7 we read: "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them [conquering, is it not?]; and power was given him over all kindreds, and

tongues, and nations." This sounds like world mastery, complete victory. To be sure, his reign is limited in time; nevertheless, the phrase, "conquering, and to conquer," has received a literal fulfillment. In chapter 6, verse 2, we see his *rise*, chapter 13 his *reign*, and chapter 19, verse 20, his *ruin*.

Bertrand Russell, an agnostic, wrote in the Atlantic Monthly for March 1951 on "The Future of Man." In this article he said, "Before the end of the century one of three things will happen to man: (1) the end of human life on this planet; (2) reversion to barbarism; (3) a single world government. . . . When a monopoly of armed force is established we will have a world in which successful rebellion will be impossible."

Here is a man who doesn't believe in Scripture, yet his third alternative conforms with Scripture. He only gives us until the end of the century—less than 50 years. His prediction would carry little weight for the Christian if it did not agree with the Word of God, but as it stands it is another testimony to the fact that God shall use the wrath of man to praise Him. The coming of Christ draweth nigh. At any moment the saints may be raptured. Reader, do you know Him who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the

tree? How easy it is in this age of grace to turn to Him, even Jesus Christ, and find rest and salvation for your soul. The day is rapidly approaching when the white-horse rider will gallop forth upon this earth. Then it will be necessary to pay for your faith with your life (Rev. 7:14). How much better "to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (I Thess. 1:10).

### THREE OF THE HANDWRITINGS OF GOD

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stone at her." Notice Jesus did not deny that the woman deserved death as the law of Moses demanded.

Jesus merely commanded the stoning be done by a sinless man. The audience looked at Jesus and then at the message on the sand, and they began to disappear one by one, leaving Jesus with an audience of one woman. The sermon on the sand held her there.

1. *What Did Jesus Write?* This is the only record we have that Jesus ever wrote. It must have been from the Scriptures, for the scribes and the Pharisees had no argument with the writing. It is plain that whatever Jesus wrote must have convinced them of sin, as everyone was convicted and recognized that there was not a sinless man among them.

There are a number of Scriptures our Lord could have used upon this occasion, yet we believe Psalm 14: 2-3 was used. God through David says: "There is none that doeth good, NO, NOT ONE." So they went out "one by one," and when Jesus looked they were all gone. The message also brought conviction to the woman as she read the writing in the sand, and according to the Scripture she believed and was saved.

2. *The Contrast as to the Reception of the Gospel.*

The scribes and Pharisees went away, lost!

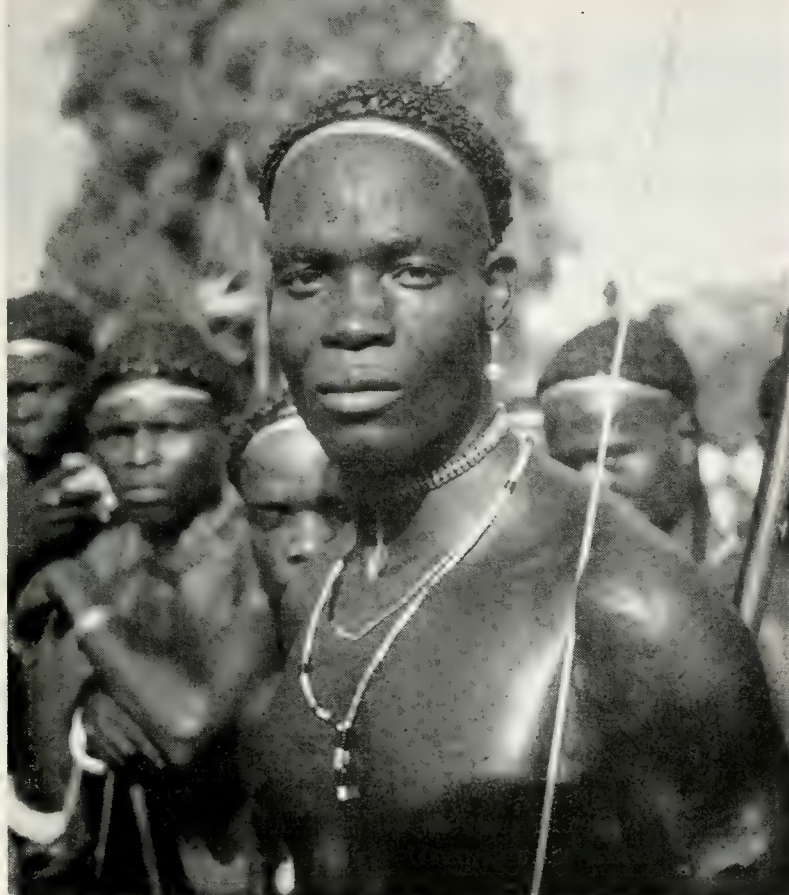
The sinful woman stayed and received the message to her own salvation. How can that be? "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

Fort Monmouth, N. J. "Prayer Reminder Cards" have been placed on the mess hall tables of the First Battalion by the chaplain.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Homerville, Ohio.	Oct. 19-Nov. 1...	Robert Holmes...	Robert Ashman.
Limestone, Tenn.	Oct. 19-Nov. 1...	R. L. Rossman....	Ord Gehman.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 1...	R. L. Burch.....	William Smith.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	S. F. Hauser.....	Mark Malles.
Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	William Steffler...	Archie L. Lynn.
Meyersdale, Pa...	Oct. 25-Nov. 8...	Leslie Moore.....	Miles Taber.
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	Nov. 1.....	John Aeby.....	R. I. Humbert.
Canton, Ohio.....	Nov. 1-8.....	John Dilling.....	Herman A. Hoyt.
Buena Vista, Va.	Nov. 3-15.....	Galen Lingenfelter	William Smith.
York, Pa.....	Nov. 5-6.....	Gerald Polman...	R. I. Humbert.
Grafton, W. Va..	Nov. 8-9.....	Lee Crist.....	R. I. Humbert.
Middlebranch, O.	Nov. 9-15.....	Edward Lewis....	Stanley Hauser.
Radford, Va.....	Nov. 11-13.....	K. E. Richardson.	R. I. Humbert.





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# EDITORIALY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

## *Into the Next Towns*

I am amazed at the rapidity with which new towns and new cities come into view as locations where Brethren testimonies are urgently needed. Every week we hear of one or more places where groups of believers—believers who hold the same body of Christian truth as we do—are desiring that we come and help them in the establishment of another Brethren church. As I drive in various parts of the United States, I am impressed with the great new areas springing up in just a few months' time, and in so many of them no sound Christian testimony is being established. THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL is the agency which must face most of these opportunities and, we fear, face them with insufficient funds to meet the increasing challenges. Of course, if we're really "on the ball" as Brethren, then we are members of the Brethren Home Missions Council and so it is partly *our* challenge.

## *Gifts, Gifts, and More Gifts!*

Yes, it will take gifts, tithes, offerings—a sacrificial surrendering of ourselves to this business of home missions, if we are to in any way "buy up our opportunities" in the matter of establishing these added Brethren testimonies and in carrying the Gospel "into the next towns." The kind of giving that we may extend to the poor blind man offering pencils on the street corner will never do the home-mission part of our Christian business. With all the urgency at our command we say, "Gifts, gifts, and more gifts for home missions."

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## *One for One*

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## *To South America*

The general secretary, Dr. Russell D. Barnard, plans to leave for the tour of our missions in South America on November 9 and should arrive in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on November 13. He will spend probably slightly less than two months in the Argentine area, and then he expects to go to Brazil, where he will spend most of the month of January. The plan is to return to the States in February, although the exact date has not been set.

Privately, and through the assistance of some interested friends, it is planned for Mrs. Barnard to accompany her husband. They will leave from New Orleans and plan to make the entire trip by plane. They very earnestly request your prayers as they go, not only that God will prosper the journey, but that their visits will be a spiritual blessing to the places visited.

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## *A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!*

## *In the General Secretary's Absence—*

The Winona Lake office will continue as before, with Miss Marcia Lowe as office secretary and additional part-time help as needed. Miss Ruth E. Reddick, the financial secretary, has been asked to administer the home office and current foreign-mission business under the direction of the local members of the board of trustees of our society serving as a committee—Dr. Homer A. Kent, chairman; Dr. Alva J. McClain, and Rev. Herman W. Koontz. Just as when the general secretary is at home, matters of greater import will be presented to the entire board for consideration after first having been studied by the local committee and the financial secretary.

Miss Reddick will care for all general mail addressed to the foreign-mission office or to the general secretary, other than that marked "Personal." Such will be forwarded to Dr. Barnard unopened. Mail sent to the Barnards directly through December 31, should be addressed as follows: c/o Rev. Lynn D. Schrock, Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F. C. N. G. B. M., Argentina, South America. Mail sent to reach them during the month of January should be sent to the following address: c/o Rev. John W. Zielasko, Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

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## *One for One*

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## *Missionary Outfit Clubs*

Firstfruits, as they are being received in relation to the supplying of the outfit needs of Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop, are most encouraging. We are asking the Lord to fully supply their needs. We and they greatly appreciate the help you have given. If you have not already helped with your gift, and you desire to do so, please care for such immediately in order that your church officials may send in the final reports. The Bishops will make purchases as rapidly as incoming funds justify.

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## *A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!*

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## *Dual Ambassadorship—An Actuality*

Dr. Joseph Simonson is the new United States Ambassador to Ethiopia. He was an ordained clergyman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, but is thinking of himself as a Christian layman. He is quoted as saying that he believes that as a layman it will be possible for him to give Christian witness in many areas of Ethiopian life. We highly commend such an attitude and bespeak success for him in this dual ambassadorship. Not only

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# INTRODUCING OUR

# JUNIOR MISSIONARIES

"Junior missionaries? Why I didn't know we had any junior missionaries!" Was such your comment as you read the above heading? No doubt it was.

Our junior missionaries are the children of our missionary families serving in various parts of the world. These children hold a unique place among the peoples where they are located, and the Lord uses them in many ways as witnesses for Him.

Since we have been having many requests for information concerning our missionary children, we are presenting those under 18 years of age to you in this issue of the Herald. They are grouped according to field location, with full name and birth date given. If you should have need for addresses, such are listed in the Brethren Annual, pages 44-46.

## AFRICA—

James Stephen Beaver.....	October 1, 1949
John Wayne Beaver.....	October 14, 1948
Mary Hope Beaver.....	May 7, 1946
Alberta Mae Dunning.....	May 11, 1949
Marguerite Ruth Dunning.....	November 1, 1941
Verna Marie Dunning.....	March 10, 1945
Elizabeth Ann Hill.....	December 8, 1947
Nancy Grace Hill.....	June 8, 1949
Roberta Ruth Hill.....	June 29, 1945
Sylvia Fern Hill.....	September 1, 1943
Judith Lynn Kennedy.....	March 16, 1953
Gloria Elizabeth Mason.....	August 13, 1951
Naomi Ruth Mason.....	May 28, 1948
Stephen Paul Mason.....	August 6, 1949
Barbara Jean Miller.....	March 18, 1951
Nancy Jo Miller.....	October 24, 1944
Manya Ivanne Samarin.....	October 23, 1949
Ramona Marie Samarin.....	January 8, 1953
Carolyn Ruth Sheldon.....	November 21, 1941
Allen Bennett Taber.....	February 14, 1943
Christine Anne Taber.....	February 11, 1953
Lois Irene Taber.....	May 8, 1940

## ARGENTINA—

Charles Loren Churchill.....	January 8, 1951
Kenneth Paul Churchill.....	March 5, 1947
Margaret Loree Churchill.....	December 20, 1952
David Roger Dowdy.....	August 23, 1939
James Paul Dowdy.....	November 1, 1936
Robert Luis Dowdy.....	April 26, 1948
Aldo Elwyn Hoyt.....	August 21, 1950

## ARGENTINA (continued)—

Lynn Arthur Hoyt.....	January 3, 1947
Rita Dorene Hoyt.....	May 18, 1944
Michael Stephen Marshall.....	July 12, 1951
Peter Philip Marshall.....	April 23, 1953
Carson Lee Rottler.....	December 28, 1949
Charles Ray Rottler.....	November 19, 1952
Mark Stephen Schrock.....	September 12, 1953
Norman Edward Schrock.....	December 2, 1946
Rebecca Ann Schrock.....	December 2, 1946
Clifford Orlando Wagner.....	June 4, 1949
Mildred Isabel Wagner.....	May 11, 1936
Victor Ricardo Wagner.....	May 2, 1937

## BAJA CALIFORNIA—

Harold Douglas Haag.....	July 9, 1949
Sandra Rebecca Haag.....	September 16, 1952
Sharon Rachel Haag.....	May 9, 1948
John Leroy Howard.....	March 20, 1946
Kathryn Sue Howard.....	May 29, 1948
Thomas Alden Howard.....	March 17, 1953

## BRAZIL—

Steven Jerome Altig.....	February 20, 1944
Carol Ann Miller.....	July 31, 1947
Edward Douglas Miller.....	October 8, 1952
Jeanette Elizabeth Miller.....	January 22, 1951
Jonathan Lee Teeter.....	September 21, 1952
Ann Lenore Zielasko.....	September 11, 1950
John Robert Zielasko.....	April 10, 1948

## FRANCE—

Beckie Maurita Fogle.....	March 17, 1948
Neal Lee Fogle.....	September 1, 1951
Victor Fredrick Fogle.....	May 1, 1949
Anne Jeanette Goodman.....	October 27, 1948
David George Goodman.....	April 21, 1947
Paul Marvin Goodman.....	March 25, 1951
Suzan Marie Goodman.....	April 1, 1952

## UNITED STATES—

(The following are in school in the United States)

Vivian Jean Altig.....	July 20, 1936
Anne Celeste Kliever.....	November 13, 1936
Donna Marie Kliever.....	May 29, 1940
Donald B. Sheldon.....	June 5, 1936

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# A Religion That Suits the "Old Man"

By Rev. Sibley Edmiston, Laredo, Tex.

Juan is a likeable young man and one who appears exemplary in many ways, and he is also very zealous for his religion. In talking with him the other day I learned something of his attitude which stems from the teachings he has received in his church. He believes that we are sinners and that we should feel sorry for our sins; in fact, if we are not sorry for them God will never forgive us. What he failed to account for was just how sorry we should be for them. His sorrow is one that is measured in droppers full of tears, but just how many drops should be measured out was largely bound up in the kind of sin, as well as many other noncalculable circumstances. Another thing which interested me was the fact that he could not believe that one simply believes in Jesus Christ, and by so believing is saved. He said, "You can't just believe. You must do something or show something that would make you worthy of divine forgiveness." Again, when asked just how much he should do, he became confused and as much as admitted that he didn't know.



Rev. Sibley Edmiston

It all goes to show that here is a religious teaching which lets man go on living his own life as always, with the exception that he is doing a little something to satisfy the "old man" that he is not being prepared for an endless suffering away from God's presence. Nor is Juan's religion necessarily a simple one. There is no limit to how sorrowful he can be if he so cares, nor as to how much good he can do for himself and others if he so desires. But there is a limit to how much he is required to do in order to escape any future punishment; beyond that he is free again to live his own life. If he does not fear too much a time of suffering in the life beyond, then he can relax all the more to live as he chooses for the present as long as he does not commit certain stipulated sins termed "mortal," such as missing certain days from service, or failing to confess his other sins at least once a year!

Here is a religion which makes it not too difficult for one to go on living as the "old man" pleases. These clothes suit him well. They take into account that there is a God to be reckoned with and that suffering is not so pleasant, but still they are free enough on him to let him move in his old ways as usual.

There are two songs which well answer such a convenient religion. As regarding sorrow for sin we hear,

Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

And as far as offering at least some little thing to God in order to gain His divine favor, there comes wafting back to us these momentous words:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

At least it can be said in Juan's favor that he is consistent with his teachings. How consistent are we with what we profess to believe? We who have come to see that only a new creation in Christ Jesus can ever satisfy God and allay His just condemnation. We need to be constantly on guard against the inconsistency of compromising with the "old man" and his deeds. Yet how guilty all of us are many times in this respect! It is well here to heed the words of Paul in Ephesians 4:20-24: "But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Juan's religion may suit the "old man," and fit him like a glove, but it can never bring any peace and full satisfaction to his heart. Only in the full and blessed release of Calvary will his true need ever be met. May he, and many others like him, come into the life of the glorious liberty of the Sons of God in Christ Jesus.

*One for One*



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Where? ..... La Carlota, Argentina.  
By Whom? ..... Missionaries and Bible Institute Students.  
When? ..... Right Now!  
Why Needed? ..... The Old Cow Died!  
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# THE FIELDS AT A GLANCE

(Editor's Note—The survey of our various fields of missionary endeavor, presenting facts from the annual field reports, was begun in the Herald dated October 3, 1953. In this issue we present the remaining reports—from Argentina, Baja California, Brazil, and Hawaii. Each report has been compiled from information submitted by various missionaries.)

## ARGENTINA

Our society's activity in Argentina centers in the Province of Cordoba. There are 18 different points of activity with 17 missionaries, representing 10 families, in general care of the work. We have two very faithful national pastors. Our churches are located in towns and cities of from a few hundred people to as many as 75,000. There are many, many towns and cities with no resident testimony and no contact other than an occasional visit by a missionary or national pastor. Opportunities in the Buenos Aires area alone could probably use all of the time and effort of all of our missionaries and still not have all the available opportune areas occupied.

### *The National Church*

Our national church in Argentina is a full-scale church, with activities very similar to those in the United States, the chief difference being that the work is among a strange people, and in a language other than the mother tongue of the missionaries. In addition to the regular worship services, evangelistic meetings, and Bible conferences, there are units of the WMC, SMM, laymen's groups, Sunday school, young people's activities, and DVBS.

The fact that about 62,000 tracts and some 650 Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels were distributed during the year indicates the earnestness with which our workers pursue their tasks. The missionaries cared for much of this distribution, but a very large part of the work was done by the national church and especially by the Bible Institute students.

Throughout the entire mission the national believers are feeling and taking more responsibility for the work. With but few, if any, exceptions this is being done in a truly Christian spirit. We realize that the indigenous church is not the end in itself, nevertheless we have reason to rejoice in the progress that has been made this past year toward the establishment of the indigenous church in this field. Steps are being taken and progress made in the obtaining of the official government recognition necessary before the national church organization will be able to hold property titles.

A notable gain has been made in the offerings of the national church and this is most encouraging. Last year the total was 33,700 pesos (\$2,400 U. S.), and this year the total was 42,500 pesos (\$3,050 U. S.). It must be remembered that for most local situations to the Argentine believer a peso represents about the local value of the U. S. dollar.

### *The Bible Institute*

The Brethren Bible Institute in Argentina is one of our most fruitful avenues of endeavor. In November 1952 four fine young ladies graduated from the post-graduate course and have been approved by the Argentine Council as national workers, receiving support from the national church. On November 7, 1953, there will be other graduates and two young ladies and two young men from this group will, without doubt, be approved and enter into definite service as national workers.

A correspondence course is now being offered in connection with the Bible Institute work, a course in which Dr. Alva J. McClain's little booklet, "Bible Truths," has been translated and adapted for correspondence work. We are not able to report the exact number enrolled in this excellent course, but there are around 40 in the Rio Cuarto congregation alone.

Many hearts are rejoicing in the Lord because the Brethren Church has a testimony in Argentina. Many have come out of darkness and slavery to the light and

*Banquet honoring the  
graduates of the  
Bible Institute—  
they are seated at the  
back of the picture.*





liberty of the Gospel. Pray for the Lord's blessing in this difficult but promising field.

### One for One

## BAJA CALIFORNIA

During the first half of the year we could see growth in the work of the Tijuana mission. The Lord evidenced His power in many ways and a few souls were saved. However, the Lord permitted us (the missionaries) to be banned from crossing the international line on December 19, 1952. Following this the work was carried on by a Christian brother of the mission, but the work had fallen off by the middle of March.

Just when things looked the darkest and we didn't know whether or not to give up the work there, the Lord sent us a Christian Mexican brother, Dr. Alberto Morales, from Tucson, Ariz., who is working in the State of Sonora, Mexico. Through his counsel and influence, Bros. Polo Longoria and Matias Fuentes offered their services until we found a pastor. These Christ-dedicated men have been used of the Lord to bring the scattered flock together again and to bring in new ones to hear the Word, so that the group is about as before and larger for some meetings of the week. The building and lot which we rent and which was for sale last year is not for sale now, but we can continue to rent it. The Lord has protected the meeting house from being closed by the government, as some others have been in Tijuana.

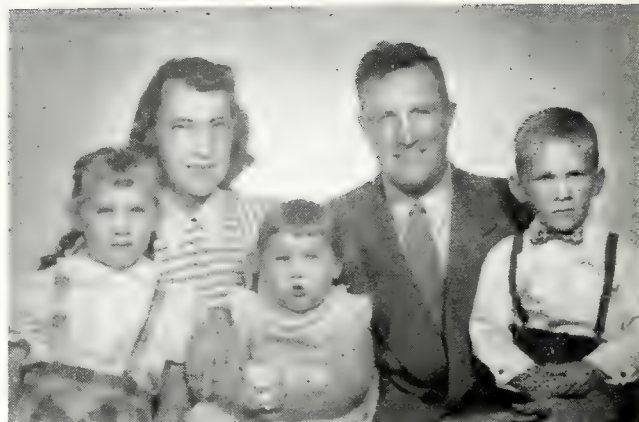
We are now grateful the Lord took us out of the way at the mission so that the Mexicans could carry on the work themselves. The brothers in charge are deeply spiritual and zealous men. We are still asking the Lord for a pastor to carry on the work in Tijuana and to establish the Brethren Church in Mexico for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ.

### *Trips*

Bro. Walter Haag in December 1952 flew from Tijuana to Santa Rosalia, where he spent one week. Not much response was seen to the visit there so he moved to San Ignacio. There in the barrio San Lino, where Bro. Cruz Espinosa lives, the people were ready and waiting for the Gospel. Several received the Lord as their Saviour and seemingly were all prepared beforehand by the Spirit just to be asked to receive our Lord.

In May 1953 Brother Haag and his family began the second missionary journey, as Paul had suggested to Barnabas in Acts 15:36, to visit the brethren to see how they were doing. It was a joy indeed to see the growth of the babes in Christ and to be able to win more for the Lord in the village of San Ignacio. They were hungering after the Word. Visits were made to other villages, too. The seed was sown and we must trust the Lord for the increase. In Santa Rosalia they were encouraged by the prospects of a Gospel testimony there. Many tracts and Gospel portions were given out, as well as New Testaments and Bibles as the case indicated. Future visits are needed to establish these new believers in the Word of God. One young man is a possibility for studying for the ministry. Pray in regard to this.

Bro. A. L. Howard went to Tucson, Ariz., with the Mexican brother, Dr. Alberto Morales, in April 1953. They contacted border officials and consulates in regard



*Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag, Sharon, Sandra, and Douglas*

to our problems and then went on into the State of Sonora, Mexico, visiting the missions that Dr. Morales had established there. Brother Howard was invited to return there in the summer.

On July 20, 1953, the Howard family, a Christian Mexican girl from Tijuana, and Miss Dorothy Robinson left San Ysidro for the State of Sonora, Mexico. They helped Dr. Morales in DVBS classes and in a summer camp during the month of August. The trip took them some 800 miles southeast from Tijuana. Next year's report will carry more details of the trip, but early reports indicate that at least 75 people accepted the Lord during this trip.

### *Detention Camp*

Shortly after the first of the year the United States Immigration and Naturalization Detention Camp opened at San Ysidro, Calif. Brethren Haag and Howard have cooperated with some six other ministers from the area in holding Sunday afternoon preaching services for the inmates, most of whom are Mexicans. Many hands have been raised for prayer, and decisions have been made, but it is hard to keep in touch with these men. They have come from all parts of Mexico, and our prayer, as they return to Mexico, is that they will carry the Gospel with them to their communities and that they will tell their own people the "Good News."

### *Statistical Report*

Nearly every department shows an increase, for which the honor and glory are our Lord's. We are in contact with some 23 who definitely accepted the Lord as Saviour during the year. In special meetings at the mission and in the detention camp others have indicated they received the Lord, but we are not in contact with them. The mission report is as follows:

	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Last Year</i>
Sunday school .....	56	40
Sunday afternoon preaching service	35	30
Prayer meeting .....	30	25
Saturday children's clubs .....	31	30
Friday evening Bible class—		
First half of year .....	10	12
Last half of year .....	30	..
Women's Bible study (ended in December) .....	10	8



About 5,000 tracts were distributed, 300 Gospels, 100 New Testaments, and 42 Bibles.

### *Activities*

The Howards moved to Calexico in September 1953. Brother Howard will establish a Bible-training school as soon as possible and will establish other programs as the Lord leads.

The Haags will remain at San Ysidro and will continue the present program in the Tijuana area. Through assisting in the government-sponsored adult education program in Tijuana, they have made many excellent contacts, and valuable opportunities for teaching and counseling have been extended. The desire is that the Lord will give us a Mexican pastor to carry on the work.

Trips will be planned into Mexico and Baja California from time to time to keep in contact with the people and to win precious souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord.

### *Laredo, Tex.*

This, of course, is not in Baja California, but it is one of the Texas-Mexico border cities with many Mexican people in the immediate vicinity. Laredo has a population of over 50,000 and a large part of them are Mexicans; Nuevo Laredo, just across the border, has about 30,000 population.

During the summer Brother and Sister Sibley Edmiston and family began work in Laredo. Although they are not yet a part of our missionary program in an official sense, we are happy to count them as a part of the Brethren testimony for the Mexican people. We could wish that there could be a Brethren witness at every more prominent border crossing, that the thousands of Mexican people making the crossing into or out of the United States could be contacted for the Lord.

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## **BRAZIL**

Brazil is one of our newer fields, the first missionary family having arrived there only four and one-half years ago. Most of a very fine beginning in this field has been within the last three years. There are two centers of activity about 100 miles in from the mouth of the Amazon River, but across the river from each other and about 200 miles apart. Each of these centers has two or three outpost preaching places. Some new chapels have been built, and others are soon to be erected. These cost between \$400 and \$500 each, and are built on the basis that we supply the total amount. Then the national believers give offerings until one-half has been repaid, and the amount repaid goes to build more chapels.

There are now four missionary families for this field—one on furlough and three on the field. We could have at least five or six more centers like the two we now have and dozens of outpost preaching places. Workers—missionary and Brazilian—are our only limitation.

During the past year there have been 60 conversions of record and 27 of these have been baptized. The average attendance in Sunday school is 65; in prayer meeting, 35; and in the evening worship service, 105. There were 705 different meetings held during the year. Offerings given by the national believers totaled 7,213

cruzeiros (\$200 U. S.). It must be remembered that the cruzeiro is the standard of money in Brazil, similar in many respects to our U. S. dollar. Offerings by the national believers take on a different proportion when this is considered.

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## **HAWAII**

We are encouraged by the Brethren testimony in Honolulu, Hawaii. Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise have been on the field since early May of this year. Before that time T/Sgt. Edwin Jones gave leadership to the work. During the latter part of the school year Brother Tresise taught in the Honolulu Bible Institute, and he has found wonderful cooperation from the fine people there in the beginning of our testimony.

A group of fine young people suggest a most promising future. There are also adults and quite a large number of children in attendance. Recent attendance has been ranging between 30 and 50. The local work has thus far been completely self-supporting, as have Brother and Sister Tresise as far as their livelihood is concerned.

We still have the privilege of meeting in the same quarters, without cost to us. It is entirely possible that within a few months other arrangements will need to be made and our society will help in this. The National WMC has underwritten help as is needed up to the amount of \$300. It is too early to see the future clearly, but suffice it to say that we are greatly pleased with the progress being made, and we see a fully established Brethren testimony on the islands in the not-far-distant future.

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## **A THOUSAND TONGUES**

"O, for a thousand tongues!" we sing and hardly expect an answer. The British and Foreign Bible Society has literally answered that prayer. The Word of God has been taken to the peoples of the world in over a thousand tongues. When it celebrates its 150th birthday in March 1954 the society will have three aims.

The first is to bring home to the Christian church the significance and implications of this stupendous achievement; the second is to recall our own country to the reading of the Bible; the third is to re-equip and strengthen the society for further achievements.

Christians speaking dialects into which the Scriptures have been newly translated walk miles to obtain a copy and pore for hours over this treasured possession. We in Great Britain have had the Bible in our own tongue for 500 years. It would be a fitting response to the call of the Bible society if, in this Coronation Year, we dedicated ourselves anew to the daily study of God's Word.—*World Dominion*.

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### *One for One*

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"Oh, so much to do and so little done."—*Cecil Rhodes' last words.*

# Sowing Days in France

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle

He who earns his living by cultivating the soil, sowing seed, and reaping the harvest will tell those of us who know little about the business of farming that it takes much time and hard work before the harvest can be made. The ground must be prepared, the proper seed sown, the tender young plants nurtured; the sun must shine and the rain fall, and time must elapse before the field is harvested. In the Word of God the Lord, on several occasions, has compared this process to the preaching of the Gospel and the winning of souls. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:6). See also Matthew 13:1-43.

In France today much of the ground is hard and dry. During the Middle Ages most of France stood without having received the true and powerful seeds of the Gospel of Christ until the days of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century led by John Calvin. Though thousands of souls found Christ as their personal Saviour as the result of the efforts of many faithful Gospel-loving Frenchmen of that day, the impact was not great enough upon the nation as a whole. Unfortunately, persecution prevailed and many of these Christians fled to other countries so as to worship God as they felt led by the Bible; as a result France remained predominantly Roman Catholic. We are thankful for the Christian workers now in France, but still millions are without the experience of the new birth by faith in Christ and, what is more, they are without the least knowledge of how to be born again.

Thus it is the responsibility of the Christian to sow the seeds of the Word TODAY in France, and then work, wait, and pray for the harvest. In a real sense, the Son of God is the Sower of the seed and Christians are only helpers. It is He who prepares the ground; it is He who gives the increase; but He allows us to reap the harvest. It is my desire to tell how the good seeds of God's truth have been sown by your workers in France during the past few months in anticipation of the harvest that will follow.

## *Bible-Text Posters*

One of the first methods used is that of Bible posters in cooperation with the Greater Europe Mission located near Paris. The posters vary in size, are in attractive colors, and have a verse of Scripture written thereon such as Matthew 11:28, Romans 10:9-10, and I Timothy 1:15. These posters are pasted on walls along the streets and in market places. At the bottom of each poster is an offer of a free New Testament for those who will write in. In this way we are able to get the names and addresses of those who are interested in the Bible. The Testament is delivered personally and a witness is given. The results of many of these visits are very gratifying. The response has been varied, as the following excerpts from letters from the Lyon area will indicate:

"For a long time I have wanted a Bible . . . thus I shall be very happy if you can send me a copy of the book indicated by your poster."

"Interested by the Bible, and having seen your poster, I ask you to send me a New Testament. If you have

anything else concerning the Bible, please inform me of it."

"Having read your poster, and wanting to know more of the words of Jesus, would you send me a copy of the New Testament?"

"Very interested by one of your posters. I ask you to send me a copy of the New Testament."

To my surprise, one letter received recently asking for a New Testament was from a young student priest who has completed 9 of the 12 years of required study. It was not because he did not have a Bible, but he wanted a pocket edition. However, he told me that he had read the Bible through only once in all those years of study. I took advantage of the situation and spoke to him of salvation entirely made possible by Jesus Christ without our participation or merit.

## *Tracts*

There is great freedom in France for the distribution of tracts, even greater than that which is enjoyed in the United States. Tracts can be placed in mailboxes without an envelope or a stamp. This is better than street distribution when they can be refused or thrown away before the person reaches home. By placing them in the mailboxes one is sure, at least, that they are received at home where there is naturally more time to read. In French cities the large majority of people live in apartments and oftentimes one finds offices and residences in the same building. Thus, when we enter, whether on business or to pay a visit, we place a tract in each mailbox. We also are following a plan to put tracts in each home in a certain area.

## *Public Meetings*

During the month of May, with the help of some French Christians, Gospel meetings were held in two different localities in a public hall. A number of folks came to hear the Word. While the visible results of these first meetings were not great, the seed was sown. We must repeat this same method over and over so that folks will become conscious of the life-transforming and peace-giving message of Christ in contrast to the dead, cold formalism of the Roman Church.

## *Children's Meetings*

Another opportunity for sowing the seed, and a very important one, is to teach the children. We have been able to gather a few children from our neighborhood into our home on Thursday mornings for a class. This has already been a means of reaching some parents. (As a note of interest, French schools are closed on Thursday, but open on Saturday.)

## *Adult Bible Class*

One of the most encouraging things thus far has been a Bible class for adults, held in our home. At the pres-



ent writing we have good contact with several families. We have had good opportunities to explain salvation by grace apart from works or merit. Indeed, these people have never heard of a salvation that one can be sure of. Pray with us that we might be able to win these to Him.

### Village Work

In a previous article in this magazine it was said that approximately 35,200 villages in France contain about 75 percent of the total national population. At least 9 out of 10 of these villages have no evangelical witness. With this challenge before us, village work was begun this summer in those villages situated close to Lyon. These have provided opportunities for Bible poster work, tract distribution, and occasionally for personal witness. At a later time, when there are enough workers, meetings will be held in as many of these places as possible. What a thrill to see people reading a portion of the Bible that is "as a fire . . . and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces" (Jer. 23:29).

In this business of sowing the seed in France there are two things to be regretted. The first is that, beside the Roman Church which is standing in the way of the truth, there are today in France a number of cults and sects (unfortunately some of American origin) which are busy sowing their poisonous seeds of untruth and, in doing it, seem to have more zeal than we evangelicals. This should behoove us to do more for our Lord. The second thing is that the seed-sowing described in this article is of necessity only on a small scale in comparison to the need *because of the lack of workers*.

What will you do to meet the ignorance of the true Gospel existing in this important country of France? "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

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would we recommend such an attitude for governmental officials everywhere, but it has a very personal application in that born-again believers should be "ambassadors for Christ" wherever and whenever they go.

### One for One

#### "The African Challenge"

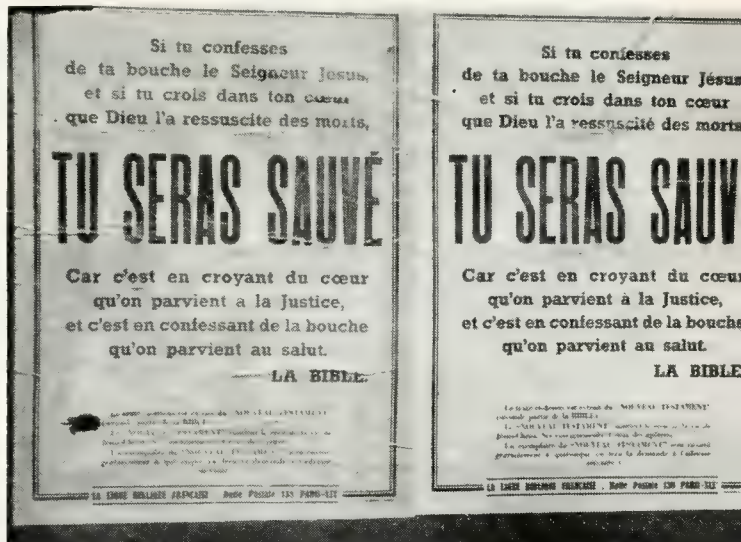
For some months a unique newspaper has been coming to our office. It is THE AFRICAN CHALLENGE, a newspaper published at Lagos, in Nigeria, Africa, by the Sudan Interior Mission. It is published in English, but is an African newspaper for the Africans. Printing facilities had limited the editions to 50,000 copies per month, but arrangements are now being made to greatly increase the circulation of the paper. This will help supply much-needed Christian reading for the hundreds of thousands of educated native Christians in Nigeria who read and speak English, and who are being sorely tried by the beautifully printed communistic literature that is given to them.

***Our goal—One for One—A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!***

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**Brother Fogle putting up a Bible poster. (Below) Two Bible posters together to draw attention—Romans 10:9-10.**



**Mrs. Fogle placing a tract in a mailbox.**





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**Macapa, Brazil.** David Frank Teeter arrived on this terra firma Oct. 20 to reside with Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter, our missionaries to Brazil.

**York, Pa.** Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, is a member of the faculty of York Bible Training Institute, as instructor in evangelistic song leading.

**Cleveland, Ohio.** Mrs. Ralph Hill (nee Floy Hoover), with her husband has returned to the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, where she labored for 13 years for the Lord prior to her marriage.

**Uniontown, Pa.** Rev. Charles Sumey spoke at the homecoming service at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 18. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

**Tracy, Calif.** The First Brethren Church of Tracy and the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto completed their Sunday-school contest with Tracy making a 52.9% increase and Modesto a 39.1% increase. The Tracy church will be the recipient of a \$25 gift plus a fellowship program.

**South Bend, Ind.** The correct address of Rev. Arthur F. Collins is 413 S. Michigan St. Please correct Annual.

**Long Beach, Calif.** The Second Brethren Church is again in the international Sunday-school contest, sponsored by Christian Life magazine, and the goal this year is 1,500. This church was a winner last year. George Peek is pastor.

**Dayton, Ohio.** Dr. R. D. Barnard was the guest speaker at the 11th anniversary of the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Nov. 1. Clyde Balyo is pastor.

**Martinsburg, Pa.** Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey were guest missionaries at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 4. Gerald Teeter is pastor.

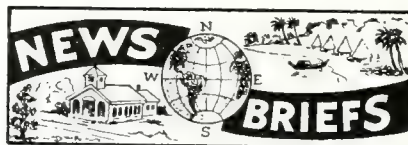
**Canton, Ohio.** The First Brethren Church, with a membership of 213, had 137 present for the fall communion service. John Dilling is pastor.

**Meyersdale, Pa.** Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, concludes a two-week meeting here on November 8. H. Leslie Moore is pastor.

**Fremont, Ohio.** The pulpit of the Grace Brethren Church will be supplied as follows: Nov. 1 and 8, Arnold R. Kriegbaum; Nov. 15, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt; Nov. 22, Dr. Homer A. Kent; and Nov. 29, Dr. Paul R. Bauman.

**Troy, Ohio.** Rev. Earl Funderburg, of Alto, Mich., concluded a two-week meeting here on Nov. 1. Richard McIntosh is pastor.

**Jenners, Pa.** At a homecoming service, Rev. Clair Gartland of Mundy's Corner, Pa., spoke. A special offering was taken to purchase the brick for the new building. The goal was \$450 for 10,000 bricks. The amount raised was \$603. Victor Rogers is pastor.



**Chicago, Ill.** Miss Gertrude Ger-  
mann, Moodyanna hostess, who has  
completed 55 years of service, has  
retired as an employee of Moody  
Bible Institute. Moodyanna is the  
institute's museum containing his-  
torical relics of the founder, D. L.  
Moody.

**Beaumont, Calif.** The Cherry Val-  
ley Brethren Church, through sacri-  
fice and labor, dedicated their new  
church building nearly debt free.  
Future planning is for a Christian  
day school. Gene Farrell is pastor.  
This church in Beaumont is a sam-  
ple of what our churches are doing  
under the fine encouragement of the  
Brethren Home Missions Council.  
Pray and give at this Thanksgiving  
season to home missions.

**Ashland, Ohio.** Eleven young peo-  
ple are in training at the present  
time for Christian service from the  
West Tenth St. Brethren Church,  
Miles Taber, pastor.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** Prayer meet-  
ings listed for the First Brethren

Church are: Tuesday, 10 a. m.; Wed-  
nesday, 7 p. m.; Saturday evening,  
men's prayer meeting. Praise God  
for a praying church. Glenn O'Neal  
is pastor.

**Nashville, Tenn.** Frank G. Clem-  
ent, Governor of Tennessee, has de-  
nied any plans to enter the ministry  
as an evangelist. Governor Clement  
said: "If and when I should leave  
politics for the ministry, it will be  
when I have a definite call from the  
Lord to do so. I am working hard  
at the job of being a Christian gov-  
ernor and I shall continue to do so."  
The Governor is 34 years of age.

**North English, Iowa.** The Sun-  
day-school attendance has shown a  
gradual increase during the last  
month. There were 89 present on a  
recent Sunday. Clarence Lackey is  
pastor.

**Berrien Springs, Mich.** Prof. Ho-  
mer Kent, Jr., was the guest speaker  
at the Grace Brethren Church on  
Oct. 11. A record was set in Bible-  
school attendance. Robert Markley  
is pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Chaplain (1st  
Lieut.) Lee Jenkins has been as-  
signed to Camp Lejeune, N. C. (Ma-  
rine base). Chaplain Jenkins' fam-  
ily moved to North Carolina Oct. 29,  
where he will be stationed for about  
a year.

**Palestine (E/P).** Remains of some  
70 Biblical scrolls believed to be 2,000  
or more years old have been found  
in a cave on the shore of the Dead  
Sea. The discovery was made by an  
Arab shepherd, and was announced  
by Jordan's British-born Director of  
Antiquities, G. L. Harding. He de-  
clared that 38 of the scrolls have  
been identified as manuscripts of 19  
books of the Old Testament.

**Albuquerque, N. Mex.** Six Prot-  
estant Jemez Indians have filed suit  
in U. S. District Court here asking a  
court order guaranteeing their right  
to worship under the first and 14th  
amendments to the United States  
Constitution. The suit was brought  
on behalf of 90 Protestant residents  
of the predominantly Catholic Jemez  
Pueblo. The Protestants have been  
denied the right to bury their dead,  
to have their church, and have been  
threatened with the loss of homes,  
personal property, and birthrights if  
they refuse to become Catholic.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** According to  
R. G. LeTourneau, president of the  
Winona Lake Christian Assembly,  
more than 200,000 persons attended  
the conferences here this summer.



# Pray for . . .

## HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the early completion of the four new home-mission church building programs under way at Findlay, Ohio; Roanoke, Va.; Phoenix, Ariz.; and Temple City, Calif.

2. Pray for the new personnel at the Brethren Navaho Mission, and also for the Navaho children in the school. Many of the children will be new this year.

3. Pray for a better meeting place at Wheaton, and that a new building program might be gotten under way soon. Also remember Bro. Kenneth Teague, who will be the first resident pastor, arriving on the field in a few weeks.

4. Pray for the churches at Modesto, Calif.; Alexandria, Va.; and Johnson City, Tenn.; where there will be a change in pastors, that in every case the work will continue to move forward through the transition period.

5. Pray for the five young people from the Cherry Valley Brethren Church that are away attending Christian schools. Also remember the young people from other home-mission churches who are away in school. Praise God for these young people training for His service.

6. Pray as you never have prayed before in the few remaining days before Thanksgiving that the home-mission offering will be sufficient for the proposed budget of \$166,000 in 1954.

## GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He met our demands during the months when financial income was low. Pray especially for the finances of the school during the months of November, December, and January before the annual offering comes in.

2. Pray for the students who will be going home over the Thanksgiving holiday, that they may be used to testify to loved ones and friends.

3. Pray for the development of our college program and especially

for the many young college students away from home for the first time.

4. Pray for the staff, especially for the administration, that they may have wisdom in meeting the many problems and responsibilities of our growing school.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Continue to pray that the Lord will enable Brethren people to give sacrificially and substantially to home missions at this Thanksgiving season; the needs are great.

2. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Barnard, who are now on their way to Argentina by plane. Pray that they, the missionaries, and the national believers in Argentina and Brazil will be blessed by their visit.

3. Pray for the Marvin Goodman family as plans are made to leave for France around December 4. Pray that the Fogles may be able to secure a place for them to live, and pray that just the right medical attention may be secured there for little Anne.

4. Pray for the Howard family, now located in Calexico, Calif., just across the border from Old Mexico. They are living in a small house trailer; pray that a suitable location and house may be found.

5. Pray for the Don Bishops, that permanent visas for Argentina may be granted, and that sufficient outfit funds may be provided for their needs.

6. Pray for Miss Ruth Snyder as she returns to Africa for another term of service; she expected to leave France by plane November 7.

7. Pray for the Beaver family and Miss Mary Cripe and Miss Marybeth Munn, who are expecting to leave Africa around November 20 for furlough; they are coming by way of France.

8. Pray for Mrs. Fogle in France as she learns to play the vibraharp; music is of great value in the services there. Also pray for the Fogles as they endeavor to secure suitable meeting places in the towns of Caluire and Villeurbanne.

9. Pray for the Tresises and the work in Honolulu; there is need for a more suitable and convenient meeting place. They are looking toward the establishing of children's classes and an adult Bible class in the community.

## WMC—

1. Pray that our prayer life and our love for God's Word may both



grow mightily. May we truly "come apart" for fellowship.

2. Pray that we may support our own WMC missionary, Mrs. Loree Sickel, both by our prayers and our offerings.

3. Pray for our two-year home-mission project, the building of a Navaho school building. Let us also remember the spiritual needs of the teacher and pupils.

## SMM—

1. Pray that the SMM girls might be witnesses for their Lord and be instruments in winning others to Him.

2. Pray for the Sisterhood girls in schools and colleges that the Lord will bless them in their studies.

3. Pray that more girls of our churches might join the Sisterhood.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he visits churches and schools in the Southeast.

2. Pray for our BYF program writers that we might be effective and helpful to our young people.

3. Pray that we may be able to get some much-needed office equipment soon.

4. Pray for our BBC's, many of which have recently been reorganized, that many boys may be won and held for Christ.

## THE HERALD—

1. Pray for the staff as they are continually assigned additional work with our expanding publishing work, that the Lord will sustain and strengthen them for His work.

2. Pray for the company as it seeks to improve the service to the churches of our brotherhood.

3. Pray for the writers of the Sunday-school quarterlies, that the Lord might give them His blessing in writing.

# EVANGELISTIC

## Revival Fires Are Evident at Martinsburg Vice President at Fremont, Ohio

One week after the revival services were over, 125 members of the Rosemont Brethren Church were present at the midweek service, and 107 the following week. This is but a part of the evidence that God has given a great revival in Martinsburg, W. Va., under the faithful ministry of R. Paul Miller, evangelist for Team One of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade.

Rev. M. L. Myers, pastor of the Rosemont Brethren Church, reports that there were 40 decisions for Christ, seven of which were first-time confessions. Three Christians broke from liberal churches and have united with the Brethren church in Martinsburg.

Under the capable leadership of Pastor Myers, and the untiring efforts and encouragement of Evan-

gelist R. Paul Miller, scores of calls were completed by the "seventy group" which resulted in the visitors outnumbering the regular members night after night. Through coordinated effort, 4,000 handbills were distributed, and some 800 homes of the community were canvassed door to door.

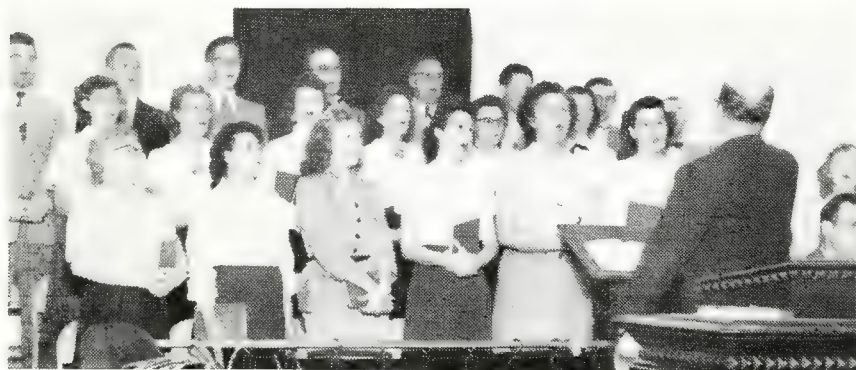
The high point of the service came on the second Sunday night, when 233 people packed the auditorium which comfortably seats 190, and heard Paul Flick, local high-school coach, former professional football player with the Pittsburgh Steelers and star at Brown University, give his ringing testimony of how he was saved.

The Rosemont Brethren Church looks with happy anticipation to a return meeting with Team One of the Crusade.

For the third time in four years, the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio, invited Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald and vice president of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, to conduct an evangelistic campaign. According to Rev. Lester Pifer, "the third meeting was the best." There were 14 first-time confessions, one-half of whom were young husbands. There were 31 public decisions. The Lord be praised for the commendable work done by Brother Pifer, who recently resigned to assume his new duties with the Brethren Home Missions Council.

## Crusade Teams at Grace Seminary

Personnel of Teams One and Two met in Winona Lake on October 28 for the first time since the second team began its work. The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, under Arnold R. Kriegbaum, vice president, had charge of the chapel service. Evangelist R. Paul Miller and Evangelist Walter Lepp brought short messages.



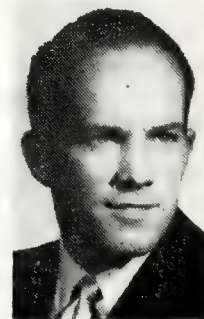
*Choir of Rosemont Brethren Church, Rev. M. L. Myers, director.*

## Max Williams Joins Team One

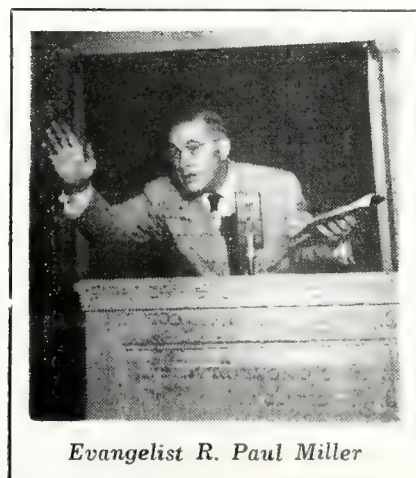
Max Williams, trombonist-song leader from the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., joined Team One in Hagerstown, Md., on September 30.

Mr. Williams completed his high-school work in Long Beach, and afterward spent four years at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles in the department of music. His experience includes six years of church choir work, and about the same time in Youth for Christ work. He is married, and has a 17-months-old son, Larry. Mr. and Mrs. Max Williams

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Max Williams,  
trombonist and  
song leader,  
Team Two  
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are members of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.



*Evangelist R. Paul Miller*



# CRUSADE

Edited by Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum

## Johnstown, Pa.

The Holy Spirit of God demonstrated His power in the Riverside Brethren Church, and as a result of weeks of earnest praying for revival, God answered, and under the direction of Team Two of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade there were 41 decisions for Christ, of which 18 were first-time confessions. Most of the decisions were made by adults.

Here is a young church, two years old, with only 38 members, and the place of worship is not a stately temple but only a converted house, yet God moved in mighty power, and the church had a real revival and souls were saved. The Holy Spirit moved in such power that decisions were made in every service but one.

The attendance grew steadily throughout the campaign, and by the end of the two weeks the building was crowded to the doors. Every attendance record was shattered! "We have had a real revival at Riverside Brethren Church," according to Rev. Ralph Hall, pastor.

## LEAMERSVILLE, PA.

As the Herald goes to press, word has been received that the average attendance for the first seven nights has been 210. Forty-three decisions have been made for Christ, and again God is using Team Two of the Crusade in a mighty way. Revival is on in Leamersville! Robert Crees is pastor.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Address all correspondence directly to THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM, BOX 15, WINONA LAKE, INDIANA. Mail addressed to personnel of the teams will be forwarded to them. All checks should be made payable to THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM OF THE BROTHERS CHURCH.

## FUTURE SCHEDULE OF TEAM TWO

Nov. 3-15.....Leon, Iowa  
Nov. 17-29.....Garwin, Iowa  
Nov. 30-Dec. 13....N. English, Iowa

## Victory at Uniontown, Pa.



*View of congregation.*

The Uniontown, Pa., church has experienced a genuine revival. For months the church prayed for a mighty revival, and God answered. Under the leadership of Team Two of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, a three-weeks campaign was launched September 6.

The average attendance at the evening services was 152, a new high for the Uniontown church. During the three weeks there were 64 decisions for Christ, 15 of them first-time confessions. Of this number, all but four were adults, and over one-half were men. One convert was 70 years of age.

Prayer prevailed in every service for months before the evangelistic campaign began, according to Pastor Clyde Landrum. Evangelist Lepp recognized that prayer had been made when he said, "We thank God that the very first Brethren Evangelistic Crusade meeting that Team

Two has been privileged to direct was in a church and with a pastor that realized the great need for prayer."

The prospect list for these meetings was not an ordinary one. It was a list that was bathed in effectual prayers, tears, and repentance. This resulted in deep conviction and repentance on the part of those who came to make decisions for Christ.

The real test of a revival campaign comes after the meetings are closed. Since the close of the meetings the prayer meetings have more than doubled, the interest in the work of the church has been noticed, and the offerings have increased. We now have an active Brethren laymen's group, and have affiliated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. Rev. Clyde Landrum, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, says, "This, I am convinced, is real revival."

## MEMBERS OF TEAM TWO



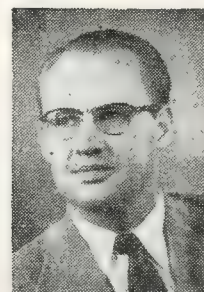
WALTER LEPP

Th.B., Bible Institute of Los Angeles; 15 years pastoral experience; radio preacher and soloist.



CHAS. BERGERSON

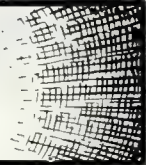
Diploma, Grace Theological Seminary; pianist - organist; formerly with "America Back to God" Quartet.



FRANK COFFIN

B.S.M., Bob Jones University; served in Air Force in England; song leader and tenor soloist.





## What Is Your Excuse?

By Adam H. Rager, Artesia, Calif.

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse" (Luke 14:18).

Excuse-making brings to our mind the fable concerning the lazy ox who was hitched beside a mule. He decided that work was designed for those who liked it, therefore he laid down on the job. When evening came and the mule was returned to the stable, having labored faithfully all day long, the ox was quite curious and asked, "What did the master say?" The tired mule answered, "I heard nothing, but I saw the master leaning over the fence talking to the butcher."

This business of making excuses is a deadly business, very flimsy, and it is not new. Someone has defined an excuse as "the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie."

### I. *Excuse-Making Is Not a New Thing.*

It is as old as sin and entered the world when sin entered the Garden of Eden. When sin severed the intimate relationship between our first parents and God, their Creator and Benefactor, they immediately offered an excuse. It is recorded in Genesis 3:12-13. "And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. . . . And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."

This same attitude has persisted down through the ages of time. Cain, when confronted with his brother's murder, tried to dismiss the issue by an excuse. "Am I my brother's keeper?" When Lot was commanded to leave Sodom and flee to the mountain he sought an excuse to remain nearby—"lest some evil take me, and I die." David labored frantically to cover his sin of adultery and murder was the result. The rich young ruler excused himself from the Saviour's presence because of his riches, and Pilate endeavored to wash away the guilt of the crucifix-

ion of Jesus. Yes, the examples of excuse-making are all too numerous and universal. Few of us can forget the well-planned strategy we used as children to conquer the cookie jar and many of us have never "put away childish things."

### II. *Excuse-Making Is a Flimsy Business.*

Nothing is quite so revealing as a mere excuse. It reveals one of two things which take the form of a pretext or a preference. Either we de-



Rev. Adam Rager

sire to hide the real reason or we prefer the second-rate rather than the supreme. Notice the excuses stated in our context, Luke 14:18-20. "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it. . . I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them. . . I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." All are legitimate excuses in that they reveal devotion to business and home, which is proper. But in relationship to the person and the invitation they also reveal something more important, and that is a heart determined to have its own way and to refuse God's best. Any excuse which rejects God's blessing and spurns His love is surely a flimsy business and is extremely dangerous.

### III. *Excuse-Making Has Deadly Results.*

The verdict pronounced upon the excuse-makers is in verse 24: "None of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Refusal of the gracious invitation closed the door to the life-giving food. Invitation to the bounties of heaven is lovingly extended through the Lord Jesus Christ and the same flimsy excuses are damning souls to an eternal hell now as they have for centuries. The Lord Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. But there are still those who are "too busy" to consider Him, those who "cannot believe," those who hide behind "hypocrites," those who must "get rid of some habits first," and they remain condemned souls.

How many there are who refuse to enter in themselves and would hinder them that would! How many are wayward Christ-rejectors today because some parents didn't believe in "influencing their children in religious matters"! Some will still insist that "it doesn't matter what you believe just so you are sincere," even though the one who drank strychnine for essence of peppermint didn't live to tell about it.

Others will argue: "Why must I accept Christ as my Saviour? Can I not confess my sins and ask God's forgiveness on my own?" They fail to realize that all sin is a violation of God's holiness and the penalty which is eternal death must be and has been cared for in Christ's death on Calvary. "He that believeth on the Son is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Those who refuse Christ, whatever the excuse, are forbidden to taste of eternal life.

Friend, what is your excuse for spurning God's love and rejecting His Son?



# INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

## THE MESSAGE TO SMYRNA

By George O. Peek, Long Beach, Calif.

Those who are familiar with church history have observed that there is an orderly sequence in the epistles to the seven churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3, in which are set forth the moral and spiritual conditions of the professing church in seven successive periods, from apostolic days to the end of the Christian testimony on earth.

Strictly speaking, the second epistle (Rev. 2:8-11), addressed to the angel (messenger) of the church in Smyrna, would have a message only for those who lived in this city at the time this letter was written. However, the expression, "the things that are," in Revelation 1:9 seems to be a comprehensive term embracing all the church age, therefore there is a sense in which the message of Smyrna is for all believers.

Smyrna means "myrrh," and it not only sets forth the actual condition of the church there at the time John wrote, but in its prophetic sense reveals the suffering of the Christians who lived in the two centuries that followed the apostolic period. Myrrh was obtained from an aromatic shrub and was a basic element in many perfumes. The more it was crushed, the greater was the sweet aroma given forth.

The church in Smyrna endured bitter persecution. For 200 years following the apostolic days the followers of Christ suffered many horrible forms of martyrdom in this city. From the time of Domitian to the reign of Diocletian and Galerius 10 imperial edicts were issued commanding that the followers of Christ should be searched out and destroyed. Here in A. D. 167, Polycarp, who had known John personally, was burned to death rather than to deny his Lord.

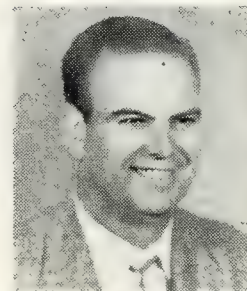
What comfort these words must have brought to those who were enduring such suffering. They were exhorted to look up by faith to the One who had died for them and now

was alive forevermore, ready to minister unto them. Furthermore, He understood all the afflictions His people were called upon to endure, but He reminds them that His followers are far richer than those who persecute them. This has always been true. The Apostle Paul recognized this and spoke of himself "as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (II Cor. 6:10).

There were also false teachers (Judaizers) within the church who troubled the believers with their subversive teachings. This kind had troubled the believers in Paul's day, saying, "Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). These legalists, opponents of salvation through faith, apart from human merit, have always been at work in the church and will continue to oppose the true believer until the end of the age when, according to the parable of the wheat and tares (Matt. 13:24-30), they will be separated from the true church and cast into the furnace of fire. How thankful we should be that the Shepherd calls His own sheep by name (John 10:3).

In verse 10 the believers in Smyrna are encouraged to find comfort in the knowledge that all they were to suffer was foreseen by the Lord, who has promised to provide grace for every trial. All the plans of the enemy of man's soul are known beforehand to the Captain of our salvation and His supply will meet our every need (I Cor. 10:13). Furthermore, they are reminded that Satan's power against the true believer is limited. The Devil may be the prince of this world, but he cannot go beyond the permissive will of God.

How thankful these early believers must have been for the assurance of the Lord's presence and provision for their immediate sufferings. Likewise His promises for the future provided strength for dark days: "Be



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thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." This crown is not eternal life or salvation, which is a free gift of God and a present possession of every believer, but that reward which the Lord will give unto His faithful followers in the day when they stand before the judgment seat of Christ (I Cor. 9:24-25).

The first words of verse 11 remind us that these letters to the seven churches in Asia were not for them alone but for every believer in this present dispensation of grace: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Therefore, the promise in the latter part of the verse is doubly precious: "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." No matter what a believer may be called upon to suffer in this life he can be sure that he will never have to endure the second death. The second death is the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14), and is not the "overcomer" "he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God" (I John 5:5)?

Therefore, the true believer finds comfort in the knowledge that all the suffering he will ever know will be in this life only, for in heaven "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

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**THE MOODY BIBLE STORY BOOK**, by G. Ingwersen. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 639 pp. Price, \$4.95.

The text of this book is based on a translation of a well-known Dutch Bible-story book, and is of practical use to parents, Sunday-school teachers, and children's workers. It carefully follows the Bible narrative, and will make the stories of the Bible live anew in the minds and hearts of the children.

**BEYOND HUMILIATION**, by J. Gregory Mantle. Moody Press, 7th ed., revised. 248 pp. \$3.

The conflict between the old nature and the new nature of the Christian is portrayed, and the question raised why the new is not victorious over the old. The author sets forth the secret to victory as it is revealed in the Word of God.

**THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT**, by Argyle M. Briggs. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1951. Cloth. 314 pp. \$3.

A romance story, in which Sharon Simpson becomes bored with life in Texas and is all but despondent when Stephen Kent, a young high-school principal enters her life and they are married. The rigid decorum of the Kent family, and the departure of her husband for military service, leaves Sharon again in the rush of despair. Then it was that she discovered the secret of life.

**WINE OF MORNING**, by Bob Jones, Jr. Van Kampen Press, 1950. Cloth. \$2.50.

If you are acquainted with the New Testament, you will thoroughly enjoy this book, with its many surprises. Mystery and excitement, fact and fiction in superb literary style blend into a story of outstanding interest and worth, especially for young people.

**GRACE AND POWER**, by W. H. Griffith Thomas. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Cloth. 137 pp. Price, \$2.

This book sets forth some aspects of the spiritual life in relation to God and man. The author calls attention to the Christian life, the demand for the highest possible standard, and the assurance that God provides the power.

**THE WOLF DOG**, by Ken Anderson. Zondervan Publishing House. Cloth. 151 pp. Price, \$2.

A prize winner of the Zondervan \$1,000 Juvenile Christian Fiction Contest. The story is one in which a boy keeps faith in his dog when all the evidence pointed him to be a sheep-killer.

**RIVEN FETTERS**, by Sallie Lee Bell. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 215 pp. Price, \$2.50.

Without the omnipotence of God, the plot of this story could not be. You, the reader, will be flushed with thrilling exultation as Christ's transforming power works physical and spiritual miracles in the lives of those who place faith in Him. Relieved of verbosity, you will be carried along with the author's flowing style among the scenes where Christ once walked.

The plot plays between a handsome bronze-skinned centurion and a beautiful young maid. The centurion becomes Pontius Pilate's pampered favorite, while the maid becomes an ugly, twisted cripple. With dagger in hand she sets out to avenge fate, when Christ transforms her.—L. K.

### BRETHREN CHURCH DAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS MEET IN LONG BEACH

About 50 people, made up of board members, teachers, and pastors representing Brethren church schools in southern California, gathered at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach Sunday afternoon, October 4. This was an occasion when the personnel of all five Brethren schools were able to get acquainted, share each other's blessings and problems.

Day schools in California, directed by Brethren churches now have an enrollment as follows:

Long Beach elementary, first six grades—213 enrolled and 6 teachers.

Long Beach junior high and high school, grades 7-12—246 enrolled, 11 teachers.

Temple City, grades 1-8—126 enrolled and 5 teachers.

First Brethren Church of Inglewood, kindergarten to 4th grade—67 enrolled, 3 teachers.

Washington Blvd. (South Whittier), kindergarten to 4th grade—35 enrolled, 2 teachers.

This brings the total pupils enrolled in all Brethren schools in southern California to 687.

Twenty-six are enrolled in the senior class in Long Beach Brethren High School to be graduated in June 1954.

Throughout Brethren schools one period a day is given to the teaching of the Word of God. All teachers hold the viewpoint that Christian truth belongs in every classroom and that Christ Himself is the center of all wisdom.

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### DO YOU PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR?

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman in his first pastorate in Philadelphia was visited by a layman who frankly said to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a little group of laymen have agreed to gather every Sunday morning and pray for you."

Dr. Chapman added, "I saw that group grow to 1,000 men gathered weekly to pray for this preacher!"—*Ashland bulletin*.

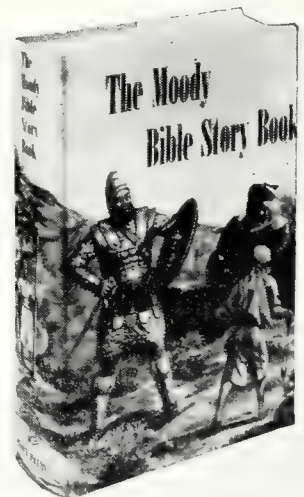
### TEAM ONE TO MICHIGAN

The Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches has voted 100 percent to have Team One of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, under Evangelist R. Paul Miller, conduct campaigns in every church of the district.

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## "WHITE UNTO HARVEST"

Harvest time always gives reason for thanksgiving to almighty God for His bountiful blessings. At this season of the year God has provided for the Brethren Church a means of expressing our gratitude by making it possible to do some spiritual reaping through Brethren home missions. Your Brethren Missionary Herald Company urges you to give with thanksgiving to our fine home-mission program. The fields are "white unto harvest."



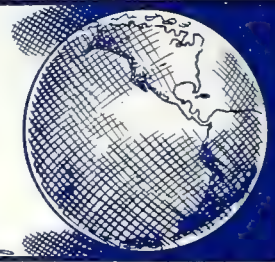


# W.M.C. 53-54



## "Come Ye Apart"

Mark 6:31



## LET US PRAISE HIM!

By Mrs. Homer A. Kent, First National WMC President

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psa. 103:2). It is a good thing to ponder the goodness of God and to meditate upon the benefits with which He enriches our lives. How impoverished we would be if suddenly our riches in Him were withdrawn!

### *Identification With Christ*

Consider the meaning of being identified with Christ. Not just affiliated with a church that proclaims His name or even to have professed Christ as Saviour yourself, but to know that you are a new creature. Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. Consciousness of such deep truth should thrill your heart and soul with real blessing.

Identification with Christ helps you to understand what it means to abide in Him. Did you know that we are commanded to abide in Him? Not just invited to do so, but expressly commanded. When you have embraced this high privilege, you soon cultivate a tranquil spirit and the peace that passeth understanding really pervades the soul. Surely we ought to praise the Lord for this gracious privilege.

### *Fellowship With Each Other*

I sometimes wonder if we, as WMC members, recognize the blessing we have of fellowship with each other. We are essential to each other for growth in grace. We are bidden to pray for each other and to share one another's burdens. We are invited to enter into the fellowship of the saints. Loneliness dissolves when we do, and real concern for others takes its place. Such privilege is a real cause for praise to Him. I believe if more of our women considered fellowship a real blessing we would soon find increased membership in our councils. To be able to fellowship with the missionaries through prayer is more of a blessing than many have yet discovered. Somehow I always feel sorry for the sister who is bored by a missionary meeting. She hasn't learned how to enter into the fellowship of the saints. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

### *Ministering in His Name*

Praise wells up in our hearts when we realize that a holy God has deigned to use unworthy human beings to

fulfill His purposes here in the earth. Even though we accomplish so little individually, we are putting our efforts together so that souls may be gathered in. We may think our offerings are small, but every offering helps, and God is able to glorify the smallest gifts as He did the widow's mite if offered in the same spirit. Every testimony can be increased to His glory and all efforts will be magnified by Him. What a wonderful privilege He has granted us to have a part in the sobering work of reconciliation! Do not pass it over lightly. A crowded busy lifetime is far too short to ignore this great ministry. Rather praise Him for the privilege. May we humble our hearts before Him for His wonderful goodness to us.

## WE CHALLENGE YOU

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

For a number of years the WMC has been presenting to the Lord each year a "thank offering" which has been used for Jewish evangelism. Unfortunately this offering has sometimes had the appearance of an "afterthought offering" rather than a "thank offering" in that it has always fallen far short of the amount we give for any other offering. If the thankfulness of our WMC women were to be gauged by our "thank offering" the conclusion would have to be that we are a most ungrateful group.

Desiring to see all of our WMC members enjoying a fuller measure of joy and blessing in the Lord, the national executive committee recommended a goal of one cent a day from each member for this offering during this year. Read what our financial secretary, Rae McCall, says: "Here is something I could hardly believe. Our goal for the 'thank offering' for Jewish work is one penny per day per member. One cent times 365 days equals \$3.65 times 3,630 members is \$13,249.50. Will we make it? Pray that each lady in WMC will give at least one penny per day as a 'Thank you, Lord' this year."

How about YOU? Will your "thank offering" be truly an expression of love to Him, manifest in a desire to win His brethren after the flesh, or will it be an "afterthought offering"?

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## BRETHREN

# Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission study for this month of November takes us on a visit to our own Brethren mission work to that needy nation on our southern border, namely, Mexico. Our study proper was written by Mrs. Alys Haag, who with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Howard, have been greatly used in the establishment of our work in Baja California. In keeping with our new policy of presenting in the Herald each month the latest developments in the particular field being considered in our devotional meet-



Mrs. Howard

ing of the month, we have asked Miss Dorothy Robinson to give us a short account of the newest plans for expansion along the Mexican border. Miss Robinson spent the summer with our workers there and is looking forward to having a large part in the development of the Bible institute to be started. At the present time she is doing graduate work at Grace Seminary to more fully equip herself for the work to which the Lord has called her.



Mrs. Haag

## SCATTERING THE SEED ON THE MEXICAN BORDER

By Miss Dorothy Robinson, Missionary Under Appointment to the Mexican Border

During the early part of the summer the Haags made a trip down into the peninsula of Baja California in Mexico to strengthen believers whom they had met on former trips, and also to reach new souls for the Lord. The eagerness with which the Gospel was received at a city by the name of San Ignacio greatly thrilled their hearts. When they returned to their base at San Ysidro and Tijuana they took up the work which the Howards had been carrying on in their absence.



Dorothy Robinson

Although, for a while, the Mexican government has closed the door to their work in the Tijuana mission, yet God has provided Mexican leaders from San Diego and Tijuana to conduct the service and carry on the work there, so that the attendance and interest have kept up very well. Just recently a home in another section of the city, Colonia Libertad, has been opened for Bible classes.

Meanwhile, the Haags have not been idle, but God has enabled them to serve Him in many places, including the adult education program of the Red Cross of Tijuana, in which they give courses in home nursing and first aid. They also have continued the meetings at the detention camp for "wetbacks" in San Ysidro. The attendance of Mexican nationals runs around 75 to 80. These men, who come from all parts of Mexico, have been apprehended after illegal entry into the United States and are held there before being returned across the border. It is the hope of the missionaries that some of these men

will receive the Lord and scatter the seed of the Gospel throughout their country as they return to their homes.

In the middle of July the Howards left, with car and house trailer, for a trip down the Mexican mainland, through the State of Sonora, which lies along the coast. They went directly east to Tucson, Ariz., then turning south, they crossed the border at Nogales, after which they continued in the same direction about 600 miles. A fruitful month was spent contacting Christians in that region and holding meetings for children and adults. In addition to the desire to reach the lost, the purpose of this trip was, first of all, exploratory; and secondly, the purpose was to become acquainted with the Christian



Mrs. Howard and native girl assistant teaching children.

people and let them know about the plan for starting a Bible institute and correspondence school in Calexico, Calif.

Soon after the Howards returned to San Ysidro, they moved to this city of Calexico, which is an inland border town adjoining Mexicali in Mexico. They immediately began the search for property, meanwhile living in the trailer. They felt Calexico was a better place than San Ysidro to establish the school since the city is larger and the population is 75 to 80 percent Mexican. Hardly 100 people will be seen in attendance at the few Protestant churches in town, so it seems to be a good field in which to commence. Property is hard to locate, but it is their desire that soon a place will be found in which they can live and to which they can invite people to talk about the Lord. Also they need a place where they can hold children's classes. All the workers invite your prayers that the Lord will open the door to more effective service for Him, both here and in Tijuana, and in whatever other places He may choose to lead.

**Home-Mission Offering Deadline—December 10**

### LETTER FROM THE JOBSONS

Bozoum, August 21, 1953.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in His wonderful name!

The lovely birthday greetings are still arriving. Mr. Jobson and I once again wish to express our appreciation and thanks to you all for your kind thoughts and prayers for us. You know it's wonderful to have Christian friends in the Lord. We have not chosen you—but through God's marvelous grace and love all this has been made possible. What a wonderful Saviour and Friend! Humanly speaking, we are separated from you by many miles of land and sea—yet we meet you at the throne with our praises and petitions on your behalf, and we do thank the Lord for each one of you.

Our women, children, and even the men love to carry these cards in their New Testaments—they use them for book markers. Then, too, we give them for reward cards, and it's an incentive for them to memorize Scripture and Bible verses. The little book markers that some of you dear sisters made are very much appreciated by the Christians. Many of the women, and men also, have a difficult time finding chapters, and they place these cards on the lesson given them for the next day. In one of our classes here on the station there are 11 men who have dedicated their lives for full-time service, but some read very poorly and find it difficult to memorize. Please pray that these men may be given keen minds to be able to hide God's Word in their hearts. There seems to be a new interest taken in reading portions of God's Word. We have asked the women to read a chapter a day—also many of the children are now reading fluently in our junior church. We try to impress the verse in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. . . ."

Thank you again for the greetings, and may God's richest grace rest upon you is our prayer.

Yours in Him.

Orville and Charlotte Jobson.

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### MEET YOUR NATIONAL WMC OFFICERS



The above photograph was taken during conference week at Winona Lake and shows the national WMC officers grouped around the president as they comment upon her bulging notebook and decide that she needs something more adequate for her files.

They are, left to right: Mabel Hamilton, editor; Virden Taber, vice president; Harriet Ashman, president; Genevene Pifer, secretary; Jean Rager, assistant secretary; and Rae McCall, financial secretary. Two other national officers, Olive Deloe, literature secretary; and Mary Emmert, prayer chairman; were not present when the picture was taken.



#### Africa—

Mrs. Albert Balzer.....January 1  
Ramona Marie Samarin.....January 8, 1953  
Mrs. Martin Garber.....January 22  
Mrs. Minnie Kennedy.....January 28

#### Argentina—

Lynn Arthur Hoyt.....January 3, 1947  
Charles Loren Churchill.....January 8, 1951  
Mrs. Carson Rottler.....January 10  
Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy.....January 27

#### Brazil—

Jeanette Elizabeth Miller.....January 22, 1951

#### France—

Dr. Harold Mason.....January 1

### DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Service."  
Mission Study—"A Brethren Testimony in Hawaii."





During the three months just drawing to a close our WMC has had before it the crying need of the neglected Navaho children of our own land. Our home mission project is to provide these neglected children with an adequate school building where they can receive the care and teaching they need to lead them from pagan darkness to the light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our missionaries to the Navahos are living and working in very crowded and inadequate quarters. The national WMC is very happy to be able to help alleviate that situation and it is our earnest prayer that we will find ourselves "over the top" at the end of this month with at least half of the \$5,000 needed to complete our two-year project. WMC *always* meets its goals. Have we done our best for Christ and the Navaho children this quarter? May every council feel completely satisfied that it has done all that it can.

A recent letter from the office of the Home Missions Council to our national financial secretary expresses their deep appreciation for past gifts from the WMC and asks that that appreciation be passed on to the local councils. Let us acknowledge this thanks by doing still greater things for our Lord through our home-mission projects.

Let us remind all councils that the home-mission offering **MUST** be in the hands of the national financial secretary, Mrs. Chester McCall, by **DECEMBER 10**.

## BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for November—Exodus, chapters 12-40; Leviticus, chapter 1.

Bible reading for December—Leviticus, chapters 2-27; the Christmas story in the Gospels.

### Tracts of the Month

1. For **OURSELVES**—"How to Pray for Missionaries," by Alfred E. Street.

2. For **OTHERS**—"Thanks for Your Service," published by Marliss Publishing Co. This little tract, presenting the plan of salvation, is easy for the most timid person to leave at a restaurant table, or to hand to a clerk or service-station attendant when paying for a purchase. Women who hesitate to hand out tracts might find this an easy way to begin. Along the same line we would like to suggest a small quarter-size metal token, or gospel coin, which can be left with your tip. On one side are these words: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ," and on the other side, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

These tracts and coins may be obtained through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

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November 14, 1953

## S O S—TAOS, NEW MEXICO

The Sam Horneys write from Taos, N. Mex.:

"Would you put in the Herald a **SPECIAL PLEA** for the following:

- Children's boots and overshoes
- Children's coats
- Children's dresses and overalls

These are badly needed for the winter months."

They also remind us that Christmas is almost upon us and that candy and toys for their Christmas activities at Taos must be sent *immediately*. Last year most of the Christmas gifts from the various councils arrived *after* Christmas.



The Southeast District held its fall rally at *Covington, Va.*, on September 24 with approximately 100 ladies in attendance. Miss Ruth Snyder was the speaker.

Approximately 100 ladies also attended the fall rally of the newly organized Indiana District at *Sidney, Ind.*, on October 8 at which Miss Johanna Nielsen was the featured speaker.

The *Aleppo, Pa.*, WMC recently honored their pastor's wife, Lyda Walter, with a "pound shower" at which they also gave her a quilt they had made.

According to Mrs. Irene Oliver, the *Waynesboro, Pa.*, WMC has added several new members and has begun an active tract ministry in the local hospital.

At the recent candlelight rededication and installation service for the *Modesto, Calif.*, WMC 8 of the 30 women signing cards were new members.

The Jr. and Sr. *Conemaugh, Pa.*, councils held a joint meeting to celebrate the birthday of Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary to Africa. She received many lovely gifts and the party was complete with ice cream and candle-decked birthday cake. Ruth blew out all the candles at one puff, we hear.

The ladies of the *Hollins, Va.*, church had a covered-dish dinner for the purpose of furthering WMC. The pastor's wife, Mildred Bowman, past national president of WMC, made and distributed booklets entitled, "What It's All About," and explained the purposes of WMC. A new Jr. council was organized with 10 members.

**Home-Mission Offering Deadline—December 10**

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# ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE WMC DISTRICTS

## IOWA DISTRICT REPORT

Greetings in His precious name! We of the Iowa District are happy to be one with you in service.

As a district we are not large in numbers, but we do enjoy real fellowship together and many other rich blessings in our labors of love for Him. Altogether there are only six Brethren churches recorded in the district, yet we have seven senior councils, as a fundamental Church of the Brethren of Des Moines also has an active WMC, and we enjoy fellowship with them. We are looking forward, too, to the time when the new work at Davenport will give us another council.

Of the six councils reporting, the total enrollment is 182, a net gain of 23. Most of the national and district objectives were met 100 percent, except in the important matter of enlisting prayer warriors and observing a monthly day of prayer, where we only rate 66 2/3 percent.

As a district we contributed to the upkeep of the Brethren Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, and also purchased 24 mattresses for the Navaho dormitories at a cost of \$265.

We enjoyed a fall rally at Leon, where Mrs. Hill Macconaghy was the special speaker; also a spring rally at North English, with the speaker Mrs. Theodore Choy, who spoke of her work in China. At our district conference at Dallas Center, we were privileged to have Miss Johanna Nielsen with us and to hear more about Argentina.

Local projects have included outfit gifts to Marian Thurston, supplies and remodeling of churches and parsonages, used clothing to our mission points, help for SMM, layettes for babies, gifts for the sick, for missionaries and pastors, and entertainment for a gospel team of eight, called "God's Invasion Army."

Let us pray one for another that our service may be unto the Lord, and may count for eternity.—*Mary Emmert, president.*

## CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Looking over the reports of the local WMC's, it is amazing the work that is accomplished in one district during the year.

As a district, too, several worthwhile projects have been completed. A gift of \$300 was given to district missions. California is increasing by the thousands daily, and it is our desire to keep abreast in building Brethren churches in our area. We provided communion equipment for two home-mission churches—\$200; \$50 toward the purchase of a piano for Baja California; \$82 for flannelgraph for the Messianic Witness in Los Angeles; \$300 college support for Janice Altig; and \$100 to help send the district SMM president to national conference. We paid for sending the bandages to Winona Lake, and gave a generous gift to the WMC president for national conference expense.

These projects, you will notice, are chosen within our district—making them real district projects.

The local council reports are varied and interesting. Several have been renovating and equipping kitchens, nurseries, and classrooms of the church. Flowers are provided for church services, bandages and shirts for the

leper work; six have missionary hope chests; layettes and many quilts for Navaho babies have been made also. Several missionary showers and birthday parties were given. Two hundred fifty pounds of homemade soap were given to help keep some missionaries clean. Many mother-daughter affairs were sponsored. Baptismal and choir robes were provided and repaired. One WMC started a Sisterhood (a fine project). Many gifts and Christmas boxes were sent to missionaries, 6,000 tracts to Japan, and approximately 1,700 pounds of clothing to home missions. There were gifts outside our denomination given to India, Formosa, Japan, Korean orphans, the Go Ye Fellowship, Migrant Mission, and Grace All-house. Letters were written to the service men.

The California District has three conferences each year—fall, North Long Beach; spring, San Diego; summer, Long Beach, in connection with our district conference. There are 30 councils, 818 WMC members, and a new church promises a WMC next year.—*Leila Polman.*

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT

I bring you greetings from our councils in the Southeast District. We have 14 councils with a membership of 258. From the reports of our councils we have great cause for rejoicing because of the many accomplishments for His glory and our gain.

For our district project we bought a refrigerator for the Lester Kennedys, missionaries to Africa. Most of our councils have kept hope chests for the missionaries, have participated in projects for their local churches, and have met the goals.

We are putting on a special drive in our district this coming year for new members, and hope to have a real good report at our next national conference.

It is with a sense of great responsibility that I assume the office of district president this year, and I covet the prayers of all members that I may be in His will and do my very best for Him.—*Ethel Putt, president.*

## MIDWEST DISTRICT REPORT

Greetings from the Midwest District WMC. There are seven councils in our district with a total of 84 members. All but three of our councils are in home-mission churches. Though widely separated by many miles, we meet together once a year in our district conference and feel that the Lord has truly united us in spirit.

Projects for the coming year are \$90 for Jewish missions and \$10 to help send an SMM girl to Bethany Camp.—*Mrs. M. J. Davis, president.*

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again. The short hand, the Hand of Discipline; the long hand, the Hand of Mercy. Slowly and surely the Hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke; but over and over passes the Hand of Mercy, showering down sixtyfold blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure pivot, the great unchanging heart of a God of love.—*J. Ellis.*



# SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



## BEAUTY OF FEET

By Mrs. Robert Miller

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:15).

Do you pay much attention to your feet? Some people cover their feet with very little thought and go about their business. Only when their feet hurt because of neglect or punishment do they care for them.

There are beautiful feet and those which are not so beautiful. The Bible speaks of both kinds. Romans 3:15 says the unrighteous have feet which "are swift to shed blood." In Proverbs 1:16 we read that sinners' "feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood." The world is filled with such feet today.

The feet of men whose hearts do not love God walk in sinful ways and are not beautiful in God's sight. The psalmist in 1:1 says: "Blessed is the man that *walketh* not in the counsel of the ungodly." One is only blessed or happy as he walks in God's way. No Christian girl can be happy or blessed by God if her feet walk in sin's paths. Only God's Word, and obedience to it, can keep your feet from falling. How faithful are you in reading and studying this wonderful Book? Open your Bibles to Psalm 119:105 and read that verse together now.

Any Sisterhood girl knows that God's standard for beauty is far different from man's. People put all emphasis on the outward appearance. God looks inside. Let's open our Bibles to Romans 10 and read the latter part of verse 15 together. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

When Jesus Christ went back to heaven after He arose from the dead He left the task of winning a lost world to all those who do love Him. His Word tells us that those who do go and preach that Gospel of peace have beautiful feet. Do you want God's kind of beauty? Then obey Him and be a missionary. God wants girls who love Him so very much that nothing to them will be as important as doing His will and winning souls to Christ. Many of you girls are planning your life's work now as you finish high school and college. Have you *asked* God what He wants you to do? Or have you *told* Him what you want to do? Every girl knows which of these she should do before we go on in this study.

You know of course that every born-again believer should be a missionary. You should have been a witness in your own home today. At school or work you should have given a testimony for Christ today. That is being a missionary. But it doesn't stop there. Too many young people have the mistaken idea that if they are to be witnesses away from home God will tell them so through some great or spectacular event. This is not so. The first responsibility you have toward God is to give yourself to Him and His service regardless of what He

asks you to do or where He asks you to go. This may upset some of your pet plans or private dreams but there is no other way to launch your life profitably. God may not call you to preach the Gospel of peace through Christ in some far-off country. He may never lead you to some obscure part of this land to serve Him. But you should be willing and ready to go either place if that is how He leads. And make no mistake about it: your Lord will lead you very clearly when He sees your willing and ready heart.

No matter how well equipped you think you are for a certain task, and regardless of how much you'd like to do it, remember you are not a very wise judge. Why? Because you cannot see ahead into the future. Only God can do that and He leads His children into various paths on the basis of their tomorrows as well as today's.

As I work with Christian girls today I find too many who are more concerned about dates with boys than they are about having witnessed for Christ. The percentage of Christian girls who want to get married at least by the time they finish high school (if they wait that long) is appalling. Too many Brethren girls are more interested in boys and an early marriage than in being beautiful in God's sight. Now don't misunderstand me. Dates with Christian boys are a real thrill and perfectly fine in their place. I remember some such delightful occasions when I was a girl. Marriage in the Lord can be a deep source of joy, but only in the Lord and in His way. No girl who genuinely loves the Lord will date or go around with the worldly, unsaved crowd of young people. But there are some other things in life than boys and dates and wedding bells. Let these experiences be yours only as the Lord directs. Be concerned first with your beauty as God sees it.

Do you want beautiful feet? Then take the glad tidings of God's love which He showed a lost world when Jesus Christ His Son died on Calvary. In this day of war and bad news only the Christian has the good news of peace and glad tidings. God grant that every Sisterhood girl in every Brethren church across the nation will have beautiful feet.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29).

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"Are your feet showing?" How many of us have read this advertisement and instinctively have glanced at our feet! We are conscious immediately of our feet and wonder if they would pass inspection if someone were looking at them. We polish and clean our shoes and wash out stockings as a rigid rule each night, so that we won't be ashamed of our feet. These things are all necessary, but so often we are forgetful that our foot-steps show as well as our feet.

Do your feet make tracks to the church door every Sunday morning in time for Sunday school, each Sunday evening and even on prayer-meeting night? It makes no difference what our feet look like if they are not making marks in the right direction. We pass the shoe shops and look at the beautiful shoes there. But did you ever stop to wonder where those shoes will end?

Here is a beautiful pair of silver slippers—they look lovely and dainty, but they might be used as dancing slippers and dance a young lady into the very arms of the Devil. We must be very careful that our feet are not leading us to the den of Satan. Those shining silver slippers might stand for the glitter of the world, for they last but a short while. We would never think of wearing them to climb a mountain, for they would not last or stand the test of a climb. Therefore, we as Christians should be prepared for the climb to the mountain heights with our Saviour. Many girls (and others as well) miss the mountain-top experiences with the Lord because they are not prepared for them.

Just as the silver slippers are frivolous, we are tied up with the silly things of the world and cannot make it

to the top. If you think that there is nothing exciting in the Christian life, remember we cannot see the beautiful sunset from the top of the mountain if we have to stop very often to rest our feet and adjust our shoes. The Word tells us that we should have our feet properly shod (Eph. 6:15). When our feet are fitted properly with the "preparation of peace" then others will be able to tell that we wear "heavenly shoes" by the way we walk.

In Isaiah 52:7 we read, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace." Some Bible commentators say that this verse might refer to the inhabitants of some beleaguered city as they look out for the messengers of peace and as they see them come, running up over the top of the mountain, with the wonderful news of peace. It is not the fact that their feet are especially beautiful, but that the message they bring is one of beauty to their hearts. Romans 10:15 says, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." What a privilege we as Christians have to take the good news of salvation to others. Our Lord told us we were to take this good news to every creature and at the same time calls those who take it "beautiful."

Is the Lord calling you to be swift to take the Gospel to others? Are you willing to use your two good feet to spread the good news of salvation to those who have never heard it? He gave His all for you; you can do no less for Him. There is still a shortage of missionaries in every field the Brethren Church is trying to take for the Lord. Will your fellow men be able to say of you, "How beautiful are the feet of them that . . . bring good tidings"?

## PROGRAM GROOMING FOR SEPTEMBER

**PRAISING VOICES**—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

**SWEET SAVOR**—Spend time in prayer circle by referring to the "Perfume Corner."

**CLEANSED HEARTS**—Read Romans 10:9-17.

**GLOWING LIVES**—Seniors study "Beauty of Mind."

Middlers study "Humiliation Is Beautiful."

**SPARKLING TALENTS**—Give special number.

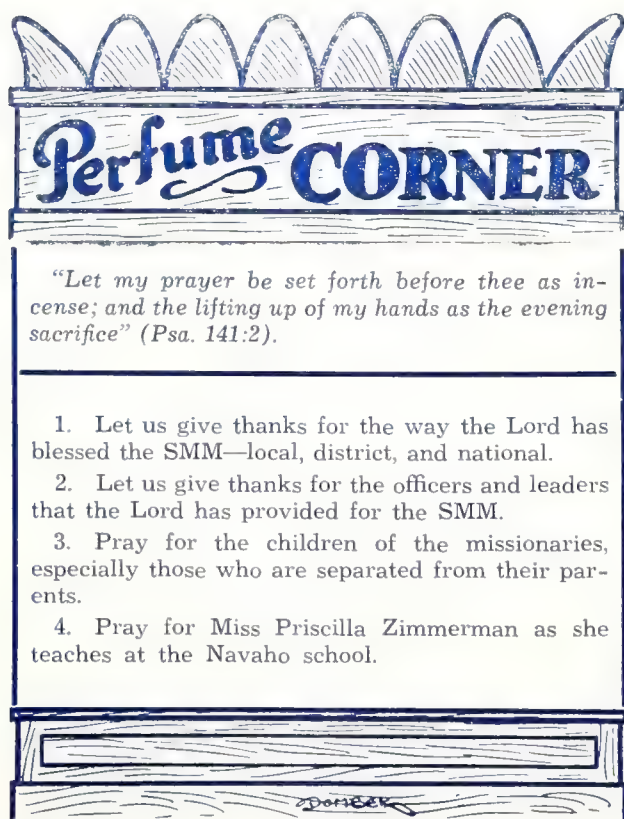
**BEAUTIFUL FEET**—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeat year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**

**SMM BENEDICTION.**

## WHAT SISTERHOOD MEANS TO ME

Sisterhood means to me a place where girls can get together and study the Word of God. I think it prepares us for our Christian life ahead of us. I always get a blessing from SMM and afterward I feel like I have a new start for Christ.—Patsy Webster, Wooster, Ohio, Jr. SMM.





# TESTIMONIES FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD OFFICERS



**President—Patty Griffith**

Dear Girls:

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 5:20-21).

And truly He has done just that for SMM this past year. The Lord has been so good to us that we should never cease to thank Him for all the blessings. We have gone over the top in all the goals that we set last year.

But we can't live in the glory of the past, so let's look ahead for the blessings of the coming year. If every girl would do her little bit, we would have lots of honor SMM's next year. Let's have every girl make that her own personal goal this year and see what comes of it. We can do it if we ask the Lord to help us.

I thank the Lord that I can serve Him in this small way of being your president. It has been a real privilege and a blessing to me. It is my request as well as the other officers that you girls pray for us daily. We have promised to serve the Lord and you as best we know how, but we need you girls to back us up with your prayers. Will YOU pray for us?

I'll be looking for some good reports from YOUR SMM this year and will be praying for you all.

**Vice President—Cora Luna**



I praise the Lord, first of all, for His salvation, and not only does He save us, but He has promised to be with us "even unto the end of the world." Too often, like the nine lepers, we forget to count our blessings and give thanks. Many times, also, we neglect the Lord until we are in trouble or in direct need, but I

have found in my own life that Christ is always ready and willing to help us if we only let Him. In my life there has been sickness, there have been trials, discouragements, but even for these I am thankful, for they have taught me to depend and to lean on my Lord. A stand for Christ will bring slurs and snickers from those you think are your friends, but, believe me, there is no greater joy than to serve the Lord, to show to all the world that we are His, and He is ours.

I thank the Lord also for answered prayer, especially in permitting me to go to Bethany Camp this year. For it is there at Bethany that we hear and see Christian young people give their thrilling testimonies, and this always inspires me to do greater things in my Christian walk. As an officer, I ask your prayers that I might have more faith and more time for the Lord's work. I have a full-time job as a bookkeeper in our local bank, and it is not easy to work among those who are unsaved. Pray for me as I help my brother, Tony, with his work as pastor of our mission at Cordillera. My prayer is that God will richly bless all those who are working for

Him, for to every Christian each soul should be a mission field.

**Treasurer—Mary Hooks**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to me and for the privilege of being one of His servants. I want to thank Him for His Word and the promises in it for us; and we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. May this year in Sisterhood be a blessed one in Him.



**Assistant Patroness—Mrs. H. Leslie Moore**



I am thankful to my Lord that He has seen fit to call me to salvation and that He also has called me into His service. I was saved when a girl of 8 years of age and I was encouraged by my Christian parents to participate in the various organizations of the church.

Among these was the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, where I was taught ways of serving my Master and doing His will. I pray I may never fail to do as He bids me and that I may take Colossians 3:17 and use it as a guide for my life: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

**Senior Patroness—Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum**

"Never aim at second best," Dr. Bauman was saying. Yes, our own Louis S. Bauman was the speaker at my high-school baccalaureate service in the little town of Berne, Ind. And there sat I, salutatorian, second highest in my class. Fresh from the country, I did not even know of such as valedictorian or salutatorian when I entered high school, so I did not aim at second best. But my parents just expected my best and when I brought home anything less than "A" on my report card, I saw the eyebrows go up in a look of askance. I knew they were wondering if I had done my best. Through God's Word and members of God's family, seeds of inspiration to be my best for Christ have been planted continuously in my life.

Nurtured from a strictly Brethren cradle, a favorable environment pursued me to be a Christian. At 6 years of age I publicly confessed Christ as my Saviour in a Bible-school decision service in the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia. Thus my home was a mighty fortress against the wiles of the Devil because there I was taught to love God and read His Word. However,



when I left home for higher education I soon learned Satan pursued me, too; and only by keeping close to Christ through daily private devotions was I strong enough to turn away from the constant worldly allurements.

Missionaries were always welcome at our home and Mother entertained them as she royally knew how, as well as other scholarly Christian speakers. Their presence blessed my parental home, and in recent years, my own home. The beautiful fragrance of their lives has served to impress me with the gracefulness that so becomes a wholehearted Christian.

Authors through their books have greatly shaped my thinking. Family worship taught us the importance of putting God and His Book first. By the way, we learned to be prompt to family worship or else kneel on pins and needles wondering if we would get to school on time, for Daddy prayed until he was through; at least we children thought so. The choice light reading I recall are the Elsie Dinsmore books, by Martha Findley; Grace Livingston Hill Lutz's books; "Beautiful Girlhood"; Ingles' books; and Paul Hutchens' books. Later, when I was privileged to serve him as secretary, Paul Hutchens' real Christian living blessed and challenged me even more than his writings.

Life has taught me that anything worthwhile is not easy. Study of philosophy, religions, and peoples has convinced me that peaceful thinking and living comes only from a living faith in a living Saviour.

In order to grow in grace, we must be much alone. It is not in society—even Christian society—that the soul grows most vigorously. In one single, quiet hour of prayer it will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air is purest.—*Horatio Bonar*.



*Hint 1.* Do you have your pennant yet? You will need one to put on all those jewels that you earn. You are eligible to get one if you fulfill the seven points of the merit system. These can be obtained from the national literature secretary for 65c.

#### WINNERS OF THE WRITING CONTEST (PLAY)

First—Marie Elizabeth Benning, Meyersdale, Pa.  
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## ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

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**Kittanning, Pa.** Rev. Gordon Bracker has resigned as the pastor of the First Brethren Church. Two hundred twenty-five were present Oct. 25 in Sunday school.

**Kingsburg, Calif.** Dr. Edwin E. Jacobs, 76, president emeritus of Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, died at his home here Oct. 31.

**Listie, Pa.** The Primary Class, taught by Miss Helen Miller, gave \$10.81 in a recent offering for the building fund.

**Tracy, Calif.** Speakers at the homecoming service Nov. 1 were Dr. Jack MacArthur, Rev. Charles Garrett, and Dr. Vincent Bennett.

**Troy, Ohio.** The Southern Ohio District Conference Sisterhood rally was held here on Nov. 10.

**Seattle, Wash.** Rev. Leo Polman spoke at the View Ridge Brethren Church on Nov. 1. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

**Garwin, Iowa.** Mrs. R. Paul Miller, Jr., wife of the pastor of the Carlton Brethren Church, underwent surgery Oct. 27 for acute appendicitis. Recovery normal.

**Lucknow, India.** The National Christian Council of India has accepted an invitation from the Lucknow Psychological Center to train groups of pastors, evangelists, and social workers in the application of psychotherapeutic techniques to pastoral counseling. (When so-called Christian workers get away from the Word of God they must of necessity turn to such un-Biblical programs.—Editor.)

**Detroit, Mich.** Approximately 45,000 people assembled in Briggs Stadium on Oct. 25 to hear Evangelist Billy Graham. This is reported to be the largest religious gathering ever held in the State of Michigan.

**Tracy, Calif.** Public-school officials are excusing any child from dancing instruction who brings a

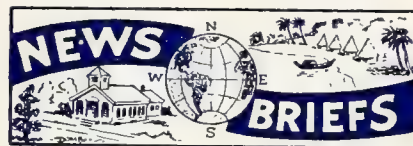
note from their parents requesting same. God grant that Christian parents will make this request known as a Christian testimony.

**Clayhole, Ky.** There were 373 present at Sunday school on Oct. 25.

**Clay City, Ind.** Carolyn Oberholtzer has memorized the Book of James for her Sisterhood goal. She has also memorized Philipians and I Peter.

**Pasadena, Calif.** The 12th annual convention of the American Council of Christian Churches was held at the Hotel Alexandria Oct. 28-30. Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was on the program.

**Long Beach, Calif.** The Second Brethren Church had an attendance of 1,194 in Sunday school on the second Sunday of the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. The church has rented two tents to care for the crowd. George Peek is pastor.



**Glendale, Calif.** Recent speakers at the First Brethren Church were Rev. Keith Altig, Joe Kemp, Christian magician, and Lew Mahieu, holder of many world records in model airplanes.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** The Winona Lake Brethren Church celebrated its 10th anniversary on Oct. 25. Rev. A. D. Cashman delivered the anniversary message. H. W. Koontz is pastor.

**Berrien Springs, Mich.** The Grace Brethren Church was the recipient of a check for \$41.50 as a gift from the Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, which was given to provide heaters for this new mission church. Robert Griffith is pastor at Lake Odessa, Mich., and Robert Markley at Berrien Springs.

**Covington, Va.** Some of the men of the First Brethren Church purchased a furnace for their pastor's home, Rev. Paul Mohler.

**Dayton, Ohio.** The amount received in the building-fund drive on Oct. 18 was \$11,950 in cash and pledges for the First Brethren Church.

**Ozark, Mich.** The new address of Rev. Paul Lovegrove is Box 24, Ozark, Mich.

**Portland, Oreg.** Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dalke have entered the fellowship of the Grace Brethren Church here. Rev. Mr. Dalke has served as a Mennonite pastor since he was graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He and his family were baptized at our 1953 National Fellowship at Winona Lake, Ind., on Oct. 8. Rev. and Mrs. Dalke moved to Salem, Oreg., to establish a Brethren testimony there. Rev. Vernon Harris is pastor at Portland.

**New York, N. Y.** Over 4,000 Roman Catholic priests in the United States are now receiving the Converted Catholic Magazine as a result of a recent appeal to Protestants. These priests will receive, every month for six months, 36 pages of evangelical Christian literature. Dr. Walter Montano, editor of this magazine, was formerly a Roman Catholic monk.

**Findlay, Ohio.** Rev. Bernard N. Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the second anniversary of the Findlay Brethren Church. Forest Lance is pastor.

**Long Beach, Calif.** There was a ground-breaking service for Stearns Street Brethren Church on Nov. 1. The church is located at 6565 Stearns St., in Los Altos area.

**Johnstown, Pa.** The Tribune-Democrat, daily newspaper, devoted 18 pages to the churches of the county. One page was devoted to the history of the Brethren Church, tracing its development from the German Baptist Brethren to the four branches of the present time.

**Detroit, Mich.** (Special). The St. Peter Claver Mission Guild is free to hold raffles and bingo games in the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple of this city in behalf of the Holy Ghost Fathers, who run a mission for Negroes, even though such games are against Michigan law. (What blasphemy to associate gambling with the Holy Spirit!—Editor.)

**Special.** According to Newsweek, the war against religion in Poland is so severe that any snapshots which show a church, even in the background, are now banned from the mails.

**New York.** According to the Missionary Research Library the number of U. S. Protestant missionaries serving overseas increased from nearly 15,000 to 18,000 between 1950 and 1952.



# ADVENTURE

UP THE AMAZON RIVER  
WITH UNCLE EDDIE

Did you know that the Amazon River in Brazil is one of the largest and longest rivers in the whole world? Well it is, and we live right alongside of this river and every day we can see all the boats passing by. Big boats, little boats, sailboats, motorboats, "canoas," and rowboats, all of them coming to and from our town of Macapa. And you know why? Well, this river is so big that it is just full of little islands and big



islands and many people live way in the interior where there aren't any stores to buy food and clothing and other things that they need. So when they want to buy some coffee and sugar and beans they just can't run down to the corner store like you can. No, they have to get into their little sailboat or "canoa" and paddle sometimes all day to get to a store. So naturally they only get to town a few times each year.

But let's take a trip with one of these Brazilian families in their little sailboat. We have to get up early, as these Brazilians travel early. Can you imagine—they even start before it is light enough to see. We put the things we want to take in a cloth sack, as most of them are so poor they have no suitcases. First we roll our bed up and put that in. You see it is very easy to take your bed right with you, as here in this part of Brazil most of the people sleep in hammocks. I imagine that most of you children have never even seen a hammock. But they are nice to sleep in. You just tie one end to a hook on the wall and the other end is tied around a post in the corner. Then you can just swing back and forth till you go to sleep. Then let's

put our clothes and any other things we want to take with us in the sack. Naturally our Bible goes in too, since all Christians should take their Bibles with them.

When everything is ready, we put our sack on our shoulders and go down to the boat. We have to go barefooted as the tide is low and we have to walk through the mud to reach the boat. This tide is a funny thing here on the Amazon River. About every 12 hours the river flows in and fills up the low places with water and then without hardly noticing it, it starts to flow out again. Sometimes the water is right up to the front of these houses and other times it is far away. Because of the high water the people that live on these islands build their houses up on stilts.

Once we get in the boat we have to sit still and not move around, as it tips way over when the wind fills the little sail. In the bottom of the boat there is some dried corn (all tied in bundles), pumpkins, and even some watermelons ready to sell. Here in Brazil it is warm all the year round and so we have watermelon in December. In the back of the boat there is lots of noise, as a little pig tied by a rope to the side of the boat is squealing and at the same time some chickens in a basket are squawking to get loose too. And then sitting on top of the basket is a real parrot. We have lots of parrots here in Brazil.

A trip like this on one of these little sailboats would really be lots of fun, don't you think? But sometimes there are big storms on the Amazon River and then it is necessary to have a good pilot to sail the boat, someone that really knows how, or the waves might turn the boat over.

Did you know that one day when Jesus was here on this earth He was in a little sailboat with His disciples when a big storm came up. That's right. In the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4, it says that the disciples were afraid they were going to turn over in their boat too. But Jesus "said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And



Edward D. Miller  
(Uncle Eddie)

the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." With Jesus in our boat we don't have to be afraid either. The Bible says that all those who open their hearts and let Jesus come in will have peace and great calm too. I want Jesus to be my Pilot, don't you? If He isn't your Saviour and Pilot, ask Him to save you now.

## FAITHFULNESS IN PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

In the Spanish-American War, when some transports with supplies for the American Army found it impossible to find a secure anchorage off the Cuban coast, they were compelled to discharge their cargoes into boats, while they themselves cruised slowly to and fro.

It was impossible to land the horses and mules in this manner, so it was decided to push them overboard and trust in their swimming ashore. Some instinctively swam toward the beach; others swam in circles; others, more frightened than the rest, made out to sea. It looked as though many would be lost, and the ship's officers were greatly concerned. What to do they could not imagine.

Then they saw a soldier on shore running to the point of a headland. He put his bugle to his lips and blew the calls the horses and mules had learned to know during their training. The penetrating notes were heard by the bewildered, struggling animals. Some responded at once, others more tardily, but the bugler continued to sound his calls until every one was safe ashore.

*Our main duty is to proclaim the gospel message in faith. — Earnest Worker.*



# NEWS from the CHURCHES

(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

The *Grace Brethren Church of Pond Bank, Pa.*, is seeing definite increase in attendance, especially in the Bible school. John Ritchey is superintendent.

The *First Brethren Church of Winchester, Va.*, enjoyed the return of Evangelist Archie L. Lynn, who directed the recent campaign that resulted in 7 first-time confessions and 45 reaffirmations. According to Rev. Paul Dick, "Our church definitely has been strengthened through this revival effort and we are praying that this revival spirit will continue throughout the year." Rev. Dick begins his 13th year as pastor of this church, and has done a commendable work. By the use of the daily radio ministry, and faithful prayer warriors gathering each night during the two weeks, God wrought a great victory in Winchester, Va.

The *Clearbrook Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va.*, enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist William Smith Oct. 4-18. The basic work for the campaign was done many weeks before the meeting started in little prayer bands. There were 9 first-time confessions and 16 reaffirmations. Rev. William Howard has performed a faithful ministry unto the Lord, and is to be commended for the fine work he has established at Clearbrook.

The *Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md.*, experienced a real revival, with reconciliations and rededications, and a greater passion for the lost, under the ministry of Evangelist R. Paul Miller, of Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team One. There were 15 first-time confessions and 37 rededications during the three-week campaign. On the second Sunday morning 100 people publicly dedicated themselves to the cause of soul-winning. Although Rev. Russell Weber had arrived on the field just a few weeks before the meetings began, yet God mightily used him to get the field in readiness for a mighty working of God.

The highest attendance of 401 was reached the first Sunday morning,

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany) . . . . .	Nov. 1-15 . . . . .	Charles Gantt . . . . .	James Young.
New Troy, Mich. . . . .	Nov. 1-15 . . . . .	Richard Jackson . . . . .	Crusade No. 1.
Leon, Iowa . . . . .	Nov. 3-15 . . . . .	Marion Gates . . . . .	Crusade No. 2.
South Bend, Ind. . . . .	Nov. 3-15 . . . . .	W. R. Ogden . . . . .	Michael Walsh.
Alexandria, Va. . . . .	Nov. 16-29 . . . . .	Kenneth Teague . . . . .	William Smith.
Berrien Springs, Mich. . . . .	Nov. 16-29 . . . . .	Robert Markley . . . . .	Crusade No. 1.
Garwin, Iowa . . . . .	Nov. 17-29 . . . . .	Paul Miller, Jr. . . . .	Crusade No. 2.
Washington, D. C. . . . .	Nov. 22-29 . . . . .	James Dixon . . . . .	A. J. McClain.
Waynesboro, Pa. . . . .	Nov. 22-29 . . . . .	D. I. Holliday . . . . .	John Whitcomb.
Rittman, Ohio . . . . .	Nov. 22-Dec. 6 . . . . .	Chas. Ashman, Jr. . . . .	A. R. Kriebbaum.
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) . . . . .	Nov. 29-Dec. 6 . . . . .	D. W. Rossman . . . . .	W. W. Breckbill.
Uniontown, Pa. . . . .	Dec. 6-9 . . . . .	Clyde Landrum . . . . .	R. I. Humberd.

which was Rally Day. The average attendance was 214.

The *First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa.*, united with the Christ for Everyone Campaign Sept. 20-Oct. 4 in a quest for souls. Evangelist Archie Lynn, former pastor of the Johnstown church, preached the Word in the same high quality that has made him a successful pastor and evangelist. On the second Sunday evening nearly 100 persons publicly declared their desire to yield to the Lord in order that they might be of greater service to Christ. Since the meetings have closed, 13 have entered the waters of baptism and 10 or 12 more are awaiting baptism, according to Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor. There were 45 decisions for Christ at a special decision service in the Sunday school the last Sunday of the campaign. The average attendance was 227, with the largest attendance at one service reaching 392. A large choir, under the able leadership of Prof. John Lloyd Jones, with Mrs. H. W. Darr at the organ, was a real contribution to the meetings.

The *Meyersdale Brethren Church, of Meyersdale, Pa.*, has seen the hand of the Lord move during the two-week campaign with Rev. Miles Taber as evangelist. There were 17 decisions the first week. H. Leslie Moore is pastor.

## NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS

The Brethren calendar for 1954 will be in the mail early in December. These should arrive in your hands in plenty of time for Christmas distribution. Each calendar will be in an individual envelope, suitable for mailing. Appropriate season's greetings will be imprinted. Also, your church name and imprint will be placed upon the exposed cover. This imprint is as you have ordered. In case of an unexpected delay at the printing company, the calendars will be sent without the imprint, each local church to care for the matter as deemed advisable.

Each local church will be billed at 10c per calendar, plus postage. If possible, the Calendar Committee will assume the cost of imprinting (\$3). If funds do not permit, then this slight additional cost will be passed on to the church. All costs will be handled through your church account at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

The 1954 Brethren calendars ought to be in each Brethren home. These will make fine advertising pieces to put into the homes of prospective members. Several thousand additional copies, unimprinted, will be on hand for future use by pastors and churches. For information pertaining to the calendars, write to Kenneth Ashman, P. O. Box 1, Wooster, Ohio.



"AN ENTHUSIAST is a man with a cool head and a warm heart. A fanatic is a man with a hot head and a cold heart."—Bob Munro.

# The Joys of a Sunday-School Teacher

By E. W. Baumgartner, President, First Bank of Berne, Ind.

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The joy of a Sunday-school teacher cannot be realized to the fullest extent unless there has been a personal experience with Christ both as Saviour and Lord of one's life. From this follows a conviction that to teach a class in Sunday school is a calling of God which results in humble joy. Sunday-school teachers do not come by accident. They are called or sent (at times driven) to the holiest work on earth: bringing first of all to a class the truth of the saving grace in Christ Jesus, then the molding of Christian character and personality.

As teachers we stand on holy ground; into our hands has been thrust clay beyond price—often the plastic, formative years in young lives. In a sense, a teacher has a greater opportunity than his pastor who must spend so much time with the general shepherding of the flock and too often correcting in his adults the mistakes of the church-school teacher. Human life is a sacred trust; may God have mercy upon a church-school teacher who trifles with it. But this trust, by the grace of God, can also bring unspeakable joy to the teacher.

In writing this article, I lack words to express the joy I have received as a Sunday-school teacher so that I am led to say, "Great joy dwells rather in the heart than on the tongue." But I do know, too, that next to the consolations of divine grace, joy is the most sovereign balm to the miseries of life, both in him who is the object of it and in him who exercises it. It is a fact, then, that every joy which comes to us is only to strengthen us for greater labor as a teacher. We can do nothing well without joy, and good conscience is the ground of joy. To acquire the joy of teaching, one must have tasted of the fruit of the tree of life and of the fruits of the tree of Calvary.

The joy of teaching comes by steadily following the path of duty without thinking of joy, and then, like sleep, it comes most surely unsought. Joy is sure to meet us. Yes, at times the most profound joy has

more of gravity than of gaiety in it. But joys are our own wings in flight to the Father heart of God. Joy is neither within us only, nor without us; it is union of ourselves with God. All who would win joy must share it. Joy, too, in teaching a class consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way, too.

Joy comes in teaching the Holy Bible. Know that Book, and know it well, its message and meaning. Get all this in your heart. You cannot teach what you do not know; you cannot give what you do not have. Believe it, love it. Teach it



as a living Book, and not as a sacred obituary of men long dead; its precepts apply more to tomorrow than to yesterday. The Bible is a springboard for Christian living in this world. Practice and live out its precepts before your class. It will result in great joy.

My first experience as a Sunday-school teacher was with a class of young boys. These boys were approximately 12 years old when I took the class, and we were together until they were 17 years old. The saying is that boys or children of this age are quite a problem. I did not find it so. They took a keen interest in the lessons from Sunday to Sunday, and it was with these boys that I experienced great joy. An acceptance of Christ as Saviour by these boys was, of course, the main reason for joy. But there followed an interest in the living of a Christian life, the Bible, and Sunday school as

such. It was to these boys that I was able to present from time to time great epochs of the Bible, an unfolding of God's dealing with man, Christian teachings on human relations regarding the Christian home and neighborhood, society, the struggle to earn an honest living, the use of money and respect for the law, and the relationship to those of other races and nations.

Then there was the study of the old pioneers, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and the New Testament pillars of the church. As these matters were taught, there came to these boys a better application of the teachings and life of Jesus to modern problems, i. e., the business of confident living. These boys, all but one who has passed on to the other world and was saved by His grace, are now men of middle age, in various professions and vocations of life and scattered from coast to coast. They still bring me much joy when I see their sincerity as Christians and workers in His kingdom. I often rejoice to hear from them by letter or word of mouth as they recall the blessings of that Sunday-school class to which they belonged. You Sunday-school teachers, don't grow weary in your work for you will be richly rewarded even in this life.

For many years I had the joy of teaching a mixed married adult class consisting of young fathers and mothers, men and women in the prime of their lives, as well as old folk in the sunset of their lives. In this class we experienced a mature fellowship one with another which not only brought joy to the teacher but a challenge to reach out into the deep. In this class was an old man who more than anyone else was responsible for my taking up the task of teaching. It was he who insisted that I listen to God's call; and it was he, too, who assured me that if I prove faithful to this call of teaching I would personally profit more by teaching than anyone else, and thereby receive great joy. He was right, and I have often thanked God for it.

At this time and for nearly 16



years, I have had the joy of teaching a young married people's class. Some of the things which bring me much joy are the loyalty and faithfulness of the members of this class in accepting assignments, attendance, and general interest in the work of the class. I know that in these families there are many family altars, and many children who are brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord; also, they take part in the over-all work of the church, and give evidence that many will take their place as leaders of the church. Then to see them grow in their Christian lives, their Christian testimonies in daily living, their concern for the spiritual welfare of the church and community; all these things and many more bring great joy to the teacher.

There is one joy which a Sunday-school teacher can and must have which perhaps is too often forgotten, and that is the hour of preparation for the teaching of the lesson. It is at this point that one can and must have communion with God, direction to teach, to bring the class before the throne of God, to rejoice in their salvation and to share with them during the teaching hour the presence of God. It is during the hour of preparation, I think, that we realize that it is not the teacher, but the Spirit of God that works with the class members. As the teacher sows the seed, God giveth the increase. That brings joy to the teacher.

Are you ever discouraged? Ever think of giving up? Sometimes we feel our teaching is hard in this roaring, heedless generation. The opposition is tremendous; there are a thousand voices calling listeners away from us; demands upon their time and attention increase daily. Yesterday it was only movies and automobiles; today it is television. Tomorrow, what?

The world is filled with men who believe that might makes right. But remember, you have been called to teach, not just to help out until they can get someone else. God the Father has taken you by your hand and placed it on the latchstring of the door of precious souls. Go with God. You have the greatest job in the world. Enjoy it! Psalms 40:8: "I delight to do thy will, O my God." It was to Christ His meat and drink to go on with the work appointed to Him. When the law of God is written in our hearts, our duty will be our delight.

## In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

DANIEL W. EARLY, 91, departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 24, in the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Yakima, Wash., after a short illness. Mr. Early was faithful to his Lord and his church. He was a charter member of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash., and later a member at Harrah, Wash., and was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.—*Russell Williams, pastor.*

DONALD FAIR, 21, met with a fatal accident on his way home from a U. S. Army camp. He was a member of the Sunday school at the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa. Services were conducted Sept. 25.—*Gordon Bracker, pastor.*

RANCY B. DICK, father of Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., passed from this life on Monday, Sept. 28, and the funeral service was conducted on Thursday, Oct. 1.—*Stanley Hauser, pastor, Conemaugh (Pa.) Brethren Church.*

SYLVANUS CUSTER left his earthly tabernacle on Oct. 14 with services conducted Oct. 17. Mr. Custer had served the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., as a trustee and moderator.—*W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

SIDNEY B. VAUGHN was promoted to glory July 6. Mr. Vaughn was a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1936.—*Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor.*

JESSE LENTZ, 83, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 29. Mr. Lentz united with the First Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, in 1926.—*W. A. Steffler, pastor.*

CHARLES (ED) SMITH, 82, was called of the Lord on Oct. 3. Mr. Smith was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, since 1890. He served as a deacon for a short time, being relieved at his own request. He gave up the position of head usher to care for his invalid wife, who preceded him in death. His faithfulness to the Lord, his genuine love for people, and his sincere friendliness will long be remembered.—*W. A. Steffler, pastor.*

MRS. DELIA NORTON, a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1929, met

with a fatal accident on Friday, Oct. 2, near Slina, Utah. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Oct. 8 at Long Beach.—*Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor.*

ALBERT L. ALDRIDGE, 75, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 25, and services were conducted on Sept. 28.—*Dennis Holliday, pastor, First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.*

MARLENE BRENDER, 18, slipped away to be with the Lord on Sept. 30. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brender.—*Thomas E. Hammers, pastor, View Ridge Brethren Church, Seattle, Wash.*

MRS. MARGARET ASHCRAFT, mother of Ruth Ashcraft, who is a member of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, departed from this life Oct. 19.—*Clyde Landrum, pastor.*

MRS. ADDIS BOWKER, 79, departed this life after a short illness on Friday, Oct. 23. She was born in Dallas County, Iowa, May 8, 1874, moving with her husband and family to Sunnyside, Wash., in 1907. She was a faithful member of the Sunnyside Brethren Church, where she served the Lord as cradle roll superintendent for more than 30 years. After moving to Yakima, Wash., she became a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church and served as cradle roll superintendent until the time of her death.—*Russell Williams, pastor.*

CASPER STAIR was "loosed away upward" on Oct. 16, with funeral services conducted Oct. 18 at the Fairhaven Brethren Church, near Wooster, Ohio.—*Kenneth Ashman, pastor, First Brethren Church, Wooster.*

LETTIE GAY SPANGLER, faithful and well-known member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1945, departed to be with the Lord on Oct. 9 after a long illness.—*C. W. Mayes, pastor.*

Gypsy Smith once said, "You count your children and the Lord counts His. You made enough fuss when your first babe was born. THE CHURCH DOESN'T FUSS HALF ENOUGH WHEN SINNERS ARE CONVERTED." Let's have more fussing over sinners.—*Selected.*

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## CAN I GET PAY?

"Paul Kent, will you help Daddy pull the weeds from under these bushes?"

"Oh yes, Daddy, I'll be glad to help you. I'm getting big"—and the near-6-year-old pulled himself up as tall as his chubby legs would allow.

"You need me to help, don't you? Bill and David are always busy with other things. And Bob can't help because he's not strong enough."

"How right you are, son." And more to himself than to Kent, Daddy added, "Four boys, but I have to be satisfied with the help of the youngest. I've heard it said, 'One girl is a girl, two girls are half a girl, and three girls are no girl at all.' The same thing seems to apply to boys. Come along, little fellow. I'll show you where I want you to pull."

Now Daddy was called away on a house visit. "Go on with your job, Kent, and see how nicely you can clean up the weeds. I know you can be finished by the time I get home."

"O. K. I'll work hard," a self-confident lad replied. As Daddy turned away the boy called a little shyly, "Daddy, can I get a little pay for helping you? You know the girls get a 'lowance for helping Mama."

"We'll see about that later. Just let Daddy see what you can do and how big you really are."

At the dinner table that evening Daddy's "weed puller" was bubbling. "I pulled the weeds, Daddy, and did the best I could. Where's my pay?" A fat little hand opened expectantly.

"How much do you think you ought to get for the job you did?"

"About a dollar," came the swift and breath-taking response from the miniature businessman.

"Whew," Daddy whistled, "isn't that rather high for a boy your age?" And turning to Mother he added, "Even kids have inflated their prices these days. The boy ought to do all right on Wall Street."

"Well, if a dollar is too much, can you spare 50 cents?" The "Wall Street merchant" was backing down.

"That's a deal, Paul. I think you did quite well on cleaning out the

weeds. When we go to the store we'll get you something you want."

A happy boy accompanied Daddy to the store the next day. He wanted a vanilla ice-cream cone and a package of chewing gum. (What Mother would like to do to the inventor of the latter!) Daddy pressed a 50-cent piece into the little hand so Kent could pay the storekeeper. Then he peacefully walked off to explore the store, leaving Daddy to accept the 40 cents change. The lad never asked for the change or to buy anything else. Even as he asked for the dollar first and then reduced the



"fee" to 50 cents, Kent did not understand the full value of either amount. Those were terms he had heard used in speaking of money. As yet he had no ability to handle either amount.

There is a sequel to this story in the lives of many Christians. For a little service rendered, and that service most often of inferior quality, they ask and look for rewards beyond their ability to appreciate. In effect, this is their argument before the Lord: "I've worked real hard for the Sunday school, especially in the past. Now I want to rest on my laurels and have people recognize what I've done and meant to my church." Or, "Wasn't that good word I spoke for you, Lord, worth a special and extra blessing? You know I've never been one to talk about You. I've been fluent in talking about politics, or what I don't like about the preacher, or how they run the church affairs. But to really speak for YOU and even give the impression that I love You is SOMETHING for me. If I rate anything a little extra for this, how about some money? I just can't sacrifice any

more out of my pay envelope for that extra missionary offering. So how about some help which will not involve any sacrifice for me? Otherwise I'll simply not give."

There are other cases presented to the Lord than those mentioned above. We've all heard them and perhaps at times have been guilty of doing the same thing. We ask for a loved one to be saved more because it will make life a little more pleasant for us than because it will set the choirs of heaven ringing. We flirt with the world in all its ugly, subtle devices which dull our spiritual perception. Then we pray for this need to be supplied, or this special blessing to be bestowed when we simply would not know how to handle that blessing if the prayer were answered. "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume [spend] it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" (Jas. 4:3-4).

God renders to each child of His according to the motives of the heart and their ability to appreciate and use for His glory and their good those things which He bestows. There is a price to be paid for that deep-down thrill of a rich blessing from our Father's hand. How much do we really value what He is and has done for us through Christ? May the cry of our hearts be that we are willing to spend and be spent for Him without thought of reward. He will see to that. And the reward will be within the scope of our ability to both handle it wisely and enjoy its blessings.

"He that keepeth thy soul . . . shall not he render to every man according to his works?" (Prov. 24:12).

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## ANOTHER NEW HOME MISSION CHURCH DEDICATED

The First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz., was dedicated on Sunday, November 1, at 3 p. m. Rev. George O. Peek, pastor of the Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was the dedication speaker. This is the first church of our Fellowship to be dedicated in the State of Arizona.





# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Operation Brethren Home Missions

**THANKSGIVING—BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS! EQUALS NEW BRETHREN CHURCHES!**

This is the time to bring a sacrificial offering to the altar for the establishment of new Brethren testimonies in America. All over the nation Brethren people are praying for a great increase in the home-mission offering. For weeks many have been laying their offerings on the altar for this basic missionary enterprise of the Brethren Church.

The extent of *Operation Home Missions* will be determined, as always, by the amount of the Thanksgiving offering. Today, more than ever before in the history of the world, the Lord's service demands material means for its expansion. Church locations, new church buildings, equipment of all kinds must be provided for through the gifts of God's people. These things are absolutely necessary to the efficient conducting of the Lord's business.

The amount of time a pastor can spend in ministering spiritually will determine the degree of the church's growth. So often in Brethren home-mission points it is necessary to request the pastor to work part time to support himself and family. In some respects this thwarts the purpose of his being in that field. However, God has blessed us with men who are willing to do this. But how much better if funds are provided to care for the pastor's salary from the outset.

Operation Brethren Home Missions could become one of the most rapidly expanding gospel testimonies in America—it will become that when the Lord's servants have their vision filled with the spiritual needs of our nation.

Remember—America *today* is one of the world's neediest mission fields!

Help us meet the challenge of opening churches in the many new fields available to us.

## 92, 277, 129 Church Members—But Where Are They?

Church surveys show that this number is a new high in American church membership. With an approximate population of 160 million this means that more than half of the nation's constituents are church members.

What does this mean? Where are these church members? How were they secured? Before this report can be understood all of these questions must be answered. It is extremely misleading and damaging to the cause of Scriptural evangelism for any magazine to publish such a report without any explanation, even though it may be done on the basis that the figures are simply "news." To say the least, this report leaves a wrong impression and misrepresents the true spiritual facts.

The churches which evangelize in a Biblical manner,

winning men to Christ and then bringing them into the visible church, constitute an extremely small minority of this total number. The methods of acquiring church members are many and varied in other churches.

Not long ago a situation came to light in one American city where the pastor had appointed a membership committee and divided the names in the telephone book in alphabetical order to the various committee members. These people were called and asked whether they belonged to any church. If not, the suggestion was made that the names of the family be placed on the church roll. Most people feel that it is a fine thing to at least have their names on some church list. Therefore, without any great effort, and certainly without presenting the real spiritual basis for church membership, this church reported a 73-percent increase in its membership for the year. This general procedure is not at all uncommon among American churches. Sometimes a house-to-house visitation campaign is launched on the same basis and with the same results. But—where are these church members? Do they attend the church services? Are they saved?

When we see that one of the most rapidly growing church bodies in the U. S. A. is Christ Unity Science Church, claiming an increase of 63 percent with 429,951 new members in 1952, it is easy to come to the conclusion that millions of these reported church members are not saved and therefore do not belong in the visible church.

*More than 30 million Roman Catholics are included in the figure also.*

Recently in the *Converted Catholic* magazine, Editor Walter M. Montano called on the Roman Catholic Church to produce these 30 million Catholics. He emphasized several things which have a tremendous bearing on the total church membership report.

Regardless of what he does in the future every child baptized into the Roman Catholic Church is counted. Even still-born infants, if baptized, are counted. Again, all the heretics are counted unless they have been officially excommunicated. Editor Montano also points out that millions of "indifferent" Catholics also are included. He claims that 7 out of every 10 Catholics object to some teaching of the church. Protestant churches usually demand letters of transfer, but Catholics move from one diocese to another without such formality. Therefore they may be counted many times. Parties to mixed marriages are usually included in the number and sometimes even non-Catholics who sign the marriage contract are listed. Former Catholics who neglect being buried by a Catholic priest are not technically dead and are still on the rolls of the church. In many instances reports handed in by local priests are also very inaccurate.

In addition to this we might ask, "How many *Protes-*

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# WINDOWS OF HEAVEN OPENED FOR PHOENIX



The dedication-day congregation at Phoenix, with 92 present on November 1, 1953. (Inset) The congregation that met in the McKillen home for organization in November 1952, with 12 present.

The world would call it "phenomenal" the way the First Brethren Church of Phoenix, Ariz., grew in less than 15 months. We who know somewhat of the power of God, know that He just opened the windows of heaven a little wider and poured out an additional number of blessings. Possibly more prayers were offered for Phoenix would be the logical explanation for its rapid growth, but whatever the reason—glory be to God!

We believe the pastor and Mrs. J. C. "Bill" McKillen were led of God to pioneer the Phoenix work, for the results are proof. The McKillens moved to Phoenix in August 1952. They purchased a home and went to work gathering believers together, and leading others to Christ, as a nucleus for a church. They received neither district nor national home-mission support at the time, but sacrificed some personal earnings to devote full time to the Phoenix work.

Certainly their pioneering spirit, their personal sacrifice, and their prayers were rewarded in seeing a church organized November 16, 1952, plans completed, ground broken, cornerstone laid, and dedication of a \$30,000 church on November 1, 1953. Twelve people were present for the organization on November 16, 1952, and 92 for the dedication November 1, 1953.

The Brethren Home Missions Council deeply appreciates the work of Pastor and Mrs. J. C. McKillen, the help of the local congregation, the financial assistance of the Brethren Minute-Men, and the prayers of every-

## PHOENIX DEDICATION SERVICE

Rev. George O. Peek, pastor of the Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was the dedication speaker for the First Brethren Church on Sunday, November 1, at 3 p. m. Other guests included Rev. Harry McGimsey, Rev. A. B. Peters, Rev. E. C. Eymann, Rev. Leroy Thomas, Dr. John Hubbard, Rev. Robert W. Betz, and Rev. Leroy Howard.

The contractor, Howard D. White, was present to turn the keys over to the pastor, J. C. McKillen. Those present to assist in this ceremony included Nicholas Zoat, Don Strain, Lester Wilhide, trustees; Stanley L. Beam, vice moderator; and Richard L. Riggs, structural advisor.

(We are sorry the group pictures taken of those participating in the dedication service were not clear enough to print.)



Rev. George Peek

one who helped establish this first Brethren testimony in the State of Arizona. Pray that other churches will branch out from this one in Phoenix.

## HOME-MISSION HINT

John M. Aeby, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "A special offering was taken on Sunday, October 25, 1953, for the benefit of the Phoenix, Ariz., church dedication on November 1. The offering amounted to \$34 plus." (It would be a fine gesture if every Brethren church did likewise for each new home-mission church dedicated.)

**"SAY NOT ..... TOMORROW  
I WILL GIVE .... WHEN THOU  
HAST IT BY THEE TODAY" PROV. 3:28**



## EXPECTATIONS EXCEEDED AT ELYRIA, OHIO



Rev. and Mrs. Galen Lingenfelter (extreme left) and the Elyria class.

This home-mission church in Elyria, Ohio, is developing so fast that we are unable to keep you up to date on the developments. On July 13, Rev. Lester Pifer, of Fremont, Ohio, held the first Bible class in the home of an interested Brethren with 15 people present. Since that day the class has shown continued growth and soon became too large for a home. A temporary meeting place was hard to find, but on October 18, the Playmakers Hall was secured. Immediately plans were made to start a full schedule of church services on the next Sunday, with the attendance now up to 50. A student pastor from Grace Seminary, Richard Messner, began his ministry on October 25, and again the attendance has increased to 60 and more. Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, shown above, will begin as their first full-time pastor approximately January 1, 1954. This is less than six months from the time of the first class.

Needless to say, our expectations were exceeded. At the time of our national conference Elyria was so new it was not even placed in the budget for 1954. Now, it has developed so fast that help is needed before 1954. A more adequate temporary meeting place is needed immediately. A location for a church is needed at once! A church building will be needed as soon as possible! A pastor's salary will need to be met after January 1, 1954!

*To whom could we turn for such help? Only one place, and that was the Brethren Minute-Man. The letter has gone out—the need presented—the opportunity given—the result rests with you.*

### BRETHREN MINUTE-MEN HELPED PHOENIX

The Brethren Minute-Men gifts in the amount of \$2,676.75 helped make the dedication of the First Brethren Church in Phoenix, Ariz., possible on November 1, 1953. (See page 735).

### NEW BIBLE CLASS IN MISSOURI

In the city of Carrollton, Mo., a new Bible class was recently started by Rev. Marion D. Gates, pastor of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa. The class is held on Monday nights, and if you know of anyone who would be interested in this work, write either Pastor Gates or the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.

### EDITORIALS

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tant churches annually and carefully revise their church rolls?"

Any clear-thinking individual can see that on the basis of factual evidence a hundred holes can be shot through this report on church membership. It absolutely does not reflect anything accurate as to the spiritual condition of America except that it would be safe to say that a minority of these 92 million church members are really born-again!

If this increase in church membership is a spiritual advance it should begin to make itself manifest in the various phases of our national life. Yet crime, immorality, divorce, and other sins do not diminish but are constantly on the increase.

A major crime was committed every 4.3 minutes in America during the first half of 1953. J. Edgar Hoover says that this year will probably pile up the worst crime toll in our national history.

Church membership has taken the place of the Gospel and the new birth in thousands of American churches. As a result the church is powerless and sin rides across the land largely unhindered.

America is in desperate spiritual need NOW! God expects us to meet this need with all the resources He places at our command.



## DRYHILL CHAPEL DEDICATED

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL IN PRESENTING TO OUR FELLOWSHIP ANOTHER TESTIMONY FOR OUR LORD AT DRYHILL, KY., WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA FOR SPONSORING THIS AS A PROJECT. SINCE THE PROJECT OFFERING WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO FINISH AND FURNISH THE CHAPEL, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO

THE DAYTON, OHIO, BRETHREN, AND ALL THE OTHER FOLK WHO DONATED TIME, MATERIALS, AND MONEY TO SEE IT COMPLETED FOR DEDICATION ON OCTOBER 4, 1953. THIS CHAPEL, LIKE THE PHOENIX CHURCH, STANDS TODAY AS A TESTIMONY FOR OUR LORD, BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF A PIONEERING MISSIONARY—MISS EVELYN FUQUA.

### DRYHILL DEDICATION DAY

By Miss Evelyn Fuqua

Early in the morning on October 4, 1953, the sun peeped over the hill, and in a few minutes was shining in all its glory on the little white chapel. If you had been passing by the chapel at this particular moment you would probably have had to take a second sniff, for floating down the hillside was the wonderful aroma of sizzling breakfast bacon, fresh country eggs, hot coffee, and Aunt Jemima pancakes. On the front porch of the chapel breakfast was being served! Chief cook was Mr. Charley Arthur, from North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio. His chief bottle-washers were Mr. Leroy Hodson and Mr. Paul McNealey, both of Dayton, Ohio. If you want to know just what it really tasted like, talk to the Applegate family—they were there!

At 11 a. m. the big silver bell in the steeple rang out its usual Sunday-morning call to worship. Up the hillside people began to come. It wasn't long until the chapel was filled to capacity.

The congregation was led in three verses of "The Church in the Wildwood" by Rev. Raymond Haddix, of Bulan, Ky. Rev. Haddix also led in the Scripture reading and prayer. A beautiful marimba number was played by Wanda and Lynn Applegate, from Dayton, Ohio. Words of greeting were led by Miss Evelyn. Our Brethren Home Missions Council was represented by Bro. Frank Poland, who brought greetings from the Council. We enjoyed the words of greeting from Mr. Harley Beetley and Mr. Charley Arthur, men who helped so much in the building of our chapel. A telegram greeting from the South Gate, Calif., church was read. We were sorry that many of the ones who worked so faithfully on the chapel could not be present with us.

A duet, "The Old Country Church," was sung by Sally and Betty Huff. We praise the Lord for our dedication offering, which amounted to \$128.02. Just before the dedicatory message, Wanda Applegate played "The Love of God" on the marimba. The dedicatory message, "Nehemiah and the Rebuilding of the Walls of Jerusalem," was given by Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa. Immediately following the dedicatory message Rev. Polman sang "We Dedicate This House." Dedication vows were led by Frank Poland responsively with the congregation standing. The congregation sang four verses of "The Solid Rock," and the closing prayer was by Mr. J. D. White, of Manchester, Ky.

We praise the Lord for our little chapel. We wish each one of you could see how beautiful it really is! The top part of the walls is painted a beautiful sunshine yellow; then there is a wooden trim four feet from the floor, and the bottom part to the floor is painted a pretty, light

blue. We have 14 beautiful pine pews which were a gift to us. We finished the pews and the oak flooring with clear varnish. Many have said that our floors are too pretty to walk on. In the front of the chapel we have a beautiful glass-stained window of Christ sitting in a chair with Mary wiping His feet with her hair. In the background is Martha with a tray—serving. Also in the front we have gold letters "TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN." In the back of the chapel we have our Brethren motto—"THE BIBLE, THE WHOLE BIBLE, AND NOTHING BUT THE BIBLE."

On a bronze plaque between the two front doors is the following: "Brethren Church, 1952, 'Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.'" On the front of the chapel we have large wooden letters painted green—"BRETHREN CHAPEL."

Many folk stayed and enjoyed a wonderful dinner together out on the grass in front of the chapel. We gathered together to dedicate this house of worship to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we did, we gave heartfelt thanks and praise to the Lord for having led us to this point. It is our sincere prayer that the evidence in this place of God's glorious provision for His work will bring honor and glory to Him. We trust that from the very beginning this house of worship will truly be a lighthouse to the many folk of this community, where they can come and hear the blessed gospel story of how Christ died for their sins according to the Scripture, and was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.



*The new Brethren Chapel dedicated at Dryhill, Ky., on Sunday, October 4, 1953. (Inset) Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary.*

# Testimonies by Brethren Home Mission Pastors and People

## FROM MORMONISM TO CHRIST

By Gene Farrell

Pastor, Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.

No one seems to know much about how they started to come. We just know that we were getting pretty desperate about the fact that souls were not being saved.



Gene Farrell

Formal prayers had given way to fervent supplication as our calling program seemed to fail, and we were thrown upon the mercy and power of God.

About this time a timid, unassuming mother and her three girls walked into the old Grange Hall which we were renting for our Sunday services. They said that they had come through the invitation of one of our little Sunday-school scholars. Like the "little maid" who witnessed to the leper,

Naaman, we never have found out who it was, but God knows and will remember in "that day."

The next Sunday they were back in our midst again. They seemed to be hungry for the Word, unlike many other "better prospects" (so-called) who had to be coaxed to our services, only to fall away. They were P. H. D.'s—you know, *Prepared Hearts Definitely!*

They went home each Sunday, singing the hymns and choruses and telling of the blessing. The next Sunday or so there were six of them instead of four, two older girls having joined up—these two of junior-high and high-school age. Five girls and a mother! And when we learned that they were Mormons—having left the Mormon meeting in town where they had been attending faithfully—and that most of the mother's family were Mormons, we knew that God was working a miracle before our eyes!

Then one Sunday morning, with a little Spirit-led urging on the part of a member of our congregation, this mother came to the altar. In just a short time the three oldest girls had made a public confession, too. Only Dad remained. Would he come? Was this to be another of those instances where the wife and children "took care of the religion in the family"?

Praise God, no! Like the wife and children, he was under conviction, too, as he later confessed. "I tried to stay away as long as I could," he said. "But when I learned that the wife and three of the children had come to Christ—well, I just knew I couldn't hold out much longer."

About that time we had a week of meetings. We well remember his face while standing there as the invitation was given. It was an extremely sad face, gaunt and lined with care, and guilty with conviction. And though we were disheartened when he failed to come through, the meetings did serve a purpose in getting him started. Then one night he, too, was asked to make a public confession. At the time we thought—and so did he—that he was coming back to the Lord, for in conversation it ap-

peared that he might be a believer. However, as is often the case, he later testified, and does now, that he was one of those folks who thought he was saved, but had never really known what it was to be born again.

He went away from the services that night with I Corinthians 10:13 and Philippians 4:13 in his mind. We didn't see him until the following Thursday, when we were having one of our first communion services, but, praise God, he was still on the victory side! At the service he testified that God had enabled him to give up a 29-year-old cigarette habit, and that the desire for drink was gone, too. He said that he was having quite a battle with the former, but that each time the craving came he just "got out the Word" and chewed a little harder on his gum!

From that time to this, Verner Allen (just plain "Slim" to us in C. V.) has been a free man. God completely



Mr. Verner "Slim" Allen on his well-drilling machine, and the five Allen daughters on their horse. These—and the mother—make up the family in "From Mormonism to Christ."

snapped the fetters of habit because he was *dead in earnest* about getting free. Well known in the community, the Allen family (like the lame beggar in Acts 4) have been a great testimony, especially to their Mormon friends. And when they sought to get them back, the Allens could say with the blind man in John 9, "Whether he be a sinner or no [these Brethren], I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

No pastor ever had a more faithful family to work with—Sunday school, church services, Christian Endeavor, prayer meeting, they were always there. When instruction was given about tithes, offerings, and other things, they gladly accepted it. When the challenge came to teach, they did so. And God has honored them for their stand, for they have been prospered, in a spiritual way with souls and growth in the Lord, and in health, business, and every other way. They were one



of those mighty foundation stones which God used to "strengthen our hands" when the laborers were few.

The Allens, by the way, are away from us now. A well driller by profession, Slim's business forced him (about six months ago) to move out near Barstow, Calif., on the desert. But they are continuing on with the Lord and are busy in His work. And not only so, but God has given Slim two well-drilling rigs instead of one. As he goes from one job to another his testimony is, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. . . . Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again" (Matt. 5:6 and John 4:13).

### GOD LIFTED ME

By Mrs. Fred Clark  
*Artesia, Calif.*

Oh, how true are these beautiful words; not only did He lift me, but our entire family as well.

To be taken out of confusion, uncertainty, and unrest, and have our hearts lifted to find contentment through Jesus Christ our Lord, was real joy.

We, as so many sheep, had strayed from the fold, but the Shepherd found us.

Many a time we passed the little Brethren church on Carson Street, and some inner power would bid us enter. One Sunday evening while out driving about 7 o'clock, my husband and I obeyed that urge within and parked our car by the little church, waiting for its doors to open. When the doors were opened we entered. The firm handshake, the warm welcome and smiles seemed to say, "Welcome home, children, we are glad to have you back in the fold."

The following Wednesday we attended prayer meeting, and silently in our hearts we gave ourselves to God, while tears of joy ran down our faces. What a joyous feeling to lay your burdens at His feet.

The following Sunday our little family of four children, my husband, and myself went to Sunday school and church. After the sermon, when Brother Rager gave the invitation, my husband and I looked at each other, smiled, clasped hands, and walked into the fold. Our hearts were of one accord.

Oh, how He has blessed us since. We have had the joy of seeing our children accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We have all been baptized, and our little boy of 2 has been dedicated to the Lord.

Our family altar every evening is such a blessing to all. He has enlightened us so we can understand His Word. You may say that it was easier for those that lived in the Lord's time because they saw His miracles, and there are none now. Oh, but you are wrong! If you only look unto Jesus and have faith as we did you shall see.

One day while going on a picnic, we drove many miles out into the country. Something went wrong with our car and it stopped right in the middle of a busy highway. My husband tried and tried to start it, but to no avail—it would not start. Finally in desperation he got out and lifted the hood of the car. I didn't think it would help much because he is not mechanically minded. Soon I heard him whistling, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." I got out to see if I could help him. He said he thought it was the carburetor and we proceeded to take it off. To make matters worse, we had left the toolbox at home and only had a pair of pliers and a chisel with us.

None of us knew it at the time, but each child, my

husband, and myself had prayed silently that He would guide my husband's hand. We used hairpins to replace some broken parts and other parts that dropped into the motor, and placed the carburetor back into position. "If this runs it will be because some other hand has taken over," said my husband.

He asked me to get into the car and step on the starter. I did, and the motor started and ran like it never had before. I saw my husband's face lifted to the heavens, and everyone in the car felt the unseen hand, and were in awe. Why? you ask. Because we had just witnessed a miracle. Yes, we went on our picnic. We found a beautiful shaded place in the woods by a little stream. God shaded us from the heat of the day and we ate, knelt in prayer together rejoicing in what Christ had done in our lives.

Yes, dear friends, you, too, can see a miracle. Let the Lord and Saviour into your hearts and be lifted from the burden of sin.

### BUILDING TODAY FOR GOD'S TOMORROW

By Cora Luna

*Missionary Worker, Cordillera, N. Mex.*

"For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

I praise the Lord that He counted us among His workers, and that truly we are building for eternity. As we build and we gather the materials, we come across many obstacles and rough spots which, as any builder knows, are discouraging and delaying to the work.



Cora Luna

Here in Cordillera as we think back on the work done, we remember the good times and the bad times, giving thanks always for all things.

Some time back we had the privilege of seeing four from a family of five added to God's building. First a boy of 13 accepted Christ as his personal Saviour; then his mother was saved. Later the father declared his faith in Christ. Following a time of prayer for the other two boys, one night as the invitation was given and as the Spirit worked mightily in their hearts, one of the boys took his stand for Christ.

What a joy to see someone that you have been praying for make a decision and best of all to mean it in his heart. There were many tears shed that night as a congregation once more witnessed the saving grace of Christ. The other boy isn't saved yet, but we know that prayer changes things, and that someday he too will enter into the family of God.

We remember also the wonderful keeping power of Christ for all those that know Him and love Him. One day one of our most faithful ladies, employed in one of our local hotels, was falsely accused of theft by the unsaved and worldly people she worked with. She resigned her position there, but praise the Lord for His wonderful promise that one sparrow "shall not fall on the ground without your Father" (Matt. 10:29). That same week even before she quit, she had offers for work at several other places with better pay and better working conditions, where she could carry on her witnessing for the Lord. Speaking to her just last Sunday,

she said that the Lord has greatly blessed her and that some of the women where she works now have consented to come to church with her sometime soon.

Then we remember also the rough spots, and for these and for the work as a whole we request your prayers. It is not easy to work amidst the evil influences of the Roman Church and the glitter of the world. We ask prayer for our young people, especially that they might feel the tremendous responsibility they have as children of the King.

God bless you all as you also strive to complete God's building, of which Christ is the chief cornerstone, knowing that some glad day we shall meet in those mansions that He is preparing for them that love Him.

## HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR SUNDAYS?

By Jake Maestas

*Sunday-School Superintendent, Cañon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.*

I am writing this article to give the Brethren people an idea of how Sundays are spent here at the mission in Taos.

Each Sunday morning Rev. Sam Horney, Miss Celina Mares, and I start out in three different cars and go in three different directions to bring the people to the mission services.



Jake Maestas

Because we have a lot of miles to cover it is necessary that we leave at 8:30 a. m. One route covers 14 miles each way, or 56 miles on Sunday. Another route covers 21 miles each way, or 84 miles on Sunday (168 miles a week). By the time we get the people into the mission it is 10

o'clock and time to start Sunday school.

I, as Sunday-school superintendent, get the services under way. I also have a Sunday-school class of junior boys to teach. When Sunday school is over we go into the regular church service. When this service is over we are not like other people that go home right away, for we have to drive the same routes over again and take the people home. When we get home around 1:30 we have to get dinner and then get ready for the evening service. After reading our Bibles for a while, I look at the clock and it is 5:30—time to leave for the evening service. We do the same routes over again and get the people to the mission by 7, in time for the BYF meeting. When BYF is over the evening service takes place. When this is over all the rest of the people go home. We don't. We still have a route to make. We have from 35 to 50 people to take home. At 10:30 or 11 we arrive back home. Even though tired and weary we are still rejoicing in the part we have in the Lord's work. The Word has been taught, the Gospel has been preached, the seed has been sown, and we wait for the results. The results have been great. Souls have been saved. Weary souls have found rest. Sinners have found deliverance from sin. That is why we rejoice. He is the rewarder of the faithful.

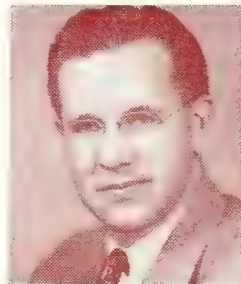
We are His stewards. In I Corinthians 4:2 it says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." So, brethren, pray for us! My life verse is Galatians 2:20.

## THE PRAYER OF FAITH

By Sam I. Horney

*Pastor, Cañon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.*

There is nothing unusual or unique about an anointing service in the Brethren Church. The Bible teaches it—and the church practices it. The uniqueness of the following story is in the fact that some 20 persons gathered together at the bedside of a dying man to see the rite performed.



Sam Horney

One of our faithful believers has been bedfast for some six months. In the prolonged illness he has grown weaker and weaker. One day as he lay upon his bed of affliction he remembered the preaching he had heard at the mission, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray . . . anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." In faith he called for the elders of the church.

Your missionary, Sam Horney, and David Tollardo, pastor of our mission at Arroyo Hondo, responded to the request and at the designated hour went to the home. How surprised we were to find a congregation waiting to witness the event. Seizing the opportunity to reach those who had never entered the door of the mission because of fear and threat, your writer gave an exposition of James 5. Following the Bible authority for the anointing service there was a lengthy time of confession of sin to the Lord in prayer. All eyes were firmly fixed on the Christian brother as he was anointed "in the name of the Lord."

The anointing service in the Brethren Church is a common thing. It is frequently practiced. But this occasion was the first time it had been practiced and observed by your Spanish Brethren. Won't you pray with us that the Lord will spare the life of this brother? If the Lord wills to do so, it will have a tremendous influence in the community. The possibilities are unlimited.

## CORDILLERA'S GROWING TESTIMONY

By Tony T. Luna

*Pastor, Cordillera (N. Mex.) Brethren Church*

The Lord has greatly blessed in the mission at Cordillera in many ways. I want to relate one of the incidents of our work.

Last August a lady from Las Cordovas, a little village



Tony Luna

of about 12 houses, came to our services at the mission. I had gone to her home to visit her; I had never seen her before my visit, but she knew a little about me. When I told her what the Lord could do for her she became very interested, and came to our services. That night as the invitation was given she walked forward and gave her heart to the Lord. She told me later that she had never read the Bible before I gave her one to read. Now she not only reads it but she



tells it to others as well. She has really grown in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. Due to sickness and other difficulties she has little opportunity to go to services. Last Sunday her youngest daughter confessed the Lord as her Saviour. Two weeks ago her husband accepted the Lord in his home. Her older daughter wants to accept Christ also. There have been many more whom the Lord has saved, all glory and honor to Him.

We also praise God for being able to make an addition to our mission in Cordillera. The walls are now up and we will be using the addition by the end of November. The Lord has wonderfully supplied the funds.

Several weeks ago two of our young people gave their lives to the Lord for full-time Christian service. One is a girl 17 years of age; the other is a boy 14 years old. Both are real testimonies for the Lord.

Brethren, won't you join with us in prayer that God will send a revival to my people to awaken them to their responsibility of going out and bringing them to Christ instead of waiting for them to come? We often have our encounters with the priests, but many times we fail to recognize that they also need salvation. Our greatest enemy therefore is the lukewarmness of Christians. We need to be awakened and revived once again.

We would request that all the Brethren pray for our missionary work among the Spanish people of New Mexico. Pray that the Lord will send a revival to our Spanish missions.

## THE LITTLE VALLEY OF ARROYO HONDO

By David Tollardo

*Pastor, Arroyo Hondo (N. Mex.) Brethren Mission*

Arroyo Hondo is a small village of about 700 or 800 people. Of this number there are only about 50 saved people. *How sad!*

I remember before I was saved that I visited the valley of Arroyo Hondo, only I was being used as a tool of Satan. Who would ever think that the Lord would ever give me such a vision as to work among those people?

I remember as if it were today, on June 2, 1951, when the Lord really opened my eyes and gave me the great vision for souls even as Paul had when he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And the answer came back to me plain, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

I thank God through Jesus Christ my Saviour for sending me to work among my people of Arroyo Hondo. I have come to love the people there although I feel many times that I am doing so little for my Lord and for those who are still in darkness. I feel that my time is so limited that I can't find time to really work among my people of the valley and teach them the truth of God's Word.

I have been to every home in Arroyo Hondo and it breaks my heart to see my people in darkness. I pray that the Lord will open a way that I may be able to work full time for Him there. My prayer to my Lord is, "Lord, if You call me I will answer. Whenever You need me



David Tollardo

## WASHINGTON HEIGHTS CHURCH CONSTRUCTION



The ground was broken for the new Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., on Sunday, September 6, 1953. The Brethren Construction Company crew, shown above, comprised of Mr. Edward Rife, a new member; Mr. Paul Circle, Mr. Vernon Latham, and Mr. Tom Bailey, were there ready to start the next day. The other photographs taken on October 26, 1953, show the progress made to that date. It also shows the crew members in action.

## DID YOU THANK HIM?

A kind uncle who had just returned from Paris brought his little niece a fine French doll. "Did you thank Uncle for the beautiful present?" asked her mother, as the little girl rushed into the house all aglow with enthusiasm over the new toy. "Yes, Mama, but I didn't tell him so." This is the way with much of our gratitude. If you are thankful to God, tell Him so. If you are grateful for the kindness of a friend, express it, that the friend and you may be the better for it.—*From Record of Christian Work.*

A family altar leads to an altered life.—*The Friendly Messenger.*

"I'll be waiting. If You send me I'll be willing." May the Lord's will be done in my life.

My dear brethren, please pray that in everything I might do His will and that He might use me as a vessel of His.

Romans 10:14-15—"How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"



# CLAYHOLE EVENTS

By Sewell S. Landrum

During the past four weeks things have really been happening around the Clayhole Brethren Church in Clayhole, Ky. A new coat of paint has been put on all the buildings. We also put on a cleanup campaign getting things ready for events that were to take place in the near future.



Sewell S. Landrum

October 5 was the beginning of two weeks of evangelistic meetings with Robert Ashman, from Winona Lake, Ind., as the evangelist. The meetings started off with a good crowd the first evening and continued throughout the two weeks. We had an average of 150 people at each service.

On two different occasions there were more than 200. The largest crowd was the last Sunday evening, which was "Family Night." Nineteen whole families were present. Each family received a picture as a prize for being present. The last Thursday evening was "Surprise Night." There were lots of surprises. The best surprise was reserved for the pastor. I found out that the Clayhole people can really keep a secret. While I was running a prearranged errand for Brother Ashman they planned a surprise for me. This was on Tuesday night. Thursday evening the church presented me with \$30.18, which was to be used personally.

The folk all enjoyed Brother Ashman's messages. Some of the Christians made statements such as, "His messages are surely doing me a lot of good." His object lessons in magic were a real treat for everyone present.

Another highlight of the meetings was a visit to Clayhole by our good friend, Joe Dombek, from Winona Lake, Ind. He came down to help with some signs and art work for the Sunday-school contest. Each evening Mr. Dombek drew a picture with his chalk which went with the message of the evening. The best way to describe his work is in the words of one of our Christian ladies: "It is wonderful." While he was here he helped us get off to a good start in the Sunday-school contest. We could have used him another week.

There were six decisions during the two weeks. One was a man about 30 years old. Our group was really thrilled to see this young man take his stand for Christ. The other decisions were among young folk about 12 years of age. There were eight rededications.

While Brother Bob was here we spent a lot of time visiting schools for services. In our local consolidated grade school we reached about 350 children each week. We visited two small schools up Leatherwood Creek. The children responded well to the lessons Brother Ashman gave. One day we went into Jackson to visit the Jackson City School.

We also spent a lot of time the first week getting ready for our second Christian Life Sunday-School Contest. The first event was a Sunday-school parade. The route of the parade was from the Perry County line to Jackson, the county seat of beautiful Breathitt County. There were 17 cars, busses, trucks, and jeeps in the parade. One hundred sixty people rode in the vehicles. The parade was led by a Kentucky State policeman in his police car. Behind the police car was Brother Ashman with the public-address system announcing our

Sunday-school contest. Joe Dombek followed Brother Ashman.

The highlight of the parade was a float with a reproduction of the Clayhole church building. The building was six feet long and four feet wide. The pastor and Mrs. Callie Clemmons erected the building. The finishing touches were put on by Dombek and Ashman. Along the parade route flying saucers were launched from the truck carrying the float. We also threw out pencils with our church name and address on them. A large crowd gathered around our float in the center of Jackson as we stopped there to launch some flying saucers and to give out pencils. The flying saucers had

## CLAYHOLE OFF TO A FLYING START



Top: Mr. Mize Landrum launches the flying saucers from a truck carrying a replica of the Clayhole Brethren Church. Center: Joseph Dombek and Robert Ashman, of Winona Lake, with the Clayhole Sunday school, release the gas-filled balloons. Bottom: Kentucky State patrolman leads the parade prior to the opening of the contest.



# IOWA ON THE BEAM FOR HOME MISSIONS



This growing home-mission church is located at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (Inset) The pastor, Richard Grant, and his family. In addition to being pastor of the Cedar Rapids church, he teaches a Bible class at Davenport, Iowa, each week. Elsewhere in this issue is the announcement of another Bible class started at Carrollton, Mo., and being taught by Rev. Marion D. Gates, of Leon, Iowa. Two Bible classes and one growing home-mission church, having only five other churches, is an excellent sample of a home-mission-minded district. Incidentally, the Iowa District showed the greatest percentage of gain in the 1952 Thanksgiving offering.

printed on them, "Exchange this Flying Saucer for a prize at the Clayhole Brethren Sunday School, Clayhole, Kentucky, any Sunday from October 11-November 15." They are coming back in large numbers. Many children who have never been in our Sunday school before come to receive their prize, which is one of our pencils.

As I write this article the contest is one-half over. By the time it is in print the contest will be finished. Last year during the first three Sundays of the contest we had 965 people in Sunday school. This year we have had 967, which is 2 more than last year. Our aim is to reach 400 before the contest is over. The Sunday we reach 400 we will send Bob Ashman a telegram collect. Words will not be spared when we explain things to him. Will give a fuller report after the contest is over.

Last Sunday we had about 750 people in our church for the morning and evening services. Sunday evening, the film, "Mr. Texas," was shown to an overflow crowd. People were standing all along the back of the church. As a result of this picture, six people made their decision for Christ.

Monday evening we took "Mr. Texas" to Jackson, where it was shown in the Breathitt County High School

auditorium. We again had a full house of about 450. Six people accepted Christ there. This film was sponsored by the Clayhole Brethren Sunday School. The film "Oil Town" has been scheduled for sometime after the first of the year.

November 7, L. A. Hodson, from the North Riverdale Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, will be here with his 3-D colored slides of Palestine. He spent several weeks in Palestine during the summer of 1951. This service will be another feature of the Sunday school.

Opportunities for service at Clayhole are unlimited. New challenges come with each new day. Brethren, pray for us.

## BETTER THAN LOSING IT

A chaplain was speaking to a soldier on a cot in a hospital. "You have lost an arm in the great cause," said the chaplain. "No," said the soldier with a smile, "I didn't lose it—I gave it!" And in the same way Jesus did not lose His life. He gave it. It reminds us of His purpose. He died that we might be forgiven, and go at last to heaven.—*Moody Monthly*.





ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam H. Rager, pastor)—

The Lord gave us a blessed day yesterday, with three adults publicly confessing Christ as Saviour. Those decisions represent three different families and we praise the Lord for them, because adults are needed in the work. It was also a good day in Sunday school, with 192 present, making our average 188 for October. The pumphouse is being cleaned to make room for an additional Sunday-school class.

RIVERSIDE, JOHNSTOWN, PA. (Ralph C. Hall, pastor)—

Our two-week meeting with the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade team of Bro. Lepp, Bergerson, and Coffin proved to be a tremendous blessing to our church. Our folk had prayed that we might have a real revival and the Lord certainly answered. There were 18 decisions for salvation and 23 for rededication. Our prayer meetings doubled in attendance, and all other services increased after the meetings. On the closing Sunday we had 130 in Bible school and 155 in the Sunday-evening service. The majority of these were from the community and the little mission building was certainly filled to capacity. I really believe the work is going forward more rapidly than ever before.

SOUTH BEND, IND. (Pastor Russell Ogden)—

Enthusiasm is running high at Sunnymede. The Christian Life Sunday School Contest has done more to spark attendance than anything we've tried. We had 77 last Sunday—a new record for recent years—and topped it with 81 today. Pressing for 90 next week, and 100 on the closing Sunday, November 15.

Offerings totaled \$200.31 last week—another record for a regular Sunday—and reached \$183 today—running consistently over \$150. We have \$263 of our \$500 goal for home missions.

The spirit of the people is good in preparation for our evangelistic campaign. Cottage prayer meetings have been well attended. We have several definite prospects we are praying for. Pray with us.

MODESTO, CALIF. (Harold D. Painter, pastor)—

Sunday, October 18, was homecoming day at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church at Modesto, Calif., and marked the close of the Sunday-school contest with the First Brethren Church of Tracy. Our Sunday-school attendance averaged 167 over the six-week period, to come in second in the contest. The highest attendance recorded for the contest was 206. The enrollment increased from 193 to 212. A special offering was received

from the Sunday school of \$103.98 to stucco the church social hall.

Guest speakers for the day included Rev. Marvin Goodman, Sr., Child Evangelism Fellowship director in India, Ceylon, and Pakistan, who spoke to 210 people at the unified morning service, and Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., missionary from Africa, who spoke at the evening church service. Both Goodman families are members of the Modesto church.

The day also was the eighth anniversary for the Painter family in Modesto. They have recently accepted a call to the First Brethren Church in Sunnyside, Wash., and will take up their new work there by January 1.

DENVER, COLO. (Tom Inman, pastor)—

Praise the Lord for the 16 who gathered to observe the threefold communion on October 30. Many others expressed their desire to attend, but illness and conflicting engagements hindered them. The Sunday-school attendance was over 60 each Sunday during October. Pray for our growing Sunday school and for our "Let's Be Thankful" Bible conference and evangelistic meeting November 22-29.

YORK, PA. (Gerald Polman, pastor)—

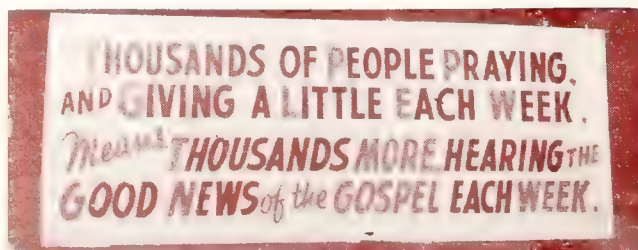
The Happy Hour held for boys and girls after school on each Thursday is attended by 50 to 60 children. We are thankful for this opportunity of telling them the Gospel. As a result new folk are coming to our services from the community. Ninety-two was the new record set recently in our Sunday school.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (M. Leon Myers, pastor)—

Pray that the Lord will show us how to utilize the space in our church for Sunday-school classes. On Rally Day this year there were 203 present, compared to 160 last year. The increase in attendance every Sunday is resulting in growth for our church. Fifteen have been baptized in a period of four months, including several families who joined the church.

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance, pastor)—

It has been some time since I have written a report on our work and I must write you of the recent blessings. New records were established in Sunday school, four of the five Sundays in October. We began with 74 and reached 98 on November 1. Needless to say, we need our new building right now. One class is held in a nearby home and another in a supposed-to-be cloakroom. The one class for 2- to 10-year-olds has had 40 and 41 the last two Sundays. Our new first unit building will help this condition. However, even before it is finished some can already see the need for the main unit, for several families say that they are coming as soon as our new church is completed. During the month of October the Lord blessed in giving us three first-time decisions, a young married couple and a young man about 16.





# ISRAEL CALLS!

## "I HAVE ONLY ONE SOUL"

By Bruce L. Button

Mrs. X was contacted by the mission about one year ago. We first met her through house-to-house visitation. At the first contact she gave evidence of a real interest in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, so much so that she was invited to our Bible-study group. She accepted the invitation and the following Wednesday evening she attended the class. During the message she listened intently. After the message she had many questions, legitimate questions, and we were able to answer them to her satisfaction. She left the mission that evening after promising to read and study the Word of God, both Old and New Testaments. And for many, many weeks that was the last that we saw of Mrs. X in our home. However, we did not let the matter rest there. We called many times at her home. We tried to encourage her to come to the meetings, but she always had some excuse for not being able to attend. We tried to talk to her regarding the Word of God, but she always directed the conversation into other channels. All of us tried, at one time or another, to arouse the interest she once had in the things of the Lord, but without apparent success.

Now the Lord works in wonderful ways. And it took the Lord to awaken the latent interest of Mrs. X. First, He brought some financial reverses to Mrs. X—at least He permitted them to happen. From these arose a difficulty in paying a pledge to one of the Jewish synagogues in the neighborhood. And for help in this matter Mrs. X turned to the mission. She needed someone to compose a letter asking the synagogue to release her from her pledge. She was furnished with such a letter. Then summer came along and the mission staff departed for national conference. We lost track of Mrs. X for about two months.

When we returned from the east we attempted to contact Mrs. X, but were unable to do so. Miss Fraser learned that she had been seriously burned. A pressure cooker had blown up while she was using it. Miss Fraser finally contacted Mrs. X and was able to witness to her.

Although I had called at Mrs. X's home since returning from conference, I had not been able to contact her. But the Lord undertook, and late one Monday evening, as my wife and I were shopping at a neighborhood market, we met Mrs. X. She seemed very glad to see us again and was quite talkative. We drove her home in the car. As we let her out at her door she asked that I call on her. "For," she said, "I have something to tell you that will surprise you. Something very important." I told her that I would call upon her that week, and we bid her good night.

The following Wednesday afternoon I called at her home. She said she would be unable to talk as she was expecting someone to call for her. Once again I tried to interest her in the class. Much to my surprise she said she would like to come, so I arranged to pick her up in the car about 7:45. When our group met that evening it was composed of the mission staff, two Hebrew Christians, and three unbelieving Jews, one of which was Mrs. X. The message of the evening was on the second chapter of Zechariah. After the message, during a question-

and-answer period, Mrs. X told us what was on her heart. With her financial losses, her accident involving the burns, together with many other things that tended to make her life miserable, Mrs. X had reached the place in her life where she did not know where to turn for help. The more she tried to straighten things out, the worse they seemed to become tangled. Finally she reached the point where she thought her reason would snap. It was then that she began to pray to JESUS CHRIST for help. And, as she put it, "Everything seemed to be all right once again." This was the reason that she was back at the class. She was seeking the truth about Jesus.

From that point on I devoted most of my time to Mrs. X. She asked question after question. Again I was able to answer her questions to her satisfaction. Miss Fraser, Mrs. Button, and the two Hebrew Christians helped in the answers. Both Hebrew Christians gave their testimony of the wonderful grace of the Lord.

Mrs. X did not confess the Lord, but we are sure that she will as we contact her further. As I drove her home that evening she said to me, "Mr. Button, I am not trying to be obstinate. I am trying to be sure. When I am convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, that He is God in human flesh, I shall not be afraid to confess Him before all my people. But I have only one soul! I don't want to lose that. If I gained the whole world, but lost my soul, I would have nothing. Do you see what I mean? I MUST be sure!"

My reply was, "Mrs. X, you keep on searching the Word of God. Pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, 'Show me the truth as I read this Bible, and help me to follow the light that is given me by Thee.' God will honor your prayer and you will know the truth about Jesus of Nazareth. You will find that He IS the Messiah, God incarnate in human flesh, your Saviour."

Mrs. X will come back to our meetings. We will call on her and work with her in the problem of the messiahship of Jesus. But unless the Spirit of God works, our work will be in vain. Pray, brethren, that God will enlighten this dear seeking soul. The Lord will bless you for it.

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## CORRECTION

In the October 24, 1953, issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, on page 673 the caption reading "Rev. Clyde G. Balyo bringing North Riverdale greetings," should have read "Rev. Clyde G. Balyo bringing the dedication message." And the caption, "Dr. L. L. Grubb bringing the dedication day message," should have read, "Dr. L. L. Grubb bringing greetings from the Brethren Home Missions Council." We are sorry for this error in not rendering honor to whom honor was due.

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*Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* Attendance at the morning service on a recent date reached 106. Richard Grant is pastor.

*Chicago, Ill.* The Chicago Tribune reports that 42% of the 7,436 persons handled on charges of selling or possessing narcotics in Chicago in 1952 were between 21 and 25 years of age. The estimated value of all confiscated drugs was \$250,000.

*Berne, Ind.* Rev. A. L. Lynn will be engaged in an evangelistic meeting Nov. 9-22. Rev. Ord Gehman is pastor.

*England.* Latest word from Great Britain is that there are more priests, monks, nuns, monasteries, and convents in that country than at any time prior to the Reformation. Many Protestant leaders are advocating reunion with Rome. Thousands of God-fearing Christians are leaving their churches because of Romanizing practices which are being introduced into the services of the Protestant churches. These facts are certainly interesting in the light of the prophetic Scriptures which declare that an amalgamation of religious forces will take place near the end of this age of grace.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The Brethren Missionary Herald Company desires to give the best service possible to our churches, but this can only be accomplished as pastors and Sunday-school superintendents send in the orders for the first quarter of 1954 at once. Order your material today to guarantee early delivery of your supplies. Nearly three-fourths of our churches have not yet placed their orders, and yet these churches no doubt want better service. Please mail your order today.

*Washington, D. C.* According to Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church, George Beverly Shea will give a sacred Christ-

mas concert at Constitution Hall on Dec. 17.

*Flora, Ind.* Rev. R. I. Humbert will speak Nov. 29-30 at Piedmont Bible School, Winston-Salem, N. C.

*San Bernardino, Calif.* A vibraharp was recently donated to the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Browning. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

*New York (E/P).* Oil-drilling equipment, together with the first American crew, left recently by El Al Airlines for Israel to start actual drilling operations at once, according to Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, president of the American-Palestine Trading Corporation. Drilling will begin in the vicinity of the Dead Sea.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* The playground of the Christian day school of the First Brethren Church has been surfaced with a state-approved blacktop. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.



*Dayton, Tenn.* Jesse Deloe, Jr., of Winona Lake, Ind., and Ted Smetters, of Chicago, have been appointed cochairmen of the sophomore vesper committee at Bryan University.

*Special.* The new address of Rev. Charles Gantt, pastor of Bethany Brethren Church, is 3906 Kings Highway, Dayton, Ohio; and Roy Kreimes (licensed minister) is Winona Lake, Ind. Mr. Kreimes is a student at Grace Seminary.

*Special.* November 22 has been set aside as a day of prayer for our country by the Great Commission Prayer League.

*Seattle, Wash.* Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif., expect to visit Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hammers, pastor of the View Ridge Brethren Church here. Mrs. Hammers is the daughter of Dr. Ashman.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Youth for Christ International this week announced plans for its first winter conference at Boca Raton, Fla., Bible conference grounds from March 8-14, 1954.

*Sunnyside, Wash.* Rev. Herman Baerg, missionary deputation secretary of the Gospel Missionary Union and a member of the First Brethren

Church here, has supplied the pulpit since Sept. 1 and until such time as the new pastor, Rev. Harold Painter, arrives on the field.

*Whittier, Calif.* The First Brethren Church celebrated its 40th anniversary on Nov. 8. At the afternoon service Walter Haag was ordained to the Christian ministry, with Dr. C. W. Mayes delivering the ordination message. Lewis C. Hohenstein is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The annual Grace Bible Conference will be conducted here Jan. 25-28, 1954, by the Alumni Association of Grace Theological Seminary.

*Tracy, Calif.* On homecoming day at the First Brethren Church Nov. 1, \$1,800 was raised to pay off the indebtedness on the church. Plans are being prepared for the building of a Sunday-school annex and a parsonage. W. H. Clough is pastor.

*Sterling, Ohio.* The First Brethren Church recently voted to insulate the ceiling and install a gas furnace. J. L. Gingrich is pastor.

*Waynesboro, Pa.* A surprise birthday gift of \$63 was given by the First Brethren Church to Rev. Dennis Holliday, pastor. The postman delivered the amount in a bag of letters from the members of the congregation.

*Middlebranch, Ohio.* Rev. Edward Lewis has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, and has accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., about Feb. 1.

*Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.* Rev. Richard Burch has been elected president of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Ministers.

*Waterloo, Iowa.* Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, conducted his own Christ for Everyone evangelistic campaign Oct. 25 through Nov. 8.

*Hagerstown, Md.* The Atlantic and East Fellowship District Ministeriums met at the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 16 and 17. Rev. Russell Weber was host pastor.

*Covington, Va.* A boys' club has been organized in the First Brethren Church, with Rev. Paul Mohler as director.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Mrs. William Kolb was surprised with a "tea party" at the Herald office Nov. 6. The occasion was her last day as editorial secretary, a position she had filled capably for nearly four years.



# THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD WRITES

By Arnold R. Kriegbaum

## BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS

Thanksgiving! Truly we all have reason to rejoice in the Lord for His manifold blessings. As a church we have reason to rejoice as we consider the way the Lord has blessed the home-mission work until there are nearly 50 churches under the supervision of the Brethren Home Missions Council and its secretary, Dr. L. L. Grubb. The budget is tremendous for such a great number of mission points. Your Brethren Missionary Herald urges every member and friend of the Brethren Church who is thankful to God for the way our home-mission program has grown, to increase your Thanksgiving offering this week for the glory of the Lord.

increase in the arrests of teen-agers so far this year.

The answer to this terrible situation lies at the doorstep of every parent in America. Especially should Christian parents be tremendously concerned with regard to their own children and other children that should be reached for the Lord Jesus Christ. As Christian parents we should more readily see the weaknesses in our own children, and seek to direct and discipline them early. Discipline should start at the cradle, and a stern hand the first 10 years of a child's life will make discipline of 10- to 18-year-old children less difficult. Too many parents make the mistake of waiting until a child is 14 before any discipline is administered, and this is too late. Start early with discipline and be consistent!

The cause of delinquency today is the lack of proper and consistent discipline in the early stages of children's lives. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

So often we see the inconsistencies in other parents and their children but we see no fault in our training of our children. Let us pray that the Lord will open our eyes to the need in our own home.

## PLEASURE-MAD WORLD

Recent figures released by the U. S. Department of Commerce reveal that the American people spent over 12 billions of dollars during the last year on recreation. This included every form of amusement from dog racing and dance halls to theater and opera, and the receipts for the last type are very low.

These facts are more revealing when we learn that \$1,286,633,160 was given for all purposes of religious work. And it must be remembered that of this one billion it can be estimated that about three-fourths or more was channeled into liberal channels which accomplished nothing for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this pleasure-mad world men and women are spending money "like a drunken sailor" while only "drops" are channeled into doing the great work the Lord commanded us to do. Praise God for every Christian that is sacrificially laying on the altar of his substance. Praise God for every Christian that is planning for the future, and has so arranged his personal affairs so that his resources will go to the work of the Lord Jesus when his earthly pilgrimage is over. If this has been overlooked in your business, why not give serious consideration to the annuity program that is soon to be announced by the four major boards of our denomination. Invest in eternity, and not in this passing pleasure-mad world.

## A POSITIVE PROGRAM

The Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C., reports that annually better than 2 percent of the cases that come before the court range in age from 10 to 17 (Whaley-Eaton Service). This department is seeking to enlarge its influence to "help keep the nation's children out of trouble."

From a human standpoint this program would seem to be fine, but as the Christian analyzes such a program he must conclude that it is negative in its approach.

The Christian approach is positive, for we do not suggest a program that will "help keep the nation's children out of trouble"; rather, we have the absolute answer to the problem as we present Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. We urge more and more women to assume the task of teaching in Sunday school and child evangelism classes where lives are being shaped in a positive program for the glory of the Lord Jesus and by the means of salvation through Him. More important than literary clubs and social-tea parties is the work of evangelization of lost children.

## DELINQUENCY

Seeking to determine the cause for the increase in juvenile delinquency, the Senate has appointed a committee to investigate the source and the use of narcotics among teen-agers. So acute has the problem become that Senator Hendrickson, chairman of the committee, determined that his committee should create "a public ground swell" of sentiment that will aid local authorities in combating and finding the cause of teen-age crime.

Juvenile delinquency has reached such proportions in metropolitan areas that local law enforcement officers are bewildered. A Chicago judge recently declared that juvenile gangs threaten to take over the city. The narcotics racket has become so widespread that a youth told this judge that "in the lake region of Chicago it is easy for anyone to get hold of heroin." Gun-toting youth have declared they can get "the stuff" most anyplace.

Officials in Philadelphia, Pa., have declared that "greaser mobs" (gangs of law-breaking youths) are committing crimes ranging from murder to robbery and auto thefts. In this city there has been a 35-percent

# Thanks Be Unto God Who . . .

## “CAUSETH US TO TRIUMPH”

(II CORINTHIANS 2:14)

Many commentators liken the promised land to heaven. In all the messages I can remember hearing on this subject the speaker always compared Beulah Land to heaven into which many do not enter because of unbelief. While it is true that many will not enter heaven because of unbelief, I remember that even as a child there were some questions which kept coming into my mind.

### I. How Could the Promised Land Be Heaven?

Heaven is to be a place of beauty and splendor, a place of joy and blessing, where we will live eternally in the presence of a holy God and enjoy the wonders of His grace forever. But the promised land, while it was a land flowing with milk and honey, full of blessing and overflowing, was in no sense the place of perfection pictured for heaven.

The report of the 10 spies is that the land was full of giants. History confirms the Scripture which pictures them as being sinners of the worst nature. Personally, I do not want to spend eternity in heaven conquering giants like this. Do you?

Then when the children of Israel entered the land they were far from perfect. They crossed the River Jordan at flood stage and walked on dry ground. In perfect obedience to the Lord's command they encompassed the city of Jericho and took it without the loss of a single life only to be completely routed and defeated at Ai because of their overconfidence and the sin of one man. I for one am not looking for a heaven like this.

After they entered the land they conquered and drove out many of the enemy but failed to rid themselves of all of them. Because of this failure, they drifted into sin as a nation. Certainly this is no picture of heaven.

More than this, failure to enter into the land of promise left the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. If the promised land is heaven, then the parallel

for this wilderness wandering would have to be one of two things. Either it would be a period of purgatorial penance, which I am sure none of us would suggest, or else our sojourn here on earth after we are converted would be dependent upon our failure to enter into heaven, *and certainly neither of these ideas are even suggested in the Word of God.*

While the promised land cannot be heaven, I believe it has a perfect parallel in Christian experience. To understand what this parallel is, let us consider:

### II. What the Parallel of the Desert Wandering Is.

If the promised land represents heaven then it would seem most logical that the desert wilderness wanderings would represent the natural, normal experience of every Christian life. If this were true then the person who is the most miserable would be the best Christian.

The desert wilderness was an unfruitful, uninviting, dreary, monotonous region covered with coarse gravel, black flints, and drifting sand. It was necessary for the children of Israel to pass through this land in order to reach the land of promise, but it was never God's desire for them to stay there.

In the wilderness, God supplied them with daily manna from heaven and water out of the living rock which is Christ. Yet in spite of all of God's provision the wilderness was always a place of murmuring, criticism, and complaint.



By Russell Williams  
Yakima, Wash.

The children of Israel spent their whole lifetime wandering in such a wilderness because of their unbelief and disobedience when God offered them a land flowing with milk and honey. What is the promised land and what is the wilderness?

Egypt, without question, is a type of the world and sin. By nature that is where everyone of us live, enjoying the pleasures of sin for a season, living on the leeks and garlic of Egypt, but under hard bondage to sin.

When we cross the Red Sea in our spiritual experience we too must, as it were, pass through a desert wilderness to enter the promised land. When we accept Christ as Saviour, we are separated forever from the old life. Now God feeds us with daily manna from His Word and supplies us with refreshing living water, even Christ. But instead of being in the promised land of overflowing blessing it is often a rude awakening to find ourselves in a desert wilderness.

The desert wilderness is ever the place of little faith and partial obedience. How few really live by faith. Even Abraham started out with partial obedience. God commanded him to leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house and go out into an unknown land. Abraham left his country. He parted with his close kindred when his father died at Haran. But one day he came to the place of complete obedience and separated from all of his father's house (Gen. 13:14).

The tragedy is that there are many today like the children of Israel who live and die in the wilderness because of unbelief and disobedience. Paul gives at least four characteristics of such persons in I Corinthians 3. (1) They are carnal or fleshly instead of spiritual. (2) They are still babes in Christ when they ought to be mature. (3) They demand a milk diet when they ought to be able to handle solid food, and (4) they are fussy and hard to get along with when they should manifest the love of Christ. It might be well for each one of us to check up on our-



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## "THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

It was an awe-stricken group; their eyes piercing the clouds with reluctance as the outline of Christ's figure vanished (Acts 1:9). Jesus did not die away *on* mortal view, but soared away *from* mortal view, while the accents of His voice were still in the ear, speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. There is an instructive conjunction between Christ's statement that there were some things not for us to know and His promise of the power of the Holy Spirit in the tremendous program and challenge, *yea command*, to witness. The "but" indicates that too much knowledge of the future, with their minds too full of God's overhead business might interfere with their supreme commission.

Christ never asked His workers to function without giving them the *power* to do it. Study again Acts 1:8. In college psychology we studied "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection." How true that when the love of God comes in, evil tendencies are driven out. Acts 1 is the chapter of promise and waiting. The second chapter begins with a portrait of the waiting company as the moment of fulfillment arrives. They were "all" there and they were "with one accord." Individualistic purposes and self-seeking had subsided. Prayer, supplication, and continuous praise were the order. The church

was not to be a pretty hothouse plant. It had a rugged mission to a lost but wicked world to perform. The church is not on dress parade, although one might get that impression. She is on the battlefield. The militant church today will become the church triumphant eventually. These are the days of our humiliation. Soon, perhaps very soon, we will enter the days of our glorification. *Power*, God's power, is needed to be faithful in our peculiar task. The Holy Ghost had been *with* them before, but now He *filled* them—empowered them. This should be the experience for *all* believers.

*They tarried and trusted.* Have you ever thought that it might require more power and poise to *tarry* and *trust* than to work in our own

feeble strength? The more I try in my own strength to do something, the less I seem to get done. It is when I go to my knees and seek His guidance and His power that I see permanent good accomplished.

A locomotive is no less grand in its construction and appearance without steam; no less grand than when it is endued with power. It is a costly mechanism which the company cannot afford to create and place under shelter simply to be admired. But before it can fill its place it must be supplied with the magic power of steam and must also have a governor at the controls. So the church to be useful must have the power. But God will not supply the power until due conditions are met, which must include a willingness to be guided by His Word and His Spirit as the "Governor" of the machine.

Brethren, unlimited opportunities of witnessing and evangelizing lie ahead for us during the ensuing year. God has promised to supply sufficient power for this need. All the combined power of heaven and much of earth—as yet—is at our disposal. Why wait? Shall we not rather meet His conditions and requirements and take the field for Christ and His church? God is able IF we are willing. Shall we join Paul in his cry, "I do not frustrate the grace of God" (Gal. 2:21).



By J. L. Gingrich  
*Our Moderator*

selves in the light of this and see just how spiritually mature we are.

If the desert wilderness is the place of little faith, partial obedience, spiritual immaturity, and less than God's best for your life,

### III. What Is the Promised Land?

We might answer simply by saying it is all that the desert wilderness is not. It is the land flowing with milk and honey. It is the place of overflowing blessing. It is the place of complete faith and obedience to all of Jesus' commands. It is the place of victory and joy. It is God's best, his perfect will for your life and mine.

There is such a place for every

child of God. In II Corinthians 2:14 we read, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." In those days there was constant warfare between cities. Whenever one city conquered another the victors would take the leaders of the conquered city, tie a rope around their necks and lead them in a great triumphal procession back through their home city. Paul here literally says, "Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to lead the triumphal procession in Christ." Remember this, in Christ no Christian ever needs to be defeated by Satan or sin, for everyone of us can tie the conqueror's rope about the enemy's neck and march forth in

triumph. This is the way of victory.

The victory at Jericho tells us something about the way of victory if we would enter and dwell in the promised land. It is a way of absolute and complete obedience in faith. The children of Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry land because they obeyed and they conquered the city of Jericho because they obeyed. If they had marched around Jericho once each day for six days and six times on the seventh day—if they had marched around the seventh time but failed to blow the trumpets, the walls of Jericho would never have fallen. Even so, we cannot ex-

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# Thanks Be Unto God for . . .

## "HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

(II CORINTHIANS 9:15)

The Apostle Paul, in admonishing the Corinthian people in their giving, had presented in the eighth chapter the greatest of all examples. He speaks of giving as a grace. The ultimate example of this grace was that of our Lord, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

In chapter 9 he again encourages us to exercise this grace to the point of becoming a "cheerful giver." He points out that God will never become a debtor to us, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (II Cor. 9:8). Finally he brings to light a glorious work of thanksgiving, which to those who know Christ in reality, should be a continual source of gratitude, namely, that God gave us a gift of salvation in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is unspeakable in its infinite effects upon our lives.

### *The Gift*

The need for a Saviour became evident to man at the very moment of the fall of Adam in Eden. To God it was evident long before this time as is revealed in Ephesians 1: 4-5: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself." Thus God knew that man was going to choose the way of sin and could not be "holy and without blame before him" without a Saviour from sin.

The prophets heralded the coming of the Saviour in the old economy. Our Lord vindicated the fact in His coming and indicated His divine purpose on a number of occasions, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). That this was in harmony with God's plan is seen in the announcement of Christ's birth to Jo-

seph, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Our Lord's ministry was a very inclusive one. In dying upon the cross, He paid with His life the ransom for our sins, taking away the guilt and penalty of that sin. To a world of lost men Christ became a sufficient sacrifice on God's altar of righteousness, satisfying every demand of God in regard to man's sin from the day of Adam's transgression until the child of God is ushered into His divine presence in heaven.

This gift of God's grace is in every sense a gift. It was free. Nothing was given in exchange nor will anything ever be asked for it. Men have nothing that they can give which would be acceptable to God. It was a voluntary gift, prompted by divine compassion and love. It was an undeserved gift. Men deserved condemnation, but are set free and declared righteous. It was a continuous gift. Salvation starts with Christ's entry into the heart, but will continue throughout eternity.

Truly it is an unspeakable gift! The apostle knew of its value, its splendor, its efficacy, its scope, and its nature. It was so great that he could not command words to describe it. To the one who accepts this gift of grace, Christ will become a Saviour from sin, a Sanctifier of life, a Security that guarantees the future in heaven with Him. What man lost in Adam's transgression is gained back in Christ, and infinitely more. Oh, what a wonderful salva-

tion! The words of the songwriter ring in our ears:

"There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins:  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains."

### *The Giver*

In the provision of Christ as the Saviour of mankind we get a keen insight into the character and motives of God. You will remember when addressing the poor woman at the well, our Lord Jesus Christ said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10). God is the giver! He is the God of all grace. He is the holy God. He is the righteous God. Therefore, anything which comes from His blessed hand would be given in grace and would certainly be holy and righteous for us.

Men give when there is good will. If someone has "crossed your path" or spoken harshly or evil of you, very seldom is your heart moved to give. But God's giving is in striking contrast to this spirit of giving. Men are at enmity with God in sin. They are strangers from His covenants of promise. Many have been the times when they have blasphemed, cursed, and even given open expression of hatred against God, His people, and His work. In spite of all we have done against Him, without any demand of recompense, freely and undeservingly the gift of His grace comes to us.

It may be remembered that in God's gracious giving the good of His child is at heart. He knows the need long before one becomes conscious of it. He knows the answer to the need and will provide it so. In the matter of the sin problem the provision of the Sinless One, even Jesus Christ, was the only possible provision which could be made. In the fullness of time God gave His Son as a sin offering for us, a sacri-

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By Lester Pifer  
Winona Lake, Ind.



# Thanks Be Unto God Who Says . . .

## "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"

In First Thessalonians 5:18, Paul writes, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Immediately one great thought stands out, namely, "The Christian is to be continually thankful regardless of how the sovereign God deals with him. This admonition takes on new significance when one recalls that Paul was writing particularly to a group of believers who were suffering for the cause of Christ (I Thess. 3:1-8).

### Let's Check Up

Brethren, most of us need to exercise more spontaneously the Christian grace of thanksgiving. Like prayer, it should exist under all circumstances, and even flourish in the atmosphere of adversity. Let's do a bit of checking. When God makes possible a better job, a new home, a new automobile, or even new clothing, do we humbly recognize the true source of such blessings? When souls are saved in the church; when the revival comes; when the building program has been successfully completed, is our thanksgiving to the heavenly Father, the Giver of "every good gift and every perfect gift"?

It is quite human for one to feel his accomplishments are his own. And yet, strictly speaking, behind every human accomplishment is the sovereign God. He it is who gives ability to those of His own choosing; He it is who imparts knowledge and wisdom and spiritual gifts. To some He wills to give more abundant gifts. Wherein then dare any Christian boast in himself. Rather, our boasting always should be in the grace of God.

### THREE PILLOWS

Old John Foster lay dying and, after a night of weariness and pain, was asked by a friend, "How are you feeling this morning?" "Ah," he said, "wonderfully well. I have my head down on three pillows: the pillow of God's infinite wisdom, the pillow of God's infinite power, the pillow of God's infinite love. I am well. I am resting on three pillows."—*Selected.*



By M. L. Myers  
Martinsburg, W. Va.

But this admonition does not apply only to those events or things which we term as good. The "every thing" of First Thessalonians 5:18 includes the dark days as well as the bright ones; the times of divine chastening as well as the times of divine favor; the seasons of poverty as well as the seasons of prosperity. Most Christians show some degree of thanksgiving for the blessings, but they are prone to grumble at the testings. And yet these shadows in our lives are as much a part of God's grace as the bright spots.

### Paul's "Thorn"

The Apostle Paul learned that. He was serving the Saviour well, and God in grace imparted to him divine truths not given to others. But even in the life of Paul there was a tendency toward self-exaltation because of "the abundance of the revelations." His old nature was yet very much present with him. And so, to keep him humble and usable for Jesus, it was necessary that he be given a "thorn in the flesh." In Galatians, Paul intimates this "thorn" was something in his body which made him look contemptible in the eyes of others as he preached. It has been suggested that it was "a high-pitched voice" or a "homely appearance." Indeed, he may have appeared very ludicrous to those not of the elect as he delivered the Gospel. Regardless of what the thorn might have been, its purpose was to keep Paul humble. Three times the Apostle prayed for its removal; three times his prayer was unanswered. Then God revealed, "My grace is

sufficient for thee," and Paul responded, in effect, "If it is necessary for me to carry the thorn that I may have the power of Christ, I will glory in it" (see II Cor. 12:7-9).

### All a Part of Grace

Yea, Christians, the thorns, the adversities, the afflictions are as much a part of God's grace as the seasons of joy and blessing. The same Apostle Paul who was given the thorn in the flesh wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). We may not always understand how some trial is bringing glory to God and good to ourselves, and yet through faith we know it is. We see only the present, but the sovereign God sees the end from the beginning. Our responsibility is to humbly submit to His will, and to fully, in childlike faith, trust Him. Just as your children trust you, though they may not understand your dealings with them, so we should trust our heavenly Father.

"In every thing give thanks." Christians, when the joys or sorrows come; in times of blessing or times of adversity; in health or in sickness, always "give thanks." Paul adds, "This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

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Thanks Be Unto God Who . . .

**"CAUSETH US TO TRIUMPH"**

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pect to enter into the land of promise and live a victorious Christian life unless we are willing in simple faith to fully obey our Lord.

Simply stated, the promised land is not heaven, nor is it any particular location, neither is it some mystical experience. For any individual it is God's best, His perfect will, the place of victory, of complete faith and implicit obedience. It is God's best, His perfect will, for your life and mine. Truly all who are in such a position are living in a land flowing with milk and honey and the fragrance of such a life will overflow on all about them.

The promised land was offered to the whole nation of Israel, yet Caleb and Joshua were the only ones of that generation who ever entered the land. Even so today the life of victory is offered to every child of God, yet many like Israel spend their whole lifetime feeding on manna from heaven, refreshed with living water, and wandering in the wilderness. Because of lack of faith, they never enter the promised land of victory, the land flowing with milk and honey.

Where are you living today? Are you still in Egypt, in hard bondage to sin? The Lord offers you deliverance. Are you perhaps wandering in the wilderness, sustained with manna from heaven, refreshed with the living water, yet living a life which is unfruitful, uninviting, dreary, and monotonous? It may be that you know of, and have even spied out, the promised land of overflowing blessing, but you are afraid of the giants you must overcome in order to enter in. Why not do like Caleb and Joshua of old: believe that God can cause us to triumph in the victorious life?

"If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then a lot of folks sure do love the church."—*Gleanings*.

Thanks Be Unto God for . . .

**"HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"**

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fice acceptable to God, but one that man could never provide for himself. In providing this, the character and attributes of God are seen. He, our omniscient God, knows the need of every person; He, our omnipotent God, provided in His marvelous power a Saviour who could break the power and penalty of sin and give freedom and liberty to the soul; and He, our omnipresent God, made it possible that His Son (God incarnate in human flesh) could pay the price for sin.

*The Receiver*

It must be remembered that the recipients of this gift are human beings. Christ was given to the human race, not to any other realm of beings. Even the angels of heaven have never and will never receive such a gift. Men are fallen human beings and as such deserve only condemnation. But in this gracious gift they become through Christ sons of God, a position vastly higher than the angels of heaven.

The Apostle Paul's expression in this verse, "Thanks be unto God," gives us some fine admonition on the attitude that men should have toward God in response for the gift of salvation. The word "thanks" has its root meaning in the original language in the word "grace." Thus, the grace which brought us salvation should produce in the human heart a reflected gracious attitude of thanksgiving back to God. It should be spontaneous, beginning at the new birth. It should be continuous, running throughout man's experience of the Christian life here on earth. It should be increasingly gratuitous. The more of salvation we experience, the more knowledge we gain, the more time we spend with Christ the deeper should be our appreciation of it. Our gratitude then should increase with the years we spend in Him.

There are many ways in which we can express our gratitude. Through the lips in testimony at every oppor-

tunity given, through the heart in psalms and hymns of praise to God alone, through prayer in the presence of others and in secret, through the daily life and conversation at whatever tasks that may be ours, and through constant and active service for His glory. By these and many other ways we can express our love and gratitude as Paul did in His life.

During this thanksgiving season our first paeon of praise should go to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. For the gift of salvation through Christ the words of the song writer should be our expression of thanksgiving:

"Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more. . . .  
E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die. . . ."

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*Herald of Life.*

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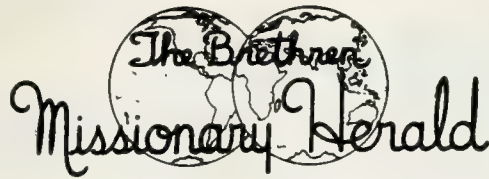
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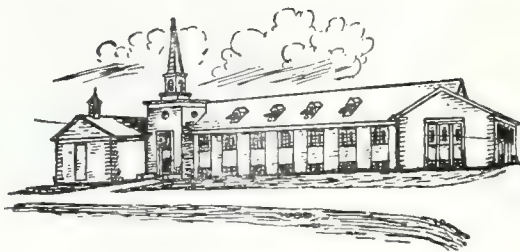
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# Things for Which We Thank God

By President Alva J. McClain

With the largest student body we have ever had here at "Grace," we are still learning to know all of them, but with the first semester half completed we have already gotten some very definite impressions.

First, we thank God for our students' *cooperation and spirit of mutual helpfulness*. As I write this article, we have just now closed our fall Day of Prayer, and I could wish that all our friends could have been here to share its great blessings, to hear the testimonies, and sense the Christian love manifested as the students prayed for each other's needs. During the requests for prayer, Dr. Bauman mentioned a need of the school which would require a substantial financial expenditure. When the last session of the day was about to close, the president of the student body asked for the privilege of saying something that the Lord had laid on his heart. To make the story short, he came to the platform and, after expressing gratitude for the school, he asked for an offering. While I do not have the exact figures on the result, I understand that the special need was almost completely met by what was given!

Second, we thank God for the students' *deep interest in and love for the Word of God*. Some years ago we had a young minister from another denomination who wanted to take one or two classes in addition to the theological course of study he had taken in a seminary of his own church. After about a week he came to me saying that the thing which astonished him most in Grace Seminary was the interest and genuine enthusi-

asm for Bible study manifested by the students. Well, it is still that way here today. When I recall the indifference, and sometimes actual rudeness, faced by able teachers in colleges where I have been, I feel that we have great cause to be grateful for students who let you know that they are deeply interested in the studies conducted at Grace Seminary. When this spirit prevails, the problem of classroom discipline never rises.

Third, we thank God for the *good reports we hear regarding the conduct and character of our students*. A great deal could be written about this, but let me mention several testimonies. The president of one local bank recently said to me that he had never dealt with a finer group of men in financial matters. The owner of a local hardware store told me that he was getting a nice business from our students. I asked him if they paid their bills! He replied that he had not found even one who was not completely reliable, and that one student, having bought an article which required payments, refused to take the article out of the store until the last payment was made! To the merchant, this attitude was something new under the sun.

Finally, we thank God for the *absence of unbelief among our students*. Looking back over the years, if I ever had in one of my classes a student who rejected any fundamental truth of the Christian faith, I do not recall it. Therefore, the teachers here can spend their time teaching truth instead of trying to destroy unbelief in the minds of students. Does it pay to support Grace Seminary? It does!

## "Now Concerning the Collection"

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

Every great doctrine has its practical application, and such is true of the great doctrine of the resurrection. Throughout the entire 15th chapter of I Corinthians the apostle unfolds the doctrine of the resurrection until it rises to a trumpet blast of victory. Then with that studied logic for which he is noted he drives home the application to our hearts. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Now concerning the collection . . ." (I Cor. 15:58-16:1).

"Therefore" means so then, as a result of the fact that, issuing from the fact of the resurrection. And here is what should issue from that—"be ye steadfast." These words mean to stick to the task in the work of the Lord. There are many who grow weary in their well-doing. The way becomes long and the tasks grow heavy and

strength ebbs away. This is the time when the exhortation is so much needed, "be ye steadfast." Stick to your task. Strengthen the feeble knees. Rise up with new vigor to carry on the task that has been committed to you.

Of all those duties that have been committed to believers there is none where it is so easy to grow weary in the way than in giving. Small wonder, then, that the first specific item mentioned by the Apostle Paul should be the collection, that ministry of giving for the welfare of others. In this case it was the poor saints of Jerusalem and vicinity who had suffered so heavily for their faith in Christ. An abiding principle is here, however, that every saint of God needs a vision of service beyond himself. To that end he should give himself and his substance.

Shortly now such opportunity will be given again for

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# IN CONFERENCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE



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God's people in the Brethren Church to give to the work of Grace Theological Seminary. Here is a work that in 16 years of ministry is scarcely begun. Yet already the wide sweep of its training program is being felt around the world. Its far-reaching ministry will never be computed this side the portals of heaven. And yet, I repeat, that its ministry is scarcely begun. This ever-widening ministry, however, depends upon the consecrated steadfastness of the people of God in the grace of giving.

Your hearts would warm to see the increase in the number of those who are now attending both the college and the seminary. It would encourage your hearts to see the greater number of subjects and courses added to the curriculum. It would arouse your spirits to realize

how the teaching staff of the school has been enlarged.

But as I pointed out earlier. This is just the beginning of an ever-increasing ministry. Surely Brethren people have caught a vision of this ministry and its value and will answer the call to steadfastness in giving at this season of the year. At this moment we are standing at the break of dawn in a new and ever-widening ministry of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College in providing a Bible-centered, Christ-exalting, holy-cultured education for young people who seek such.

It is estimated that in the next 10 years there will be more than a 100-percent increase in young men and women seeking such education. Will you help us to provide for them?

## Food for Thought

By Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

If you were seriously ill and in need of a delicate surgical operation, you would want the best doctor you could find to do the work upon your body. You would expect to pay him well for this important service. If you need work done upon your teeth, you see the dentist of your choice, and you always expect to pay for his work. If you need expert legal help you fully expect the lawyer

to charge you a fee which will help to defray the cost of his expensive education. When your car is in need of attention, the ordinary self-taught mechanic will no longer do. If you are like most people who value their car, you want one who has attended a mechanical school and is trained to make the delicate adjustments which modern machinery demands. You expect to pay more

because you demand more, and you realize such training costs money. If you have children, you want them in school, because you know that they need teaching to face life and its problems. You are not satisfied with half-way instruction, and you know that the good teachers you demand must be trained for the job, and their education is costing you money.

Now think a moment! What do you demand of those who minister to the needs of your soul? Will anyone do, regardless of background or training? Perhaps you are one who realizes the need of a ministry well-trained and skilled in the Word. It may be that you are one who

demands such a ministry because you realize that the spiritual welfare of your very soul and the souls of your children calls for the very best in preparation for the task. BUT, how much are you actually paying to guarantee the kind of a ministry which you desire to have now and in the years that lie ahead? The young man in training NOW may be YOUR future pastor. His present training is your guarantee for the future. Are you getting by with paying less for his training than you do for the doctor's, the dentist's, the lawyer's, the mechanic's, or the school teacher's? Take inventory of your giving. It will furnish you with food for thought

## A Worthy Investment

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

A short time ago the writer met an aged Christian brother in one of the banks in Warsaw, Ind., with whom he had fellowshiped on previous occasions. He belongs to a church pastored by one of the students of the seminary. Knowing something about the church, having ministered there on a good many occasions himself, he asked the brother how things were going and how the young pastor was doing. The brother quickly responded with a note of enthusiasm as to the progress of his church and the character of the preaching they are receiving. He went on to say that he had been away from the church on several occasions recently and had attended other churches and listened to other men preach. "And, do you know," he said, "when I come back to my own church I am more impressed than ever with the kind of preaching the men you send us from Grace Seminary give us." He went on to say that the present student from the seminary is a real man of God and preaches nothing but the Word of God. In his recent visits to other churches, the brother said that most of the preachers he and his wife had listened to talked on current events, politics, and other things, with very little Bible in their messages. But the men from the seminary always preach the Bible and nothing but the Bible, he said.

Naturally, the writer was glad to hear the good report concerning the Biblical preaching of this student pastor in the little rural church. He was sorry to hear that some other churches in the area are not receiving this type of ministry but was truly glad that Grace Seminary men are men of the Book. Many testimonies come to us from time to time similar to that of the brother we met in the bank. Many churches in the area where the seminary is located are being fed the Word of God by men who are receiving their training in Grace Seminary. Then, of course, each year a fine group of graduates go out to bear the message of life to the ends of the earth.

Those who are helping to make Grace Seminary a dynamic force in the church by their prayers, interest, and gifts ought to be encouraged by the results which are being realized through its ministry. Where is it possible to realize greater dividends of a spiritual nature than an investment in young men and women who are being fitted to give themselves as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, Christian teachers, and other kinds of Christian workers? Are you having a part in this ministry? Only eternity will reveal what the dividends will be.

## AS GOES THE SCHOOL . . .

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary

"As goes the school so goes the church" is a maxim proved true in the experience of many denominations. The orthodoxy, or the lack of it, the faith, the practice of the theological seminary today is a prefigure of the church tomorrow. For the pastors and missionaries and leaders of the future church are college and seminary students now. The teachings and influences which mold their lives will ultimately shape the church.

Thus, Grace Theological Seminary stands at the very heart of our Brethren Church. If we are interested in Brethren home missions, in Brethren foreign missions, in the Brethren Missionary Herald, in Brethren evangelism, in Brethren pastors and Brethren churches, then we are of necessity concerned with Grace Theological Seminary.

I was saved and brought up, and served several years in another denomination. There I saw at first hand the

tragic decline into modernism and worldliness of an entire denomination, which once believed the Bible to be God's Word and preached Christ as the Saviour of lost sinners. Long before this cancer of unbelief became manifest in the local churches, the Devil had sown its seeds in their theological seminary, and in their colleges. Gradually a generation of pastors and leaders which had come through those schools began to make their insidious teachings vocal in the churches, and today Ichabod is written large over the whole system.

Grace Seminary is standing true, and wants to be worthy of its place in the Brethren Church. If it stands true to what it should be, Satan is sure to oppose it for all he is worth. He knows from experience the importance of striking at the schools and he would like to silence the testimony of the Brethren Church.

So, along with your other support, don't forget to pray for Grace Theological Seminary.



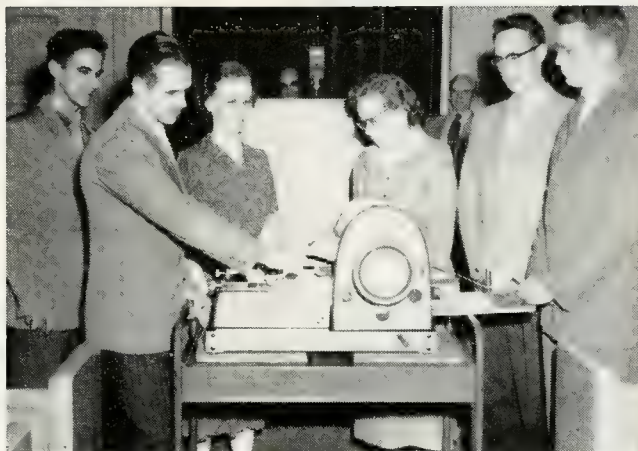
# PRESENTATION SPEECH FOR SENIOR CLASS GIFT

By John Strom, President of Seminary Senior Class

*Editor's Note: Student body and faculty alike were pleasantly surprised at the school's chapel service on October 21. When opportunity for student announcements was given, John Strom came to the platform to make the following presentation speech. Members of the student body, faculty, and office secretaries all are grateful for the addition of another piece of greatly needed equipment.*

This is quite a bit of fanfare with which to adorn a normal student announcement. In fact, it appears that either the announcer or the occasion must be decidedly abnormal, and I hope you decide in favor of the occasion. For really, it is the nature of the occasion which suggested such a flamboyant introduction as the procession afforded. The seniors are taking this opportunity to present to Grace Theological Seminary the class gift—an electrically driven A. B. Dick mimeograph. In a few minutes you will receive the sample sheet which you have seen the machine reproducing. We hope that we are not usurping authority or privilege in this morning's action. We are aware that class gifts are usually presented in the commencement program and we will be glad to continue that tradition. However, we realized the need for such a machine and were anxious that it be available for use as soon as possible. Also, we could not forget that one of the delights of life is a pleasant surprise. It is with an effort to maintain that element of surprise and at the same time be of immediate service that we make known the gift in this fashion.

At various times in his training here each student has doubtless felt compelled to manifest his thankfulness for the ministry which God has given Grace Seminary. A singular privilege of the senior is to be able to express



(Left to right) John Reed, seminary senior class treasurer; Jesse Humberd, chairman of purchasing committee; Ruth Hall, class secretary; Dorothy Magnuson, office secretary; Russell Irwin, vice president; and John Strom, president.

his thankfulness, tangibly and publicly. In reality it is only a symbol of that which fills the heart. When true grace is rendered its very nature establishes that it is beyond recompense, volitive—the product of love. The best which we can do is respond with kindred action, the offering of true thanks. Not only do the members of the senior class wish to indicate their heart-feeling to the school, but even to our Lord. It is He who has made possible the work of the school and is yet using it. With these thoughts in mind, the senior class is most happy to be able to present to Grace Theological Seminary this gift. We do so in the warmth of Christian love and in prayerful concern for this institution's future welfare.

## CHRIST'S CLAIMS TO DEITY IN JOHN 8

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

In keeping with the great purpose of John's Gospel as set forth in 20:31—namely, to present Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the object of saving faith, the eighth chapter of the Gospel shows Christ affirming His deity in five ways, as follows:

1. *By claiming to be the light of the world* (vs. 12). As there is only one sun in the heavens to give its blessing to the physical world, so there is but one "Sun of righteousness" (Mal. 4:2) to provide moral and spiritual light to this darkened world. Christ is the exclusive Light. There is none other. He is *the* Light, not a light. Never was the definite article more important. The ministry of the physical sun is to warm, to purify, to produce growth, to give energy, to reveal beauty, and to provide direction. All of these things, and more, Christ does for the soul, and He only can do them.

2. *By claiming identity with the Father* (vss. 28-29). The phrase, "I do nothing of myself," is like many other assertions our Lord made concerning himself (cf. 5:19, 30). It meant that Christ did nothing of His independent authority. The reference is to the perfect union between the Son and the Father. The Father and the Son are one and yet there is a clear distinction, as is seen by the fact that one did the sending and the other was sent.

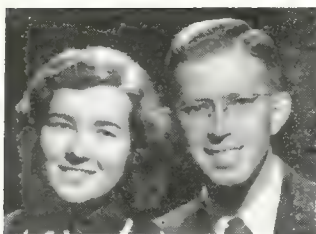
There is much of mystery in the union of the Father and the Son, but it is one of the mighty evidences of the deity of Christ.

3. *By claiming to be the author of true freedom* (vs. 36). By nature all men are in bondage to sin (vs. 34). No man has been able to break it. But Christ has set the captives free. He only has made possible freedom from the guilt and consequences of sin by His blood, freedom from the power of sin by His resurrection, and freedom from the presence of sin by His coming again. Only Deity can do this.

4. *By claiming to be the central figure of Scripture* (vs. 56). Not only is He central in the message of the New Testament, but He is also central in the message of the Old Testament. Abraham looked down the vista of the centuries and saw and rejoiced in the day of Christ. It is faulty interpretation of Scripture which fails to find Christ throughout the Scriptures.

5. *By claiming existence before Abraham* (vs. 58). The Jews well knew that this was a claim to deity. Thus they took up stones to stone Him as they did on other occasions when He made a similar claim (cf. 10:31-39; 11:38). Stronger claim to deity Jesus never made. He claimed to be Jehovah, the eternal, self-existent One.





Richard Anderson, seminary mid-  
dler, from Warsaw, Ind., to Ethel  
Aust, at Brunswick, N. J., July 25.



James Arrington, college sopho-  
more, to Miss Helen M. Canter-  
bury, at Covington, Va., June 27.  
Both are from the Covington  
church.



Richard Buell, college sophomore,  
from Sunbury, Ohio, to Lynne  
Mary Tippet, at Sunbury, Ohio,  
June 6.



Robert Chick, seminary middler,  
from Compton, Calif., church, to  
Helen Small, auditing student,  
Johnstown, Pa., First Church, at  
Johnstown, June 14.



Jack Christensen, seminary mid-  
dler, from St. James, N. Y., to  
Edna De Long, at Presque Isle,  
Me., June 5.

## WEDDINGS BY THE DOZEN

*Note—Whether it was the influence and example of two pro-  
fessors, or whether it was just a coincidence, we cannot tell. Any-  
way, last summer was a record season "matrimonially" speaking,  
for 15 weddings from the student body and faculty occurred in  
various parts of the country from Maine to California. The mar-  
riage of Prof. John Whitcomb to Miss Edisene Hanson and LeRoy  
Hawkins to Miss Ruth Clough have already been reported in the  
Herald. On this page appear the pictures of a professor and his  
bride and one dozen student couples, together with the dates and  
places of their weddings. Most people enjoy weddings, and we  
thought these would be of genuine interest to our readers.—P. B.*



Gilbert Hawkins, seminary mid-  
dler, from Albany, Oreg., church,  
to Rosella Hughes, at Winona  
Lake, Ind., August 29.



Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr., was united in marriage to Miss Beverly  
Jane Page, former Christian Education student in the seminary  
and member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.,  
at Long Beach, August 1.



Donald Hocking, seminary mid-  
dler, from Long Beach, Calif.,  
First Church, to Betty Ruth  
Reeves, at Miami, Fla., June 19.



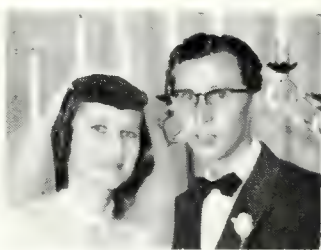
Warren Jacobs, seminary senior,  
from Lima, Ohio, to Ruby Zim-  
merman, at Lima, Ohio, August 28.



William Johnson, seminary senior,  
from Altoona, Pa., First Church,  
to Ruth Ella Williams, former  
Christian Education student from  
Listie, Pa., church, at Listie, Sep-  
tember 5.



Lawrence Lawlor, college junior,  
from Clymer, Pa., to Dorothea J.  
Siverd, college sophomore, at  
Commodore, Pa., August 15.



Allan Tschiegg, seminary middler,  
from Bluffton, Ohio, to Adelia  
Heinricks, at Dinuba, Calif., June  
25.



Earl Wagner, seminary middler,  
from Connellsville, Pa., to Ruth  
Ringler, auditing student, from  
Johnstown, Pa., First Church, at  
Johnstown, September 5.



# SOMEONE HAS FAILED—WHO IS IT?

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

I am constantly reminded that someone has failed. It may be that the dean of Grace Theological Seminary has failed. It may be that college officials have failed. It may be that the pastor of the local church has failed. It may be that the local selective service board has failed. But whoever it is, someone has failed. Perhaps everyone has failed, including young men who are eligible for the draft.

Everyone should read this statement and make it his responsibility to do something about it. If we all join hands we may be able to reduce the number of unfortunate cases where lack of information has finally resulted in the induction of young men into the armed services when they planned to give themselves to preparation for the ministry.

Here is the situation. The school officials at Grace Theological Seminary find out too late in most cases to help young men achieve their ambitions. A young man goes to college planning at the conclusion of that period of training to enter the seminary. He does not pre-enroll in the seminary during his college course. Therefore no statement of his purpose is filed with the draft board. Before he has opportunity to make application to the seminary he is classified IA and induction follows.

Or perhaps some young man has preenrolled in the seminary while pursuing college training. Upon graduation from college he thinks he ought to improve his finances before going on to school. So he delays his seminary training for a semester or a year. But while thus occupied the draft board checks on him and discovers he is not in seminary. He is then reclassified and inducted into service.

Here is the place to point out some very important things to young men who contemplate preparation for the ministry.

1. The draft law provides for the deferment of young men preparing for the ministry.
2. This deferment extends through seven years or more of preparation, four years in college, and three in the seminary.
3. This deferment should be obtained by preenrolling in the seminary and taking college training under the direction of the seminary. Proper papers will be provided by the seminary to file with the draft board.

4. This deferment can be kept alive only by continuous training in college and seminary except for the regular vacations.

5. This deferment is valid only as the student carries a regular load of subjects as a full-time student. Normally a minimum of 12 semester hours is considered a full load.

6. The seminary has no power whatsoever to do anything for any student outside of these provisions.

7. Let every young man also realize that good intentions, good excuses, marriage, or even children, will not make him ineligible for the draft. The selective service law recognizes none of these things.

## FORMER SEMINARY STUDENTS MAKING GOOD IN HOME MISSIONS



Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hammers, Janet, and Danny.

Rev. Tom Hammers attended Grace Theological Seminary in 1940-41. Having seen the challenge of Brethren home-mission work, he left a thriving pastorate at South Pasadena to go to Seattle, Wash., where he is now engaged in starting a new church "from scratch." At the present time services are being held in the home of the pastor. However, a new location has been purchased in a very choice section of the city and plans are now under way to erect a new building which will be the home for the new congregation.

Rev. Ralph Hall and family.



Rev. Ralph Hall graduated from Grace Seminary in 1951, and immediately went to Johnstown, Pa., where he became pastor of the new Riverside Brethren Church, a home-mission project. Brother Hall served on a self-supporting basis until early this year, but the church had grown to such an extent that his full time was needed in the work. Property has been purchased across the street from the present location, and the Riverside congregation is looking forward to a building program soon. Brother Hall is just one of 30 home-mission workers who is producing results because Brethren people gave to make his training possible.

## GIFTS TO GRACE SEMINARY—OCTOBER 1953

Beaumont, Calif. ....	\$23.00	New Troy, Mich. ....	\$31.00
Beaver City, Nebr. ....	12.00	North English, Iowa ...	15.00
Berne, Ind. ....	118.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) ..	104.25
Camden, Ohio ....	26.00	Portland, Oreg. ....	5.00
Clay City, Ind. ....	14.00	Radford, Va. ....	8.00
Clayton, Ohio ....	46.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	23.00
Cleveland, Ohio ....	8.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	49.50
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio ..	71.94	Roanoke, Va. (W. Hts.) ..	22.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	2.00	San Bernardino, Calif. ...	138.00
Danville, Ohio ....	14.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	10.00
Dayton, Ohio (1st) ....	472.37	South Bend, Ind. ....	26.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) ..	70.00	South Pasadena, Calif. ...	57.85
Denver, Colo. ....	4.00	Spokane, Wash. ....	30.00
Everett, Pa. ....	11.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	483.96
Flora, Ind. ....	59.00	Temple City, Calif. ....	75.00
Garwin, Iowa ....	29.00	Tracy, Calif. ....	11.50
Glendale, Calif. ....	49.00	Waterloo, Iowa ....	47.30
Harrah, Wash. ....	6.00	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	51.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	22.07	Whittier, Calif. (1st) ...	1.00
Johnstown, Pa. (1st) ..	214.00	Winchester, Va. ....	93.00
Kittanning, Pa. (1st) ..	16.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	107.55
Leamersville, Pa. ....	21.00	(Special) ....	12.43
Leon, Iowa ....	5.00	Yakima, Wash. ....	1.00
Limestone, Tenn. ....	7.00		
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	422.25	Miscellaneous—	
Los Angeles, Calif. (2) ..	90.50	Isolated Brethren ....	22.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (3) ..	9.00	Non-Brethren ....	364.86
Mansfield, Ohio ....	3.00		
Middlebranch, Ohio ...	9.00	Total ....	\$3,644.33

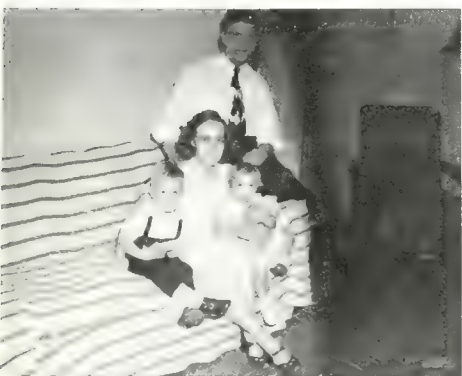


# TRAINED AND SERVING THE LORD

Perhaps you have wondered what became of the Brethren young people who graduated last spring from the seminary. Here is a brief record of the whereabouts and activity of seven of them. Others will appear next month. Graduates do not wait long to get on the job after leaving the halls of the school, and the 1953 class is already giving good account of itself. They demonstrate the value of every dollar invested in their training.



*Dick DeArmey Family*



*Roy Glass Family*



*Archer Baum Family*

Robert Griffith is now pastor of the Lake Odessa, Mich., Brethren Church and is already enjoying the blessing of the Lord upon his ministry. His wife, formerly Joyce Polman, is an able helper.



Richard DeArmey and family have already found their way into the hearts of the people at Waterloo, Iowa, where Brother DeArmey is serving as pastor. While in school he served the Sidney, Ind., church.



The Thomas Inman family is now in Denver, Colo. Tom is pastor of the new Grace Brethren (home mission) Church, and it is already showing real progress under his ministry. Tom also goes to Cheyenne, Wyo., one night each week to conduct a Bible class there until a new pastor is called to that field.



The Roy Glass family is now located in Cumberland, Md., where Roy is undertaking to develop a new work under the direction of the East District Mission Board. Pray for this new missionary project.



The Sibley Edmiston family is now in Laredo, Tex., doing missionary work among the Mexican people. Classes are conducted on both sides of the border, and 20 to 30 Mexican young people are now attending the club meetings each week. Already more than 15 souls have been led to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour.



The Archer Baum family is serving the Lord in San Diego, Calif. Brother Baum is pastor of the First Brethren Church there, and good reports have come to us concerning his ministry.



Russell Ogden and family are in South Bend, Ind., where Brother Ogden is pastor of the Sunnymede Brethren Church. He is already active in the youth work of the city. Recently the church closed a campaign under the direction of Evangelist Mickey Walsh.



*Bob and Joyce Griffith*



*Tom Inman Family*



*Sibley Edmiston Family*



*Russell Ogden Family*



# WOMEN OF AFRICA PROVIDE CHAPEL BIBLE

By Mrs. Rose A. Foster

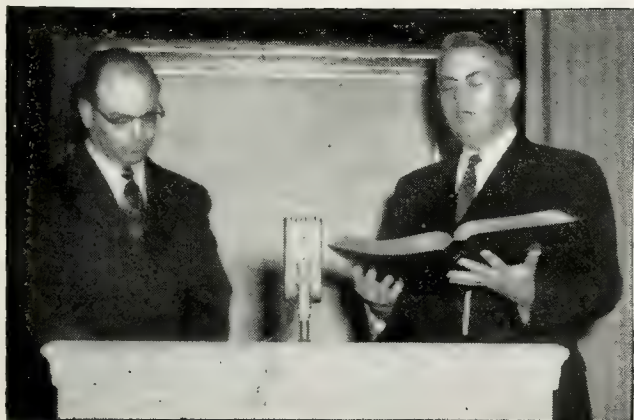
Truly, Grace Seminary has been well named. From its beginning it has been endowed with the grace of God. Not only has it been blessed with this great gift, but it has also been blessed with material gifts from many parts of the world.

Perhaps one of the most unexpected gifts has come from a group of dark-skinned women in the heart of Africa. Women who, not too many years ago, were saved out of the slavery of heathenism—who believed the "Good News" and were born into the family of God. Their teacher, Mrs. Orville Jobson, not only taught them the way of salvation, but also to live for the Lord and to serve Him.

One of the Christian graces that they learned early in their Christian experience was tithing, and to give their offerings to the Lord instead of the sorcerer. Then they began to pray for an outlet for their gifts. They soon found that they could help their local church in many ways; also that they could help the native workers that were going out preaching the Word of God.

Several years ago the first Women's Missionary Council in Africa was organized from this group of women. They chose Alice, a sincere Christian, as their first president. When they heard that a new school had been built in our land for the training of pastors and missionaries, they were interested. They asked what they could do to show their appreciation to the Christians at home for the missionaries that had already been sent to them and for those who would be sent from that school in the future.

A Bible for the pulpit was suggested to them. They were interested and heartily agreed. They trust that this open Bible will be a constant testimony to the marvelous grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Tit. 2:11).



*Dr. Barnard leads in the prayer of dedication.*



*Left to right—Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president; Rev. Herman Koontz, pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church; Miss Estella Myers and Miss Grace Byron, missionaries from Africa; Dr. Herman Hoyt, dean; Miss Florence Bickel, missionary from Africa; Dr. Homer Kent, registrar; Dr. Barnard, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society.*

## THE REST OF THE STORY

By Paul R. Bauman

Perhaps you will be interested in the story of the African women's gift after it reached Winona Lake. The amount sent to the seminary was \$10 in American money—a large contribution to the African, but hardly enough to purchase a pulpit Bible of sufficient size or quality for the chapel. For that reason the money lay in the bank for several months.

But, the Lord always has ways of making provision under such circumstances. One day, as on several other occasions, the problem came before the administrative committee. Suddenly it occurred to me that in going through one of the desks moved from Washington, D. C., after the death of my father, I had found among his possessions a new family Bible and had wondered what to do with it, for Mrs. Bauman and I had been given one exactly like it a year or two before. In discussing the matter with my mother, we felt that nothing would please my father more than to have this Bible adorn the pulpit in the chapel of the school he so dearly loved and whose cause he so enthusiastically championed from the very beginning. We felt it would also be appropriate because of the many years he had served as financial secretary and treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Accordingly, the Bible was purchased with the money supplied by the African WMC in order that the gift might be wholly theirs. Mother and I considered the money a little too sacred for us to keep, so a check for the same amount was given to the school. In due time the Bible was formally dedicated at a chapel service, with three of our veteran missionaries from Africa present.

"You can find anything in the average church today from a humming bird to a turkey buzzard."—Billy Sunday.





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*Alhambra, Calif.* Rev. John Hathaway is seriously ill at his home, 120-A N. Marengo Ave.

*Portland, Oreg.* A father-and-son banquet was held on Friday night, Nov. 20. Vernon Harris is pastor.

*Buenos Aires, Argentina.* Dr. and Mrs. Russell Barnard arrived here on Nov. 13, according to cable received Nov. 14.

*Paramount, Calif.* The Paramount Brethren Church is one of our younger churches, but from its conception it has been self-supporting. The church has recently been incorporated. Attendance records were broken in five consecutive services the first week of November. John Mayes, pastor, teaches five classes in the Brethren High School.

*Washington, D. C.* The Bureau of Internal Revenue has announced a door-to-door canvass by an army of federal tax agents to check on tax dodgers. The bureau expects to collect 40 dollars on every dollar spent to make the checkup. Church members should have a statement from the financial officer of their church, or canceled checks to substantiate claims of contribution.

*South Pasadena, Calif.* Over 400 contacts were made in the Sunday-school visitation program during September and October by the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, Dr. C. H. Ashman, pastor.

*Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* Mrs. Richard Grant, wife of our pastor here, was honored with a birthday party Nov. 4. Age? Over 18.

*Hagerstown, Md.* Out of a membership of 290, 173 attended the quarterly communion service Nov. 4. This is the highest attendance at communion in the history of the church. Russell Weber is pastor.

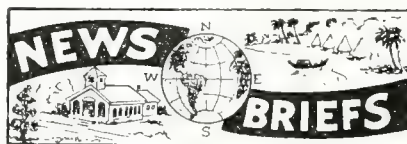
*Cumberland, Md.* A special dedication service was conducted Nov.

8 with 128 present. This is a new group that is being sponsored by the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Roy Glass, Jr., is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The Brethren Missionary Herald Company put on a "preinventory" sale at Grace Seminary Nov. 9-13, clearing its shelves of all surplus and superfluous stock which has accumulated through the years. It is not yet known how many suffered bodily injury in the "rush" of the students to get at the bargains.

*Seattle, Wash.* A gift of \$65 was given to the View Ridge Brethren Church, Rev. Tom Hammers, pastor, for the purchase of hymnbooks. The donor was the Harrah Brethren Church, Rev. Jesse Hall, pastor.

*Chicago, Ill.* Dr. Eugene A. Nida, secretary for translations of the American Bible Society, declared at the fourth annual Christian Booksellers Convention that the Bible is now being translated into 1,059 languages, covering over 95 percent of the world's population.



*Red Hill, Honolulu.* A record attendance was set at Grace Chapel on Nov. 8. Seven new families have recently attended the services. Foster Tresise is pastor.

*Leamersville, Pa.* There was an average attendance of 211, with 61 reaffirmations and 16 first-time confessions of Christ in the recent evangelistic campaign conducted by Team One of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade.

*Whittier, Calif.* The Far East Broadcasting Co., of Whittier, Calif., which is broadcasting the Gospel in 36 languages, has announced that its eastern representative, Mr. David Du Plessis, has arrived in Athens to negotiate with the Greek government on plans to set up a Christian radio station on Mars Hill, where the Apostle Paul preached 1,900 years ago. Such a transmitter would enable the Gospel to be broadcast to all of Europe, the Near East, and Africa.

*Whittier, Calif.* The officers of the young people's group of the First Brethren Church met at Forest Home, a mountain resort, on Nov. 8 for a time of planning, prayer, and

fellowship. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor.

*Bellflower, Calif.* The new address of Rev. Curtis Mitchell is 6134 Blackthorne.

*Chico, Calif.* A special thanksgiving service was held at the Grace Brethren Church, with four churches cooperating. Phillip Simmons is the pastor.

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* An American flag and a Christian flag were dedicated at a special service on Nov. 8 at the First Brethren Church, James Hammer, pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* If your church has not yet ordered their Sunday-school material, will you please urge the proper officer to order it at once through the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. The new quarter is only a few weeks away.

*Minneapolis, Minn.* Over 2,500 delegates registered, and twice as many visitors gathered from 30 States to attend the recent National Sunday School Convention. Newly elected president is Dr. Harold Erickson, pastor of the First Evangelical Free Church, Rockford, Ill.

*Chicago, Ill.* Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute, was elected president of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. One hundred six persons from 43 schools assembled in this seventh annual meeting.

*Chicago, Ill.* The Chicago Daily News made a survey of children's programs presented by four TV stations in the Chicago area. The survey revealed that there were "295 violent crimes, including 93 murders, 78 shootings, 44 gunfights, 33 sluggings, 9 kidnappings, 9 robberies," and other similar crimes. What a contribution to the already existing problem of juvenile delinquency!

*Ibaque, Colombia (EP).* Protestant Christianity here is undergoing tremendous persecution. During the last five years 42 church buildings have been completely destroyed, 110 Protestant primary schools have been closed, 51 Colombian Protestants have been murdered because of their religious faith, and the property damage sustained by churches amounts to \$148,000. In spite of all this, the membership of the Protestant church in Colombia has increased from 7,908 members to 11,958 in this five-year period.





## THE FALLING AWAY

II Thessalonians 2:3

By KENNETH TEAGUE  
Wheaton, Ill.

In this passage of Scripture we find one of the most difficult and mysterious prophecies in the Word of God. To some, it is a mystery which defies interpretation. Some moderns would say that Paul is inconsistent, that one must be prepared for a surging hither and thither of great thoughts, feelings, expectations, but in no wise were they intended to be fulfilled. Others contend that Paul was writing to people about matters which he has told them before, and that he alludes to that information which the Thessalonians had received and knew, but we, not having that information, cannot possibly understand the passage.

The writer almost accepted the latter view until he stumbled upon a statement made by J. P. Lange which led to the final solving of this mysterious portion of Scripture. Lange argues that the word for "falling away" is not to be understood politically or semipolitically, but according to universal Biblical usage, where it denotes apostasy from the faith or from God. If the word can be proved to have a technical use in Scripture, then whatever that meaning is must of necessity be applied to the passage which we are considering. With these thoughts in mind we hasten to the task that lies before us.

There are two different interpretations applied to this text.

### I. A Twentieth-Century Interpretation.

This interpretation, advocated by Dr. Schuyler English and Dr. Allen MacRae, was first mentioned by a Benjamin Douglas, of Chicago, in an article on "The Book of Daniel," written in 1888. It is a very ingenious and appealing idea, for it seeks to substitute for "the falling away" the new idea of "the departure." Thus our verse would read, "... for that day shall not come, except there come the departure first [that is, the rapture of the church],

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and that man of sin be revealed . . ." Surely this is a wonderful statement, for it warms the heart of every true premillenarian at the possibilities wrapped up in such a view. The writer likes the idea that is presented, for it is definitely taught in the Scripture, but such cannot be found in II Thessalonians 2:3.

The writer at this point will present only a brief refutation of this theory.

1. The apparent difficulty is cleared if it is recognized that the "Day of Christ" and the "Day of the Lord" are not synonymous.

2. The use of the article definitely points to something that was known by the Thessalonians, but to say that it could not refer to apostasy is to miss the point entirely.

3. The whole context shows that Paul merely alludes to the apostasy and the man of sin, and is somewhat surprised that his converts had not remembered what he said on this subject (vs. 5).

4. It is hardly true that the Acts 21:21 passage would convey the proper meaning if "depart from" were substituted for "forsake." The point to be made is that one did not simply depart from Moses. If he left Moses at all, it was in the nature of a forsaking, a turning against.

5. The tracing of the verb *aphisteemi*, frequently translated "depart," is consistently translated "rebellion" in the LXX usage of the word. However, during the New Testament period, the word is used with the extended meaning of "depart."

6. The final argument is a question. Is there any logical reason why this word *apostasia* should refer to the usual words for the coming of the Lord and the rapture of the church? This is a pertinent question

for two reasons. First, the word would be used in the sense of the translation of the saints only here in the New Testament. Paul would take a word that in every other text of Scripture means "rebellion" and make it here mean the translation of the saints. Second, the apostle has just used a word for the translation of the saints in verse 1, *episunagoges*, which cannot be misinterpreted. The use of the word again in verse 3 would settle the point beyond any doubt.

### II. The Traditional View.

The traditional view refers this verse to the great apostasy that is going to come in the end time. There are three reasons for concluding that "the falling away" of II Thessalonians refers to the apostasy and not to the rapture of the church.

1. The general use of the verb *aphisteemi*, from which we get the noun form *apostasia*, is that of revolt (II Chron. 36:13; Ezra 4:1a; 4:19).

2. The form *apostasia*, which is a noun, is used in a technical sense in Scripture and is always translated "religious revolt." This is the key to our verse, for here the noun form is used (Jer. 2:19; 29:32; II Chron. 29:19; 33:19; Josh. 22:22). In these five passages the word is translated "forsaken," "rebellion," "cast away," "trespass," and "rebellion." In all five passages the action is against the one true God and against divine authority.

3. Since this is a doctrinal expression of truth, first elaborated in the Old Testament, the term *apostasia* in II Thessalonians 2:3 will mean what it means in the Old Testament. The Old Testament allows but one meaning and that is "religious revolt," therefore the conclusion one must reach is that the word must be translated "apostasy" and not "rapture."

II Thessalonians 2:3 is a warning of a coming religious revolt, rather than a promise concerning the rapture of the church.

# A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

## THREE REASONS WHY WE CAN EXPECT A HARVEST

Someone asked me the other day, "How is this country receiving evangelism?" Others have said, "Evangelism in our modern civilization is impossible; you cannot have a real evangelistic effort in our present society, because the present picture is too black and sin is too rampant for men's hearts to be touched."

Those statements are all foolish. God is giving to America a chance to evangelize the world. We are to begin at home and spread the message of evangelism around the globe. Men's hearts are still able to be touched by the message from the Bible.

There is a great difference between evangelism and revival. A revival meeting has been as confused as any other theme that engages a Christian's attention. A revival is not an evangelistic campaign. A revival is not a drive for church members. A revival is a work of God's Spirit among His own people. David prayed, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (Psa. 51:12-13). That is God's order, and He has never changed it.

To evangelize is to so present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church.

There are three reasons why we can expect to see a mighty sweep of evangelism in this day in which we live.

### I. *The Time Is Ripe for Evangelism.*

The conditions in America, as well as the entire world, call desperately for evangelism. Your attention is focused on the drink problem, the sex problem, the crime problem, the educational problem, the home prob-

lem. All these call for evangelism immediately. There is plenty of discussion of evangelism, ways and means of evangelism, causes of revival by evangelism; the only thing lacking is converts by true evangelism.

Some of us are so afraid of "sticking our necks out" that we never have the courage to even speak for Jesus Christ. When the odds are against us, we are silent. How can God work through us if we become discouraged by circumstances?

Think back over world history and Biblical history—the picture has been black before. It was a dark hour in England 200 years ago, but the course of England was changed because one preacher was on fire for God. John Wesley did more in England to make for a transformed nation than all the experts and reformers. It was also a cloudy day when Elijah climbed to the top of Mount Carmel. Nevertheless, God answered prayer and demonstrated His power. Think of Nineveh when Jonah was there. Sin was rampant and things looked dreary, but God worked.

We are inclined to tell ourselves not to get too excited over evangelism. The fact is, we could stand a little emotion nowadays. The World Series baseball games almost stop business entirely in many cities and sections of our land. But we are afraid to become too active in spiritual things lest people complain and say that we are crazy. We need to evangelize NOW; the world is ready for evangelism.

### II. *Security Has Become a Magic Word.*

Millions are asking themselves, What does the future hold for me? What lies just ahead? Whither are we bound? Are we facing peace or war—prosperity or adversity?

These are the questions that are forcing themselves upon Americans



*By Evangelist Bill Smith*

at this time. Men know not which way to turn. Uncertainty characterizes the attitude of the population at this hour. A spirit of greed and lust for power dominates human hearts. As we stand on the threshold of the future, we are inclined to cry out, "What next?"

Evangelism is able to meet the need for security. For security, insure your life with Christ.

### III. *God Gives Us the Authority and Power for Evangelism.*

The Biblical authority for evangelism may be declared to be twofold: the desire of God for men, and the provision which God has made for the realization of His desire.

That desire of God for man found perfect expression in the words of Ezekiel: "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). That provision of God is perfectly described in the apostolic words, "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

These two statements not only authorize, but command evangelism.

We must speak as one having the authority to speak. We must have the confidence of the Lord. After all, are we not commissioned by Jesus himself?

Then let us do the work of evangelism as one sent by God, as a spokesman from God to a lost world.



# FROM OUR PULPIT



## "Follow Me"

When Jesus our blessed Lord was here upon earth, He called men unto himself and said, "Follow me." The primary reason for calling men unto himself is for fellowship with redeemed souls. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). He saves us first, then He calls us into various fields of service. There are several things we should note about the Person who calls.

### I. Who Is He That Calls?

In this day of liberalism and a turning away from the truth, men teach that Jesus was a good man, a fine example, and a pattern for our lives. But God's Word declares that the One who calls today is Jesus the Son of God (Rom. 1:3-4). We who believe the Scriptures to be the holy, authoritative, infallible, divine, verbally inspired Word of God know Him who is the very Son of God. God the Father said, "This is my beloved Son . . . hear ye him" (Matt. 17:5).

Do you know Him as your own personal Saviour from Sin? As the Holy Spirit calls to your heart, let Jesus, the very Son of God, come into your life.

### II. Why Does He Call?

According to John 3:18, we are lost without Him and under condemnation. He wants fellowship with man, but sin separates us from God. The Scriptures teach that "every mouth may be stopped, and all the world [inhabited earth] may become guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19). This being true, we need Him, and then only can we enjoy His saving grace and wondrous blessing.

He calls us from every walk of life, first for a life of obedience and yieldedness to His will, then for a life of service. He depends upon our bodies to dwell in, our hands to carry the message, and our lips to tell the Gospel. He needs us to tell His wondrous grace to others.

### III. To What Does He Call?

His call is that we might yield our lives to Him in full surrender. We are saved to serve as useful vessels, not to sit idly by (Rom. 12:1-2). Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). To Peter He said, "Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). That is why our missionaries have gone to Africa, to South America. That is why we have home-mission work and local pastorates. The Lord Jesus said, "Follow me." He is calling you today!

The Lord Jesus calls every believer to be a witness for Him. "And we are his witnesses of these things" (Acts 5:32). Not only is this the preacher's task, but the task of every born-again believer. He calls you to be a personal soul-winner. Love those who are lost for their soul's sake and seek to win them.

He is calling you to work in your home church as a teacher in the Sunday school or as an efficient church worker. True blessing is to be found only in the center of His will.

### IV. How Does He Call?

Sometimes the Lord Jesus calls in a mysterious way, as when He needed a prophet for His own people Israel. Therefore God called Samuel in this mysterious fashion, and Samuel replied, "Thy servant heareth" (I Sam. 3:9). There was another need in Israel when God need-



By Rev. Stanley Hauser  
Conemaugh, Pa.

ed a prophet. The Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said Isaiah, "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8).

One day He called a man on the Damascus road. He spoke to that man, who was none other than the Apostle Paul, and Paul replied, "What wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6). Today He speaks through the written Word, and as you hear God's Word proclaimed by His servants, permit the Word to speak to your heart and life.

If you know not Christ, will you receive Him into your life? Will you list to His call? Jesus is calling, "Follow me." The hymnwriter puts it in this manner:

"Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice sound-  
eth,

Saying, 'Christian, follow Me.'"

## PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL FALL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Rittman, Ohio....	Nov. 22-Dec. 6..	Chas. Ashman, Jr.	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(North Buffalo)	Nov. 29-Dec. 6..	D. W. Rossman...	W. W. Breckbill.
Uniontown, Pa...	Dec. 6-9.....	Clyde Landrum...	R. I. Humberd.
Massillon, Ohio..	Nov. 22-Dec. 6..	Milo Williams....	Phil Ward.
Portland, Oreg...	Nov. 30-Dec. 6..	Vernon Harris....	Vincent Bennett.
Spokane, Wash...	Nov. 30-Dec. 13.	Wm. Schaffer....	Robert Ashman.
North English,			
Iowa .....	Dec. 1-13.....	Clarence Lackey.	Crusade No. 2.
Berrien Springs,			
Mich. ....	Dec. 4-5.....	Robert Markley..	Wm. Smith.
Clayton, Ohio....	Dec. 6-13.....	Clair Brickel....	Wm. Smith.
Lake Odessa,			
Mich. ....	Dec. 6-13.....	Robert Griffith...	Crusade No. 1.



# Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

## DO IT NOW!

On a tombstone in an Austrian cemetery is this tragic inscription: "Here lies a king who, with the best of intentions, never accomplished a single thing." What a pathetic commentary on a life!

Yet many of us, in a lesser degree, are guilty of the same thing. We intend someday to begin reading our Bibles. We intend sometime to really study the Word and memorize choice passages. We promise ourselves that soon we'll witness to that new acquaintance. "When this rush is over" we'll be more faithful to church and get into the work better.

But procrastination, the thief of time, scores another coup. We put those things off until we've forgotten about them, or until our conscience has become dulled to them. We're much like the man, noted for his laziness, who said, "Whenever I feel like doing a good day's work, I just lie down until the feeling goes away."

Life is short, and the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh." We may not have much more time, or many more opportunities to serve the Lord, and to do those things for others that we have intended to do. Feel like you ought to speak to someone about their soul, or invite them to church? Do it now! Have you been thinking about your need for more Bible knowledge? Get it now! Maybe you've thought that sometime you'd like to teach a Sunday-school class, or help in the youth work in your church? Volunteer now!

Opportunities not even grasped at are often lost forever. Let's buy up all of them we can for our Lord!

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."



*Uniontown Sky Pilots line up at close of squadron meeting for words of instruction and encouragement from Squadron Captain Collier.*

After a summer in which no meetings were held, the Sky Pilots squadron at Uniontown, Pa., was reorganized recently, and at the first meeting there were 30 boys and 12 men present, including the pastor and squadron commander. Youth Director Ralph Colburn was also present at this meeting, and took the pictures, and brought the devotional message.

Boys in the squadron are building model airplanes, from gliders to gas models, and some of the older boys are studying radio. Photography may be added to the club activities later.

The recent revival with the Evangelistic Crusade Team Two stimulated a number of the men to become helpers in the squadron, and through their faithfulness a wonderful year with the boys is anticipated.



*Lee Collier, squadron captain, explains some of the work of Sky Pilots to one of the flight groups.*

## REVISED STATEMENT ON THE BRETHREN PUBLICITY CALENDAR

The Brethren Calendar for 1954 will be mailed to our churches in time for distribution before January 1. The calendar, a 12-months pad of Brethren pictures and information, should be in each Brethren home. Calendars will be imprinted with local church information. Each calendar will be individually packaged for mailing or efficient distribution. Several hundred additional calendars will be available to churches which did not place orders in time for imprinting. The cost of the calendars will be 15c each. This increase over the suggested price of 10c has been made necessary due to the increased cost of production and due to the number of churches not ordering, thus making for a smaller number being printed. The calendars will be sent postage collect to the addresses submitted to the calendar committee. The calendar costs, plus the imprinting charges, will be entered on the individual church accounts at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. All payments should be forwarded to that office. Statements will be issued upon shipment of the calendars.—Kenneth Ashman.



The EDITOR of the page respectfully calls your attention to the treasurer's report below. Comparing it with last month's report you will readily see that we have taken in about one-sixth of our project goal for the Board of Evangelism, which is good, but how about the offerings for Student Aid, Brethren Boys Clubs, and General Expense? Think on these things! . . . Twenty-five men were present at the meeting in UNIONTOWN, PA., when Evangelist R. Paul Miller and Song Director Max Williams were guests. An offering of \$23 was given to the Evangelistic Crusade. Frank Coffin is president. . . . At MEYERSDALE the laymen have set a goal of 25 men for the November 24 meeting. We will be looking for the result. . . . A laymen's rally was held recently in the Leamersville, Pa., church with the largest attendance on record in the East District, according to Bro. Carl J. Uphouse, laymen's secretary for the district. The offering was designated for the

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## GOVERNOR LANGLIE TESTIFIES OF HIS LOVE FOR CHRIST

Minneapolis, Minn.—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, of Washington, declared that the need of the hour is for laymen to witness for Christ, as he spoke at the 165th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A. Governor Langlie declared: "How this country and the world needs Christ! Yet for material things, for honors, for fear of being ridiculed, we brush aside the opportunities that are with us every day to really live. If we love our Christ, it is easy to find many ways to prove to our neighbors and our friends we do have love. . . .

"I have been fortunate to have many good things and to enjoy certain success," continued Governor Langlie, who is now in his third four-year term as chief executive, "but none of these things are worth comparing to the job of knowing that Christ died for me."—*Christian Newsette*.

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school, and visiting in the homes. We plan to call in all the homes in North Findlay the first of the year. We laymen have this important work to do, remembering the Lord did not tell sinners to go to church, but for the church to go to sinners." . . . Bro. Owen Hacker, of the First Brethren Church, DAYTON, OHIO, furnishes us with this information: "We had a glorious rally on October 1, with men from five churches in our new district. R. Paul Miller and Max Williams did the honors. Some 60 men were present and a good offering was received and sent to the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade. The Fellowship of the First Church of Dayton has already

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*Treasurer Walter Hoyt's Address is 409 Leland Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio*

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started to formulate plans for Laymen's Day, February 28, 1954. President Cooper has already been contacted for the special speaker of the day, and a male quartet is being organized to sing, together with a male chorus. The official board has sanctioned our plans and we hope to make a great day of it. Men at First Brethren have also offered their help in organizing Laymen's Day for other churches in the Miami Valley." . . . Men at the Sunnymede Church, SOUTH BEND, IND., met on November 17 and made plans to aid in the national laymen's goal. Jesse Deloe was the speaker.

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# National Fellowship

OF

## Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

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Board of Evangelism, to be sent to the treasurer of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. . . . Rev. Marvin Goodman, Sr., spoke and showed pictures of his work in India at the Men's Brotherhood potluck on October 20 at LA VERNE, CALIF. . . . A father-son banquet was held at the church in RITTMAN, OHIO, on October 22. . . . Rev. Archie Lynn spoke to the men

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*Send Your Project Offerings to Treasurer Walter M. Hoyt*

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at WINCHESTER, VA., October 13. . . . From the OSCEOLA, IND., church bulletin of October 25: "Attention Men: Next Sunday at 7 p.m., at Pritchett's Smorgasbord our first meeting for organization will be held. A good speaker has been invited and a great musical program planned. Tickets may be obtained from . . ." How about letting us know the results, Osceola? . . . From the INGLEWOOD, CALIF., church bulletin we learn that Rev. Robert Murfin was the speaker at the Men's Fellowship on October 12. He was assistant pastor of the Moody Memorial Church for five years, under Dr. Ironside. . . . We noticed in several church bulletins from the East District that a laymen's meeting was to be held at LEAMERSVILLE, PA., on October 19, at which an Evangelistic Crusade team was to have charge. What happened? . . . Frank Coffin was the speaker October 5 when the men of the Johnstown, Pa., area met for a rally at the RIVERSIDE church. . . . A district laymen's meeting was scheduled for HOLLINS, VA., November 5. . . . Bro. Jason Thomas, of FINDLAY, OHIO, sends us the following interesting information: "On November 1 the Findlay Brethren Church will be two years old. Soon after its organization the men's work was started. Bro.

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*Don't Forget to Designate What Project Your Offering Is For!*

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Theron Bibler was elected president; Robert Farmer, secretary-treasurer; Marion Thomas, boys advisor. There has been one death, a charter member. The Lord has blessed the Findlay church by bringing in a number of men to help in the laymen's work. Most of these men have come in by accepting the Lord as their personal Saviour, having been encouraged to come to church by laymen. Our men have been helping in the construction of our new building, making little chairs for the primary classes in the Sunday

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## FROM OUR TREASURER

This is the treasurer's report of gifts from October 1 to October 31.

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000) . . .	\$273.95
Student Aid (\$1,000) . . . . .	0.00
Brethren Boys Club (\$250) . . . .	0.00
General Expense Fund (\$500) . . .	6.00

I have only received mail from four States or 12 churches or districts. I pray we will have a better report next month.

Sincerely in His service,

Walter M. Hoyt, treasurer.

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Rev. and Mrs. Elaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
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## Annuities—Investments for Eternity

### WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

Here is an example of an annuity. In the good providence of the Lord a man has \$1,000 he would like to give to some worthy cause. However, his need for an income makes it impossible to give this money before his death. He finally decides to purchase an annuity bond from some institution. The contract drawn up states that the principal is a gift to this institution and also that the giver shall receive a fixed rate of interest during the remainder of his life. The principal is safeguarded during the lifetime of the giver by being invested in protected property rights. At his death the principal is fully released for the use of the institution.

### WHY INVEST IN BRETHERN ANNUITY BONDS?

1. They provide a regular income similar to income from other types of bonds.
2. They provide a secure income because the principal is invested in protected property rights as long as the donor lives.
3. They pay a higher rate of interest than most other investments because there are no paid field representatives.
4. They provide a definite means of making Jesus Christ known as the only Saviour and Lord of life.
5. They give a sense of satisfaction to the giver in that he has promoted the Brethren faith which blessed his own soul.

### WHAT IS THE RATE OF ANNUAL RETURNS?

The rate of interest is computed on the basis of the age when the annuity bond is purchased.

Up to age 54—	5%	65-69—	6½%
55-59—	5½%	70-74—	7%
60-64—	6%	75-79—	7½%
		80 or above—	8%

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# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Dr. Charles W. Mayes, President

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

## RIPENING FOR JUDGMENT

The Prophet Isaiah records the conditions which precede God's judgment and which conditions make it necessary for Him to rise in judgment. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! . . . Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people" (Isa. 5:20, 25).

We cannot help but sympathize with a mass of true believers in the great Methodist Church today who, no doubt, love our Lord and would receive the Gospel if they could but hear it. Much is being written concerning leaders of the Methodist Church who are reported either as members of the Communist party or as diligent promoters of Communist fronts.

### *The Bishop Unchanged*

Bishop Oxnam claims to have been exonerated when he appeared in Washington, D. C., to defend himself and his activities which had caused him to be branded as sympathetic with the Communist cause. Needless to say, there are multitudes of others who do not agree with the bishop that he was cleared in the hearing of the case. Regardless of all this, Bishop Oxnam seems to be moving on in the same circles as before, for just recently greetings from Bishop Oxnam were read at a great peace convention held on September 26 in Sydney, Australia. The convention was reported to be the product of the Communist program and the Prime Minister of Australia stated that "the Communist party is behind this convention and hopes to exploit it."

Bishop Oxnam is not alone in the Methodist Church in his activity for Communist front organizations. Recently the Rev. G. R. Van Eerde, Methodist minister from Sydney, Australia, wrote a pamphlet, "A Great Step for Peace." The Rev. Van Eerde quotes Y. T. Wu, chairman of the newly created Christian Reform Committee which is leading the Christian movement in China, "The Chinese Christian Reform movement has gained momentum in a short time because the Chinese Christians have seen the achievements of their government in defeating imperialism, feudalism, and bureaucratic capitalism, thus giving China a clean government for the first time in her history."

We wonder under what circumstances any true minister of the Gospel could so evaluate any government directed and imposed by Moscow. It seems that when men turn their backs upon the truth of the Bible there is no limit to the extremes they will go in substituting some other philosophy or ideology for the Christian faith.

### *Deceived About the Kingdom*

In the same article written by the Rev. G. R. Van

Eerde we find this statement: "After witnessing what is going on in China today, the thought came to me time and again that maybe this is how the kingdom of God will come to earth, in an unexpected way and through unexpected channels, like the Babe at Bethlehem 2,000 years ago." Imagine Chinese Communists bringing in the kingdom!

In consideration of the movement within the Methodist Church in the last generation, informed believers understand clearly that the church has been practically captured by the modernists. The leaders have denied the fundamentals of the faith for a generation. Having denied these fundamentals, the inevitable result now faces the Methodist leadership. Modernism, instead of believing what the Bible tells us about the kingdom coming with the second coming of Christ, has tried to find some other avenue by which the kingdom may be brought in. The social gospel has failed to bring it to pass, society has continually become worse, and the world has not been converted.

Now the Methodist leadership must turn to some movement in the world which looks like the fulfillment of their dreams. Communism, having the wisdom of the Devil himself, has set a trap, preaching a great Utopia on the one hand and atheism, the fundamental Communist philosophy, on the other. Not wanting the one hand to know what the other is doing, Utopian promises have made a bid for the apostate churches. Gullible bishops and preachers have swallowed the bait, lined up with Communist front organizations, thinking they are now bringing the kingdom of God to pass through a great social revolution.

### *What Shall We Do?*

All this indicates that, so far as delivering the Gospel to a lost world is concerned, others besides the Methodists will have to pick up the torch which once they carried and deliver the gospel message to the world.

The apostasy before our eyes in professing Christendom should shock the Brethren into an all-out effort to preach and teach the Word of God without any adulteration or apologies. This is the task of missions—home and foreign—in the Brethren Church at the present time.

### *One for One*

## THANK YOU, DR. MAYES!

During the absence of Dr. Russell D. Barnard, who is now in Argentina, the editorials for the Foreign Mission Number of the Herald will be cared for by the officers of our board and society. As indicated, the editorials for this issue were written by Dr. Charles W. Mayes, president of our society. We appreciate these very much and wish to express a sincere "thank you" to Dr. Mayes,



# An Ocean Between Us FOR HIM!



New York, Oct. 27, 1953

Dear Friends,

Once again it is the eve of departure from the homeland for another term of service on the field in Africa.

The past months spent with you in the homeland have been months of blessing. How I thank each of you for the joys you have given and for the encouragement you have given in things of the Lord's work. As our paths again crossed for this short time, I can truly say you have done me good and the provision of the Lord was exceedingly pleasant.

Now we must once more turn our separate ways and serve in the places which are far distant in this world. May the Lord richly bless all of you who pray for the missionaries. Let us trust Him for all the future, knowing that we are all one in Christ Jesus though the ocean rolls between.

May we all be faithful until He comes.

Your fellow laborer,  
Ruth Snyder

who took time from a busy schedule to prepare such for our thoughtful consideration.—R. E. R.

**A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!**

## NEWS OF THOSE TRAVELING

Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Barnard, after brief stops in Panama City and Lima, Peru, arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on November 13. Following a short visit in that area, they went on to Rio Cuarto to be present for the Bible Institute graduation on November 21. Their travels will take them to all of our Argentine mission points, as well as other places, during the next six weeks.

Miss Ruth Snyder arrived back at her station—the Bible Institute, Bozoum, Africa—on November 16 to resume another term of service.

As you read this, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver and family and Misses Mary Cripe and Marybeth Munn should be in the United States. They were due to arrive on furlough from Africa, coming by way of France, on December 1. The Beavers expect to go to Somerset, Ohio, to spend the holidays with relatives, and the girls will leave shortly to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends on the west coast.—R. E. R.

**One for One**

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# GREETINGS FROM THE BARNARDS IN BUENOS AIRES

(Just as this issue of the Herald was about ready to go to press we received two letters from Brother Barnard, one written November 14 and the other written November 18, telling of their trip. The following interesting excerpts are from these letters.)

We arrived in Buenos Aires yesterday, November 13, at about 1:30 p. m. and were met by the Hoyts and Maconaghys. It was certainly good to see the familiar faces while we were yet behind the gates waiting for the immigration officials to check us and our baggage. We had no difficulty—the Lord raised up a friend, whom even the Hoyts and Maconaghys had never met until yesterday morning, to help us through. God is good!

## *From Lima to Buenos Aires*

We had a pleasant and uneventful flight from Lima, Peru, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, stopping only once, and that was at Santiago, Chile. This stop was for about 30 minutes, but I stuck my foot off the sidewalk and actually touched the soil of that strange land. Since we were about one and one-half hours late leaving Lima, it was daylight when we were about half way to Santiago. Sunrise was the most beautiful thing I ever expect to see this side of heaven. We were riding at 15,000 feet above sea level, above all the clouds with a perfectly clear sky. First, light began to appear in the east, then redness; soon the first top edge of brilliant red, then the big red ball coming up out of the low cloud bank. But what of the cloud bank? Well, it was like a sea of fluffed cotton, all rather tufted, yet from that great height all as smooth as a quilt. It was all snow-white, except as it approached the big ball of fire where it was blended into the deep red of that ball of fire. My, how poor words are to tell it!

Coming over the Andes Mountains—we crossed them twice—was certainly thrilling and beautiful. We rose to almost 20,000 feet in a plane where the air pressure is kept the same as it would be at 2,000 feet. To our left the steward pointed out the highest peak in the Southern Hemisphere—I believe he said 28,000 feet. It looked like we could almost reach out and touch it, but I guess we would have needed quite a long arm. All was covered with snow with just bare rocks jutting out. I'm rather glad the pilot didn't take a notion to land just then.

## *Flight Over Argentina*

Soon we knew we were over Argentina because, first, we were told not to take our cameras out of their cases (that's an Argentine rule); second, we leveled out over the most beautiful farm country I have ever seen. Next week we will backtrack 350 miles and see from the ground what we saw from the air, but I am sure it won't be so beautiful. There were farms everywhere—every shape and description. Imagine every quilt design you have ever seen, then imagine a few hundred more, and put them all together and you will have the picture of what we saw for two hours, flying at 300 miles per hour. Finally we came low enough that we could see the cattle

in the fields—at first they didn't look any larger than flies.

We were with the Maconaghys for a day or so. They have a most pleasant place in which to live—a large, comfortable home (the only one they could find, so it must be the Lord's will for them to be here). On the lot they have a vegetable garden, flowers in bloom, oranges, lemons, and various other fruits.

## *Arrival at Hoyts'*

On Monday evening, November 16, we came over to the Hoyt home and we will be here until Friday morning, when we start inland to La Carlota, then to Rio Cuarto, where the Bible Institute graduation is to be on Saturday evening. We have almost walked ourselves to death—the only transportation here is by railroad, bus, and streetcar. There are almost no taxis, no porters, and even though there are trains every 10 or 12 minutes on these lines and the trains may have 5 to 10 coaches, they are almost always full, with people hanging on the outside, on the steps, and everywhere.

The Hoyts live about eight miles out of downtown Buenos Aires and the Maconaghys live out about 13 miles. They are on two of the spokes of a wheel—the two next to each other, yet they live about five miles apart. This city of Buenos Aires is a tremendous city. We could put all our Argentine missionaries in this one city and still not really greatly affect the unoccupied areas. Today (November 18) we met with a group of Free Brethren. They have been in this land for about 57 years and they have over 300 assemblies with outposts from these.

## *Meetings in Tent*

Brother Hoyt is engaged in tent meetings just now with Bro. Jack Churchill preaching for this week. I believe Brother Siccardi is to come later and help. There were about 80 out last Sunday night, a good crowd on Monday night, then we were rained out Tuesday night, and there were about 40 tonight (November 18). I believe they will have excellent results.

From now on a very heavy schedule is outlined for us. We will spend three or four days at every location where there are missionaries and visit for about a day at the other places. Continue to send mail in care of the Schrocks. Keep praying for us—the Lord is indeed good!

## **"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"**

Youth: Too happy to think—time enough!

Manhood: Too busy to think—more money first!

Maturity: Too anxious to think—worry over work.

Declining years: Too aged to think—fixed habits.

As Death approaches: Too ill to think—weak and suffering.

Death: Too late to think—the spirit has flown.

Eternity: Forever to think—God's judgment day.

—*The Missionary Worker.*



# A Little Bit of Everything

By Mrs. William Samarin, M'Baiki, Africa

You couldn't help noticing the man across the aisle in church. He wore a white dress shirt, gray flannel trousers, white socks, and crepe sole shoes. You may not think that worth noticing but, you see, the man next to him wore only a loin cloth, and they were both Africans. But that's the way it is at M'Baiki—we have a little of everything.

The well-dressed man is what we call a Salawisi. A Salawisi is an African who has left his tribe to seek employment in the way of the white man. Leaving his village, he soon forgets all its laws and restrictions and quickly learns the sins of the white man, thus becoming a very wretched man. Living with one woman after another, traveling from job to job, his only goal is money to buy clothes. Yet God has worked among the Salawisi. The man across the aisle makes a great deal of money as a tailor, and he is a fine Christian and a pillar in the M'Baiki church. God's children gather daily in chapels on large plantations throughout this area, thus giving forth the Word of God in the very camps of Satan.

But who is the other man? He may be from any of the five or six tribes that make up this area. White men have lived in his midst for 30 years, but they have not changed his way of life. The witch doctor in his skins and beads still reigns supreme. He dances, mutters, and accuses—and the people listen! Recently the French police captain said he was going out to discipline a village that was discovered using cannibalism in its tribal ceremonies. But God has worked in their midst, too. One by one God raises up His saints among them.

Siki is the first of three wives of an Isongou chief. Years of sorrow have lined her face. A year ago she came to church and believed. She has grown in the sweetness and grace of the Lord. Tears come as she prays for her people, so few of whom know her Saviour. But they, too, are coming one by one, receiving a changed heart and a new way of life.

There is a third man who isn't in church at all. The pygmy stays hidden in the depths of the jungle, only the brave ones venturing forth to trade for a little salt and cloth. Even though there are between 5,000 and 6,000 of them, I have seen only two or three. One little fellow came to our back door to sell a chicken. He could speak very little Sango and he was so frightened that he shook all over. The pygmy can only be reached on foot and by canoe. He must be taught his own language. Who will go? The missionary already has more villages than he can reach without going into the jungle depths. How these little people haunt us! God has not had a chance to work in their midst. It is 1953 and they are in darkness as great as the day Livingstone first came to Africa.

The Salawisi, the tribes' people, the pygmy—some 80,000 in all—this is our parish. This congregation is separated by rivers, jungle, and muddy, bumpy roads. How helpless we are unless the Spirit of God works. He will hear your prayers for us.



—Drawn by Mrs. Samarin.

*"The witch doctor in his skins and beads . . . dances, mutters, and accuses."*

## PRAYER IS LIKE . . .

A pitcher—to carry the water of life.  
A chemist—that turns all life to gold.  
Incense—with which to worship God.  
A bow—to carry the arrow of our need.  
The porter—to watch the door of our lips.  
The guard—to keep the fort of our hearts.  
The hilt of the sword—to defend our hands.  
A barometer—to show our spiritual condition.  
The chariot—to hold our petitions, the Spirit being the wheels thereof.

The tuning of an instrument—to get us in tune with heaven's melody.

The key to religion—to wind up in the first place, and to keep it going each day thereafter.

—The Alliance Weekly.

# GOD AND JUST TWO LAYMEN



*Will such a roadside shrine bring light out of darkness?  
This is a typical sight in Latin-American countries.*

## THERE IS STRENGTH . . .

- In silence, that speech does not know.
- In faith, that bluster can never imitate.
- In love, that hate can never realize.
- In quiet, that noise never understands.
- In prayer, that comes in no other way.
- In right, that might always envies.

—The Alliance Weekly.

"Now, you see it's this way, Uncle—all that we want to do is answer any questions that any of these people around here might have as to what the Bible teaches," pleaded Baltasar.

"No, I will not permit you to say even one word in this house about your doctrines. If you want to stay here for a few days, then that is fine, but do not say anything about what you believe to anybody," repeated the uncle.

This was the way in which Baltasar and his friends were welcomed by the owner of the house. The young fellows had been commissioned by their local church board to go to this rural neighborhood to visit and to witness to some of their friends and relatives. They had spent their boyhood in this district and, after going out into the world to have a good time and to earn a lot of money, they came in contact with the Gospel. Now they had a burning desire to tell these folks all about the real happiness that they had found in the Lord Jesus Christ. They knew all too well that their old acquaintances had never heard the truth of the Bible and that their lives were oppressed by many burdens as a result of sin and ignorance.

As the two young laymen sat down very much discouraged and with little hope of attaining their goal, a man came up and asked them if they were evangelicals. Then he said that he would like to talk to them if they would just wait a minute. In a few minutes he was back and very eager to discuss the matter of religion. Baltasar's companion immediately guessed that the stranger was carrying a Bible or some other kind of a book and so asked him to show whatever he might be hiding. With that as an invitation he took out a special Catholic edition of the four Gospels. It was very evident that he came prepared to hold up his own pet ideas, but soon discovered that the laymen were better equipped than he was. As the discussion grew, so did the number of listeners and so Baltasar's uncle could do nothing as he realized that the neighbors were anxious to hear both sides. In this way the two lay preachers gave out the Gospel for at least two hours and a half.

The next day they went on to the home of a friend where they were received with more kindness. While they were talking about the things of God to a few hearers, a man came up to them and seemed to be almost beside himself with emotion and fear. He questioned the speakers as to their political inclination and if they had any respect for the virgin. Hastily looking at his watch, he said, "It is time to hold a special little religious service in honor of the blessed virgin. Won't you accompany us?"

Because the man seemed a little mentally off balance, the two friends did not know what to expect, but agreed to at least observe the simple ritual. When the ceremony was concluded, the man suggested that the two laymen say a few words, but with the condition that they speak on the same text that the village priest had used that very morning in the town nearby. As Baltasar and his companion had not even been near the village that day, they had no idea whatsoever what the sermon might have been and much less would they know the text.

God came to the aid of the two laymen. With much



# Children . . . Black or White . . . All Are Precious in His Sight!



Manya Samarin, daughter of missionaries in Africa.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14).

"And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:2-6).



A native boy making cotton thread.

anticipation Joaquin opened his Bible and his eyes fell on the Beatitudes. He began to read, and noted a marked reverence on the part of all. Then he understood that the Lord had directed him to read exactly the text that was used that morning in the village church. This won the respect of all the listeners and they heard for the first time the real Gospel. The Lord Jesus Christ is seldom asked to forgive them of their sins, since they have been taught to look to another "redeemer."

During the three days that they dedicated to testifying for their Lord in this area, Baltasar and Joaquin distributed 85 pieces of gospel literature, visited in eight homes, and explained the Bible at length to four groups of listeners. How thrilled were the other church members when they heard the report of what God did with just two laymen!—*The Missionary Standard*.

*(Editor's Note—Praise the Lord for native and national believers who speak for their Saviour! The incidents of the foregoing article, selected from another magazine, are in no way confined to one place. Incidents of a similar nature may occur and do occur in all of our mission fields.)*

Mary Lyon, a domestic servant in the house of Jonathan Edwards, was one day cleaning his study when she saw on the flyleaf of two books these quotations: "Prayer and patience can do anything," and "If I light a candle for Jesus Christ, no one can put it out." She did not know that these were the words of two of the first missionaries to the Indians, but the words made a deep impression. She knelt beside the desk of Jonathan

## THE NEEDED TOUCH

Once on a storm-beaten shore a scant crew was trying in vain to drive the heavy lifeboat to the surf to rescue the survivors of a sinking ship. But their combined strength was just too little, and they sent to the nearby village for reinforcements. There was nobody left but one poor cripple, and he might have said, "What can a cripple do to launch a lifeboat?" But his added strength was just the increment they needed, just the few pounds more of added weight that moved that resisting mass; and as he threw his weight upon the cable, it slipped along the sands and in a few moments was out in the roaring tide. That one touch launched the lifeboat, saved the shipwrecked sailors, and accomplished the work of that one day of rescue. Beloved, your touch, your help, your consecrated weakness thrown upon the Lord's side may win the day.—A. B. Simpson.

Edwards and there made a vow that someday she would establish a school for women. This vow she carried out in 1837 when she founded an academy for women at South Hadley, Mass., which in 1888 became Mount Holyoke College. Any candle lighted for Jesus is inextinguishable—"the darkness has not (and will not) overcome it." If the lighting of such a candle is accompanied by prayer and patience, it can dispel any darkness and time cannot extinguish it.—*Selected*.



Huinca Renanco, Argentina—

A letter written November 13 by Mrs. Carson Rottler gives cause for praise to the Lord, as well as cause for more prayer. "Brother Schrock left yesterday after a nine-day evangelistic meeting. We rejoiced to see about 25 decisions. One was a young fellow with whom Carson had been dealing every week since we've been here. He shows every evidence of sincerity, for which we praise the Lord. Although there was a merry-go-round and a gypsy circus in town at the same time, we had a very good attendance. We really felt the presence and the working of the Holy Spirit throughout the meetings.



Mrs. Rottler

"We expect to begin our vacation Bible schools as soon as possible. We will have four—one here, one in Realico, one in Canada Verde, and one in Laboulaye. Practically every week of the summer is filled with something special. (Yes, it is now summer in Argentina!) We have a child evangelism class or meeting every day except Monday, so, with these and personal work, visitation, translation, and so on, we keep fairly occupied. The need here in Huinca Renanco is so great that it is like beginning a new work.

"The Lord is blessing over in Canada Verde. The Catholics have given much opposition in the schools. They have even thrown pebbles at us and followed us through the streets shouting, 'Long live the Pope, the Roman Catholic Church, the true church.' When there is opposition there is more growth, it seems, and the children are coming even though they're told that they'll 'flunk out' in school."

## A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Rio Tercero, Argentina—

Recent word from Bro. Jack Churchill tells of progress in the work. "Here in Rio Tercero we have finally, after long months of waiting for the Lord to open the way, been able to secure a lot on which we hope to soon begin building a meeting hall. This is wholly an Argentine project—that is, no foreign funds are being used in the securing of the property nor in the actual building. One of the believers in Almafuerite has loaned us a mold for making cement building blocks and we are gradually building up a pile of them to have ready for the time when we can actually start construction. Right now there seems to be a shortage of cement, but we trust it won't last long.



Jack Churchill

"While the work of securing a lot and constructing a building for meetings is important, I cannot help but feel at times that we are going ahead faster in that aspect

than we are in seeing souls come to a saving knowledge of Christ and becoming a part of the 'spiritual house' composed of 'living stones.' As we build our building of cement blocks, may it be an instrument that will form these 'living stones' that the Lord so desires to see."

## One for One

Bellevue, Africa—

Brother and Sister C. B. Sheldon, in a recent letter, wrote as follows: "This afternoon the sun is shining nicely, but how it rained this morning! It made it hard on the many lepers who come on Wednesday for their medicine. It is wonderful the way they are improving under the treatment and they themselves are so encouraged. Some of those who were crippled and unable to get around are now able to make gardens and get around.



C. B. Sheldon

"A short time ago we spent a week out in the bush up Kouki way. We had a good time visiting some of the chapels that we hadn't been able to see of late due to going to the Cameroun and other duties. This being the heavy planting season we didn't find as many people as sometimes, but they were all glad to see us and know that the Lord had answered their prayers for us during the operations in the Cameroun.

"The Kouki road is being worked on by the road builders, and many cement bridges are being put in for the big road from Bangui to Tchad. The road is completed to Bossangoa and now they are working hard to complete the Kouki road section. It is rumored that the government post is to be moved from Kouki to the new road at the Nana River crossing, which is some 20 kilometers away. Lots of changes are taking place.

"We learned while out that the priests and nuns at Bossangoa have left and are being replaced by another order of Italians. We pray that somehow the Lord will work this out to His glory.

"The work on the brick church at Bossangoa has now stopped due to a shortage of bricks and funds. The walls are up to the tops of the windows and doors and it looks very nice. How we wish it were completed! I don't know yet how we are going to get timbers for the iron roofing, but we are looking to Him!"



Mrs. Sheldon

## One for One

Bassai, Africa—

A letter, dated November 12, just arrived from Miss Grace Byron, in which she commented as follows: "Dr. Kent's article (in the Herald) about the confusion of



using different versions of the Bible in church services made a great impression on me. What would he think of a service in which some of the songs are sung in the tribal language, some in Sango (the trade language), a prayer in Sango, another in the tribal language, the Scripture read in Sango, and the sermon in Sango, translated into the tribal, the invitation given in the tribal and the closing song in Sango—all this in one service where all the natives are of one tribe. We expect a lot more of the natives, it seems. Pray that they will not be too confused.

"We have some very bad ulcer cases in the dispensary. A little boy about three has an ulcer on his face. The eye is affected, the nose is half gone, and so is half of his upper and lower lips. The flesh of his cheek is all gone, exposing his teeth. He is a pitiable sight. The little boy is a friendly little fellow, but he just doesn't want to have his face dressed. He fights every second, so it is almost impossible to bandage it. His mother is very patient and cooperative. It will be good to have Gail back again—a nurse is so greatly needed."



Miss Grace Byron

### ***A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!***

#### ***Bekoro, Africa—***

You will have cause for praise and prayer as you read a bit from the most recent letter from *Mrs. Minnie Kennedy*. "The past months have truly been rich with blessings, seen and unseen. The station Bible school will soon be over for this year. This week is the last, and the students will be going back home. Some will be getting ready for their departure for Bible Institute at Bozoum, others will be working in their home areas assisting their pastors and teaching classes. Some will be coming back again for next year's school.



Mrs. Kennedy

"Our rains are over now for six months or more, so that means our bush work begins soon. We are planning on more extensive work in the bush villages, visiting chapels and helping the pastors with their work. We want to help them so that more of their people will learn to read. Some pastors have very good reading classes and we want all of them to have steady reading classes. It takes special effort in some areas to get the people interested, so we want to help in creating more interest. Pray with us that we may have the strength and wisdom needed for this great work.

"Our hearts were gladdened and strengthened just last week. The pastor of the one area which has been so hard to reach came in to report that he has over 100 young people who have accepted the Lord as their Saviour and want to learn to read His Word. The Lord is answering prayer and we pray that there may be a great awakening everywhere."

### ***One for One***

#### ***Macapa, Brazil—***

The last letter received from *Brother and Sister John Teeter* reports concerning some of their activities. "We have been intending to write you before this, but have

been kept very busy with our language classes and other duties. A few weeks ago we found quite a colony of English-speaking Negroes from San Lucia in the British West Indies. After inquiring around we found that there are almost 50 of this group here in Macapa. We have started a little Bible class in English for this group—they meet on Monday nights in our home. We are praising the Lord for this opportunity to reach some of these folks down here, even though we still do not have the Portuguese language down pat as yet.

"Jack went to call on one particular man of this group shortly after he had suffered a stroke and was partially paralyzed. He gave Jack the assurance that he was saved. Just about a week later the man suffered another stroke and was very low. Again Jack called on him, prayed with him and, even though the man could hardly talk, he thanked Jack for this. The next evening he died, and we were surely thankful that the Lord had given us the opportunity to contact this man before he went out into eternity. We are trusting that we'll be able to contact more of these folks and reach them for Christ.

"We believe with all our hearts that the Lord has called us to this field where there is great opportunity for His work, and we're so anxious that we might be able to speak Portuguese fluently in order that we might work with the people." (Please pray much for the Teeters—the Edward Millers will be coming home on furlough in the early spring, leaving the Teeters in charge of the work at Macapa.)

### ***A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!***

## **YOU CAN'T EAT AT TWO PLACES AT SAME TIME**

There once was a boy whose father was from one village and his mother from another. These two villages were close to each other. Once he was very hungry, for mealtime had come, so his father said to him, "Son, stay here and eat; then you can go to the village of your uncle."

The son replied, "Father, wait a little for me. I'll go to my uncle's village to eat first and then I'll come back to eat, for I saw that the food is already on the fire." He wanted to eat at both places.

So the child ran to his uncle's village to get some food, but when he got there he found that they had already made and eaten the food. Consequently, he didn't get any. So he decided to return home to eat at his father's house. On his way home a leopard found him and ate him up.

The elders of the village used to tell this story with the following application: When you put your heart on two things, you won't be able to eat even at one place. The best thing to do is to put your heart on one thing, then you'll be able to get something to eat.

Thus, the African Christian pastor says, "The man who puts his heart in this world and in heaven cannot find the way. The best thing to do is to put your heart only in heaven, then you'll be sure to get there."

This story was told to me by Mbu Andre, one of the students at the Institute from Bekoro district. He was thoroughly trained in the ways of his fathers and later spent over a year at a Mohammedan "seminary," but now he is a valiant witness for Christ.—*William J. Samarin.*

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*Hollins, Va.* As we go to press, we learn that Rev. John E. Patterson, pastor emeritus of the Mountain View Brethren Church, went to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, November 22, at 7:30 o'clock. Funeral services were to be held at the church on November 24.

*Cumberland, Md.* A "kickoff" rally was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8. The entire East District cooperated in making the service an encouragement to the local congregation and a testimony to the community. This new mission church is temporarily meeting in Knights of Malta Hall. Roy Glass is pastor.

*Glendale, Calif.* Recent speakers at the First Brethren Church include Rev. Bruce Button, missionary to the Jews; Rev. Roy Snyder, missionary on furlough from Africa; and Rev. M. L. Goodman, Sr., returned missionary from India. Charles Underwood is pastor.

*Chicago, Ill.* (RNS). The 16th annual convention of the Christian Businessmen's Committee International was attended by more than 1,400 businessmen. This was a record number of delegates.

*South Pasadena, Calif.* The Fremont Avenue Brethren Church distributes 1,000 booklets a month. For November the pamphlet, "God's Way of Salvation," by Alexander Marshall, was given to the community as a testimony for Christ. Dr. Charles Ashman, pastor, will initiate the Evangelical Teacher Training Association course soon after Jan. 1.

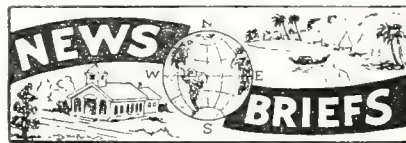
*French Equatorial Africa.* Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hill are the proud parents of a fifth daughter, Martha Irene. Miss Martha arrived at Bossembele on Nov. 7.

*Buffalo, N. Y.* (RNS). A New York Supreme Court justice, George T. Vandermeulen, has asked Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, pastor of the Cazenovia Park Baptist Church, to prove

charges that three widely known Protestant clergymen "have been flagrantly aiding the cause of communism." The three clergymen accused in a recent sermon by Dr. Muntz are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and Dr. Claude C. Williams. Justice Vandermeulen is a member of Dr. Muntz's church. (Our friend Dr. Muntz should have little difficulty proving his case.—Editor.)

*Washington, Pa.* Dedication services for the newly finished church basement of the Laboratory Brethren Church were conducted on Nov. 12 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Charles Sumey was the speaker. L. E. Rogers is pastor.

*Wooster, Ohio.* Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Messmore, members of the First Brethren Church here, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 17.



*Yaloke, F. E. Africa.* Miss Edith Geske, one of the newer missionaries, here, has been quite ill, and prayer of all in the homeland is requested in her behalf.

*Washington, D. C.* A set of Bibles in 78 different languages and dialects has been presented to President and Mrs. Eisenhower for use in the White House. The gift was made by the American Bible Society. The President said that frequently guests in the Executive Mansion ask for Bibles to read, and some of these requests are from guests who speak a foreign tongue.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Dr. Robert A. Cook, Youth for Christ International president, spent the last two weeks of November doing "airplane evangelism" in Cuba and other islands in the Caribbean. His pilot, Rev. Paul Hartford, formerly of Winona Lake, Ind., owns and flies his own Beechcraft Bonanza in this island-hopping gospel work.

*Watertown, N. Y.* (RNS). Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, speaking at a ceremony celebrating the 150th anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church here, declared that our American institutions "are

what they are because the nation's founders were deeply religious people." Mr. Dulles' father was formerly pastor of this church.

*Hagerstown, Md.* The Atlantic District and the East District Ministers' Fellowships met here on Nov. 16-17. Russell Weber was host pastor.

*Phoenix, Ariz.* The following squib was in the bulletin of the First Brethren Church, J. C. McKillen, pastor: "The is home-missions season! Dear hunters, five bucks makes you a corporation member! Let's all be CM's and help build churches!"

*Martinsburg, Pa.* A union Thanksgiving service was held here Nov. 26, from 10 to 11 a. m. Cooperating churches were Altoona, Everett, Juniata, Leamersville, Vicksburg, Yellow Creek, and the host church.

*Minneapolis, Minn.* (RNS). Two out of every three Roman Catholic students attending American institutions of higher learning are enrolled in secular and private non-Catholic colleges and universities, it was disclosed here at the 39th national convention of the Newman Club federation. The report said "it is impossible to say what percentage of our Catholics depart from their faith while in the atmosphere of secular education because accurate information is lacking. There is reason to believe that it is high."

*Winona Lake, Ind.* Mrs. Billy (Ma) Sunday, 85, was confined by illness Nov. 17 in the McDonald Hospital, Warsaw, Ind. Mrs. Sunday is the widow of the famous evangelist.

*Dayton, Ohio.* Rev. Charles Gantt was formally installed as the pastor of the Bethany Brethren Church on Nov. 15.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Jacqueline Helvie, a junior at Wheaton College, has received a certificate of honor. Miss Helvie is a member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church in Ashland, Ohio.

*Ashland, Ohio.* The average attendance at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church during October was 389 at the morning service and 386 at the evening service. Miles Taber is pastor.

*Winona Lake, Ind.* The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will appreciate your patronage for your Christmas supplies such as Christmas cards, wrapping paper, Bibles, children's books, Bible games, and phonograph records.



# Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

Arnold R. Kriegbaum

## A TRAGIC RECORD

A certain pastor recently reported that 55 percent of his members were not at the morning service, 76 percent were not at the evening service, and 89 percent were not at the mid-week prayer service. Without a doubt these statistics could be repeated in many churches — yes, Brethren churches.

These figures not only cause godly pastors grave concern, but how this condition must rend the heart of almighty God. Certainly the Lord is not honored when approximately one-half of His professing children are not enough in love with Him to attend the morning service of the church to worship Him. This is tragic! More tragic is the fact that only about one-quarter of the membership are constrained to be at the evening "evangelistic" hour, and only about 11 percent at the prayer service.

Such a spiritual state reveals the need for an old-fashioned revival that will set men's hearts aflame for God. God bless pastors who are concerned about the spiritual welfare of their people, but we need concern on the part of the congregation. An old-fashioned revival will result in a love for Christ that supersedes tired bodies, love for pleasure, and the feeble excuses used by so many.

## PILL-EATING AMERICANS

Harry Henderson, writing in Collier's magazine (Nov. 27, 1953) under the title, "The Original Miracle Drug," reveals the amazing fact that the American people are the most inveterate "pill-eaters" in the world.

The American people now take 485 aspirin tablets every second, or 28,152,000 tablets every day. We spend \$96,000,000 a year for pain-killing pills which have an aspirin base. We take them in all colors and sizes to relieve the tension and to calm our nerves.

No one would deny the fact that

the tension and rush of this age is astounding. Even professing Christians become so "keyed" to an accelerated church program that their own spiritual life frequently suffers. Under the tension they retreat to the aspirin bottle so they can continue the pace.

Perhaps we could well learn a lesson from the rest of nature which moves at a snail's pace, while we rush to and fro, hither and yon, relieving our tensioned minds by pills. If we spend more time at the feet of Jesus, we will need fewer pills and we will accomplish more for His glory. God help us to live more "by faith" and less by aspirin.

## NO NEED FOR MOODY?

Charles B. Templeton, until recently the evangelist for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., has expressed chagrin that "evangelism is fashionable again." Seeking to warn his audiences against evangelism, he recently declared that "we do not need another Dwight Moody today; what we need are 20th-century Christians who will study the needs of 20th-century people."

Someone should inform Mr. Templeton that the need of 20th-century people is identical with the needs of those first-century people—they need Christ! Twentieth-century philosophers (like Mr. Templeton), psychiatrists, psychologists, and sociologists are having to admit that they do not have the answer to the needs of people today. Social techniques have utterly failed to release man from the tentacles of sin.

Contrary to what Mr. Templeton has declared, the fact is that we need hundreds, if not thousands, like Dwight Moody, pointing men and women to Jesus Christ. In the slurring remark concerning Moody, Mr. Templeton slurred the God of Moody. God give us more preachers like Moody and fewer like Templeton.

## CHRISTIANITY AT HARVARD?

For the first time in 44 years a president of Harvard University attended the convocation service of Harvard's divinity school. Dr. Nathan M. Pusey, president of Harvard University, delivered an address to the divinity school in which he declared: "For President Eliot (in 1909) the enemies to his true faith were churches, creeds, priests, anything supernatural, any concern for a life after death, anything that professed to be sacramental. I suspect . . . that he would have considered the doctrine . . . that Christ came into the world to save sinners, as so much twaddle." Then Mr. Pusey observed that "churches and creeds and metaphysical complexities persist, and we have need of them still. . . . Theology should not be thought of as a minor intellectual exercise. It is expected to carry an answer to our deepest hungers and need."

It is utterly impossible to know the full extent of a man's convictions with regard to the fundamentals of the Christian faith from so few words, but at least Mr. Pusey borders on truth.

Certainly no individual acquainted with the theological position of Harvard Divinity School would conclude that it has joined the ranks of the conservatives, but at least we can thank God a little spark of truth has manifested itself at Harvard University.

## GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The months of December and January of each year are set aside for our special offerings to Grace Seminary. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company urges each and every member of our Herald family to pray and give liberally to our school. There is an immediate need for our gifts that the school might carry on the tremendous program that God is using to His glory. The influence of Grace Seminary is worldwide. We should praise God and give hilariously.

# CHRIST IN YOU FOR SOULWINNING

"Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). "The Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (I Cor. 3:16). In the person of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ indwells every genuine Christian. The purposes of the indwelling of the Spirit are to represent Christ, form Christ-character, bring a realization of Christ, produce the Christ-life, and maintain the mind of Christ within.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). Preeminently, the mind of Christ was that of SOULWINNING. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." He was a personal soulwinner. He won Nicodemus, Zaccheus, the Samaritan woman, and many others. He looked upon the multitudes as lost sheep without a shepherd. He beheld the world as one vast harvest field of lost souls. The purpose of Christ's birth, life, teach-

ings, death, resurrection, ascension, and everything He was and did, was to save the lost. The "mind of Christ" was EVANGELISM.

If Christ "liveth in me," if the indwelling Spirit is permitted to create and maintain the mind of Christ in me, then I am face to face with the responsibility of being a winner of souls for Christ. Every Christian is held responsible for the greatest amount and degree of soulwinning possible.

If the mind of Christ rules within me, I am face to face with the incentive of the reward for soulwinning. There is rejoicing on earth and greater rejoicing in heaven over a

soul coming to Christ. There is glory and gladness in salvation. I share in that rejoicing if I win souls. Paul testifies that his "crown of rejoicing" will be to meet "in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming," those whom he had won to Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30).

If I permit the mind of Christ to rule in me I will yield to the appeal of the romance of soulwinning. Responsibility! Reward! Romance! What a triple appeal! Every figure employed by the Spirit for soulwinning just glows with appeal. To win souls for Christ is compared to bringing in precious sheaves of golden grain. It is compared to inviting folks to a feast. It is compared to catching fish, to rescuing the perishing, to seeking lost and wandering sheep, to winning a sparkling crown.

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By Charles H. Ashman, D.D.  
South Pasadena Calif.

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"I give you a watchword for the hour,  
A thrilling word, a word of power,  
A battle cry, a flaming breath  
That calls for conquest or to death.  
A word to rouse the church from rest  
To heed the Master's high behest.  
The call is given; ye host arise,  
Our watchword is 'EVANGELIZE.'

"The glad Evangel now proclaim  
Through all the earth in Jesus' name,  
The word is ringing through the skies,  
EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!  
To dying men, a fallen race,  
Make known the gift of Gospel Grace,  
The world that now in darkness lies,  
EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE!"

—Dr. George W. Truett.

"Open my eyes, that I may see  
This one and that one needing Thee.  
Hearts that are dumb, unsatisfied,  
Lives that are dead, for whom Christ died.

"Open my eyes in faith, I pray;  
Give me the strength to speak today,  
Someone to bring, dear Lord to Thee;  
Use me, O Lord, use even me."

—Betty Stam.

EVANGELIZE! EVANGELIZE or FOSSILIZE!



# FROM OUR PULPIT



Someone has said that Bible study without prayer lends to formalism, while prayer without Bible study lends to fanaticism. This is merely another way of saying that the fellowship of the believer with God is not to be a one-sided conversation.

## Definition of Fellowship

When two people fellowship they converse and exchange thoughts with one another. If only one of the two speaks there would be no fellowship, but only the expression of one's opinion. Even deaf mutes find a way of conversing with one another for fellowship. If a person is not too selfish-minded, he desires to speak and to be spoken to, so as to exchange ideas and fellowship with the one to whom he is speaking.

In Genesis God shows His desire for fellowship when he walked with

us through answered prayer and His written Word.

Many Christians fail to realize that to neglect the reading of the Word of God is to refuse to listen to God as He speaks to us. This would be considered rude in human circles. Think how God must feel when we refuse to hear what He has to say, when we fail to read His Word.

When we do not read the Scriptures regularly, we are refusing to listen to what God wants to tell us. Our Lord prayed a prayer to the Father asking Him to sanctify us through His Word (John 17:17). This shows that a Christian's progressive

sanctification can only come through his faithful reading of the Word, or listening to what God has to say in His Word.

We are commanded by God to study the Word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

Our Lord Himself defeated Satan's temptations with the use of the Scripture. This very definitely shows the importance of God's Word



being in the Christian's heart. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

## Prayer to God

Prayer is man's means of communication with God in the circle of fellowship. God then in turn gives man answers to prayer as a direct personal communication. The Word of God gives us a message from God, but the daily personal answers to prayer will increase our faith and fellowship still more.

Man cannot have complete fellowship with God without both prayer and Bible study. Every believer has to lean on Christ daily.

There are two types of vehicles today: the one which uses fuel and the other which depends upon electric power. The former runs as long as the tank contains fuel, the latter as long as it is in contact with the electric current. The modern electric trolley also has two overhead contacts, and both of these must make connection to cause the current to flow. So also, the Christian must be in constant contact with God for fellowship, through prayer and Bible study.

# FELLOWSHIP



Adam in the garden. God has always wanted to fellowship with man, but man is the unwilling party. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:6-7).

## Avenues of Fellowship

There are two means of personal fellowship with God. One is our avenue to God and the other is God's avenue to us. We speak to God through prayer and God speaks to



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# INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

It might be well at the outset to point out again that about one-eighth of the entire Book of Revelation is devoted to the seven messages comprising chapters 2 and 3. This in itself should offer sufficient reason for studying them with care. We should also realize that these are the very words of our Lord himself to the church and constitute His final message to it. And finally we have the sevenfold repeated admonition to hear "what the Spirit saith unto the churches." These reasons, we believe, make the chapters worthy of our most careful consideration.

## *Historical*

That these seven churches were literal churches in seven literal cities is practically undeniable. Thus we are not dealing with fiction but facts as we read these letters. The city of Pergamum was an illustrious city of Mysia given over almost entirely to wealth and fashion. It was not noted as a commercial center, but rather as a religious and cultural center. Its chief religion was that of nature worship. There has been no record found concerning the establishment of the church in that place and all we have about it is found in this brief passage. The address to the church is from the One who holds the sharp two-edged sword which is a symbol of the discerning and executive power of truth. The very mention of the sword speaks of sharp judgment, so we naturally look for severity in this case.

## *Symbolical*

What are we to believe concerning these seven letters? The number "7" is commonly accepted as a symbol of completion or perfection. Since this is so, these seven letters give us a composite picture of the condition of the church in all places throughout all the years of her history. All the varying degrees of activity and purity of the church are presented to us in these seven letters. No matter what the situation may be in some prescribed era you can find it intimated within these epistles. The degree may vary, but all the ele-

ments are herein contained. It only remains for us to note some of the details of the letter to see that this is so.

By way of commendation our Lord writes to the Pergamum church that they have held fast His name and have not denied His faith. In light of the idolatrous conditions in the city, both of these would have been easy to do. The Lord knew where these people dwelt, that it was where Satan had his throne ("seat") and where his throne is there is bound to be severe testing. How precious to know that the Lord knows where all His children dwell and that in every trial and circumstance we can hear Him say, "I know . . . where thou dwellest."

## THE PERGAMUM LETTER

(REVELATION 2:12-17)

By Blaine Snyder  
Winona Lake, Ind.

The complaint of the church is found in these words, "Thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam" and some "that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes." The historical reference is to Numbers, chapters 22-33, and can be best seen in 33:16. Here we learn that while Israel could not be destroyed by cursing, she could be overcome by evil association and corruption. Social alliances with the Moabites led to their downfall. Many of them felt that since they were God's people they were free to live as they pleased and no harm would come to them. This was an extremely foolish attitude toward sin. As to the teaching of the Nicolaitanes little can be said. The name means "rulers of the laity" and suggests the beginning of the so-called clerical class. The evils which accompanied the development of this class can best be

seen in the history of the papal system.

We can readily see the danger which confronted the church at Pergamum. The church as a whole had not abandoned the name of Christ, but there were some within the church who held to these false teachings and had indulged in their forbidden sins. Because of expediency the church lacked the courage to discipline these people by expelling them from her midst. She was compromising by keeping on her roll those who at heart were her very enemies. This attitude of compromise can be clearly seen even in our own day.

## *Prophetical*

While all the conditions described in every letter may be true in any church in any age, there are times when the particular condition involved seems to characterize an entire period in the history of the church. Thus the Pergamum period may be regarded as describing the church from about 300 to 1100 A. D., or extending from Constantine to the time of the papal supremacy. The "rulers of the people" were assuming power and authority which had never been given to any human leaders in the church. Beginning with the great compromise of Constantine when the church and state were officially brought together we can readily trace the degeneracy and corruption which culminated in the papal dominance of the church.

What then is the real lesson for us in this study? The church of Christ dare not tolerate within her borders those who lower the standard of truth's requirements. The church at Pergamum was orthodox, it had held to the truth, but made a wrong application of it. They believed that if a man's creed was right his conduct was of little significance. If the church wants to keep herself pure she must banish from her midst any who would attempt to excuse his sin because of his religious profession. The final test of doctrine is purity of conduct and character.





#### GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He provides for every need of the school as it arises, and especially for the very fine special gifts that have been given recently for much needed equipment and improvements.

2. Pray definitely for the annual offering to be given during December and January.

3. Pray that God will use the testimony and witness of students and faculty members as they are away from the school during the Christmas holidays.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Barnard, now in Argentina, as they visit our field there, that their time with the missionaries and national believers may be of mutual benefit and blessing to all.

2. Pray for Miss Edith Geske, one of our missionary nurses in Africa, who is recovering from an attack of rheumatic fever. She is greatly needed on the field and is highly trained for her work.

3. Pray for the missionaries in Africa as they return to their respective stations after the annual field council meeting, which convened December 1-11. Pray that the coming year may be the greatest one in the history of our African mission.

4. Pray for the necessary government permits for the opening of the French school at our Bassai station in Africa. The Charles Tabers are now located there and are ready to open the school.

5. Pray for the Marvin Goodman family. If their visas for France arrived in time, they were due to leave the States on December 4. Pray that housing will be found for them in the Lyon area, as they join the Fogles in the work. Pray also that suitable places may be found as meeting places for the believers.

6. Pray for Dr. Harold Mason and his family, who have been so many months in France. Dr. Mason should complete his course in tropical medicine

around December 22, after which the family plans to leave immediately for Africa.

7. Continue to pray for the Baja California work. The Roy Howards are now located in Calexico, Calif., where they are beginning a new phase of the work.

8. Pray for the missionaries on furlough, as they serve the Lord in deputation work among the churches and try to rest up to return to their respective fields. Pray especially for the Wayne Beaver family and Misses Mary Cripe and Marybeth Munn, who have just arrived from Africa.

9. Pray for the work and the workers in Brazil and in Hawaii, that the Lord will provide the many needs and give courage, strength, and wisdom for the problems which must be met.

#### THE HERALD—

1. Pray for the Sunday-school quarterly writers that they might be able to complete the writing of the lessons before deadlines, in order that these quarterlies might be gotten to the churches on time.

2. Pray that Sunday-school officers in local churches might assist the Herald Company by sending in orders early each quarter.

#### HOME MISSIONS—

1. Praise the Lord for the gifts to the building fund at Jenners, Pa., making it possible to complete the outside of the church. Pray that the upper auditorium will soon be completed.

2. Pray that the new home-mission work at Elyria, Ohio, will continue to grow, and that the Brethren Minute-Men will rally to the need of assisting this group financially. Pray for their first full-time pastor, Galen Lingenfelter.

3. Praise God that the Modesto church is able to go self-supporting in 1954. Pray that their every financial need will be met in taking this step of faith.

4. Pray that the many new contacts made at Clayhole, Ky., and other home-mission churches, during the Christian Life Sunday School Contest, will not only result in additional Sunday-school members, but ultimately in born-again believers.

5. Praise God for the early completion of the new Phoenix church. Pray that it soon may be refinanced.

6. Pray that Brethren organizations or individuals will provide \$25 per week needed to put David Tollardo on full time at Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.

7. Pray for the new families joining the Brethren Construction Company at Roanoke, Va., that they may be used of the Lord in this capacity of erecting new Brethren churches for His glory. New members are the Ed Rife and Don Sellers families.

#### WMC—

(Supplied by the California District)

1. Pray that our young women will feel the need of more knowledge of our missions and missionaries, and come into WMC.

2. Pray for our Brethren schools. Pray that Satan will be hindered in his attacks on them.

3. Pray that more of our Brethren young women preparing for the teaching field will volunteer as teachers in our Brethren schools and mission fields.

4. Pray that more people in our churches will take an interest in the Day of Prayer and attend it.

#### SMM—

1. Give thanks for the girls of SMM who have laid their lives on the altar for Christ.

2. Pray for the girls as they memorize either the Book of James or I John for their personal memory goal. May they hide it in their hearts as well as their minds.

3. Pray that all SMM girls may take an active part in their local church program.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the Youth Director, as he plans his west coast trip for the first three months of 1954.

2. Pray for our BYF program writers, that they might be effective in producing helpful material.

3. Pray for our Brethren Boys Clubs, that they might have the leadership they need. This is the time of year that some leaders lose enthusiasm and vision.

4. Pray that the best selections of young people may be made for summer workers in New Mexico and Kentucky, and that funds will be available through our BYF home-mission project.

## A NEW TESTIMONY FOR THE LORD

At the September ministerium of the Indiana District, each pastor was asked to give a report of the Lord's blessing upon his church. After hearing the testimonies, Pastor Herman Koontz suggested that the Elkhart and Osceola churches ought to share the blessing with the entire brotherhood. The pastors of the two churches asked Bro. Willard Secaur, Bro. Herman Schumacher, and Bro. Robert Schumacher to write brief articles concerning God's blessing upon the church division. Their writeups are combined in the following article.—Scott Weaver.

### General History

For approximately two years the need for a new testimony was manifest as more and more souls were saved from the Elkhart area. Also the need for more classrooms in the Osceola church became urgent.

By 1951 the Elkhart folk in the membership at Osceola numbered almost as many as did the local folk. It was about this time that the Lord led some of these Brethren to confer with Pastor Ward Miller regarding the possibility of starting a Grace Brethren testimony in Elkhart.

Pastor Miller was authorized to search for a suitable meeting place for the group, but none seemed available at the time. People continued to pray, souls continued to be saved, and God answered prayer. A meeting of all interested Elkhart Brethren was held Sunday afternoon, April 12, 1953, in the Osceola church auditorium to discuss matters of location and organization. A building committee was appointed from the group and charged with the responsibility of investigating two known places that were available at this time, one an abandoned church building and the other a vacant restaurant building located on the south side of Elkhart on state road 33. The committee brought back their report and it was decided to locate in the last-mentioned place. This is the present location of the church.

On April 27, 1953, an organization meeting was held in the building,

with the Osceola board, Pastor Ward Miller, a group of men from Winona Lake, and 17 Elkhart Brethren present. The group voted to organize under the name of Grace Brethren, and elected the following officers to serve: I. W. Miller, moderator; W. Secaur, secretary-treasurer; Robert Schumacher and Ed Kluth, trustees.

On Wednesday, June 3, the first service was held to praise God for His goodness in answering prayer and to ask Him to send us a man to shepherd the flock. On June 7 the first Sunday services were held, with Rev. Conard Sandy preaching in both services. Various men from Grace Seminary preached on succeeding Sundays until Bro. Archie Keffer came to us and remained as interim pastor until Bro. Lowell Hoyt, who had been called as a part-time pastor, could arrive. How we loved these men who so graciously helped and preached the Word of God until our pastor arrived on the field.

We are so grateful that God has blessed us abundantly and has made it unnecessary for us to be a burden on the Brethren Home Missions Council. We organized as a self-

supporting work and the Lord has blessed to the point that we have been able to call our pastor to full-time service.

We give the Lord the praise and glory, for we have found Him able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

### Harmony Between Churches

We here at Osceola are praising God for having had the blessing of the fellowship of these precious saints of God for a number of years and also for having had some small part in helping to establish a true Brethren testimony in Elkhart. Our sincere prayers and best wishes go with these dear friends and loved ones in the Lord. May He continue to bless the Elkhart church and may many precious souls come to Christ as a reward of their efforts.

### Growth of the Churches

The last month the two churches were together—the month of May—the average of attendance was 219 in the Sunday school. To show how the Lord has blessed this move, the attendances for the succeeding months are arranged for comparison.

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Osceola ..	154	154	164	172	191
Elkhart ..	57	61	64	69	94
	211	215	228	241	285

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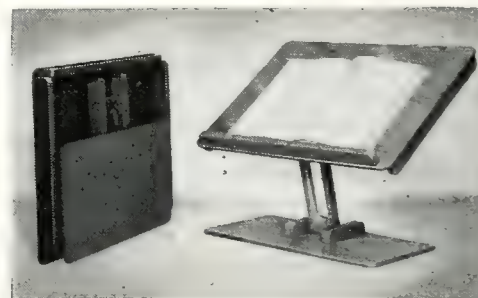
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**"... and the door was shut" (Matt. 25:10b)**





## COME YE APART FOR SERVICE

By Virden Taber, Vice President

Did you hear of the woman who sewed all day, only to find at the end of the day that her needle was not threaded? Or of the man who rowed all night and wondered why he did not reach shore, only to discover in the morning that his boat was tied to a post? That would be foolish, yet how many Christians think they can accomplish something for the Lord in service to Him without first getting ready by meeting the Lord in the secret place of prayer and fellowship through His Word. After our quiet time with our Heavenly Father we will be ready to go out in service for Him. On the other hand, let's not be like the Dead Sea, spending all our time receiving, but never giving out, and thus becoming cold Christians.

As we look at David, that great man of God, we see many and varied experiences in his life. Time after time he was in danger by wild animals, King Saul, and the various enemy nations round about, which would have caused many of us to give up. As David faced these experiences his faith and trust in God increased. How about our service? Is it increasing as we meet our giants, our trials, our discouragements?

We often hear it said, "I can't do what Mrs. So-and-So does," or, "I don't have the talents." It may be you can't, but God can do through you what you can't do, for your sufficiency is of God. Therefore, do all to the glory of God. Philippians 4:13, 19 says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Again in II Corinthians 9:8 we read, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

WMC offers us many and varied avenues of service. We do not need to be an expert seamstress to bring and mend good used clothing for the missionaries to use among the Spanish or Navaho people. Through this contact souls may be won to Christ. At Taos the WMC ladies have a workday. They could use needles, thread, rickrack, or scraps of new cloth to be made into quilt blocks. Perhaps if we look around we could find some books that could be placed in their library and in this way supply Christian reading material.

You might say, "I just lose my voice when I go to speak to someone about his soul." How about taking a tract with you and witness by leaving it at the table in a restaurant, on the bus seat, or on a counter. A tract has often been used as an approach to a conversation.

We can help to encourage prayer warriors in our congregations. This will greatly strengthen our denomination. The Lord's work can only prosper as God's people intercede at the throne of grace.

What greater dividends are received than those for work with children? If we can teach a Sunday-school class, a child evangelism class, daily vacation Bible school class—fine. If we cannot teach we can assist in these efforts, collect materials, lend our influence as adults, do secretarial work, open our homes for classes, invite the children, etc. Along this same line our Sisterhood girls need all the help and encouragement we can give them. If we cannot be a patroness we might be an assistant patroness. We can pray for the girls and the work of Sisterhood. We could roll bandages for the girls or help get them ready to roll. A lift could be given them on their financial projects, encourage faithful attendance at their meetings, or opening our homes to them. No doubt you have already thought of many other ways to encourage the girls.

Churches are continually being built and established. They need to be encouraged by our prayers and gifts. Each of these have many needs, such as hymnals, chairs, pews, pulpit ensembles, curtains, tables, Sunday-school equipment, bulletin boards, office equipment, public-address systems, baptismal robes, pianos, or communion supplies. The needs in detail of our home-mission churches along with our foreign work, the seminary, Sunday-school board, and youth work will be sent to each district president or project chairman as soon as they are received and compiled. Each council can then get the list from their district project chairman.

Many will be interested in doing something for our Spanish and Navaho people. These will be included in the lists sent out. In the meantime someone might know where a bell could be secured for the Cordillera mission. A used one, or any kind, would be appreciated. Someone could make covers for the new mattresses in the dormitory for the Navaho children. They do not need to be of expensive material—muslin ones would be fine. A large electric food mixer would be of much help in preparing the meals for the school children.

Now let us skip to Dryhill, Ky., and see a little of the need there. If you enjoy Story-O-Graph pictures you can be sure the people in the mountains would get a blessing from them, too. They also could use blackboards to good advantage.

As Christians we are soldiers of the cross and should

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be constantly on duty for our wonderful Lord. Too many times we are on vacation, it seems, like the professing Christian who sold a poor bale of hay to a colonel, who rebuked him. The church member whined, "I am a soldier, too." "You!" said the colonel in a tone of disgust. "What kind of a soldier are you?" "I am a soldier of the cross," said the skinflint. "That may be," said the colonel, "but you've been on furlough ever since I've known you." Let's remember that before we can really be of service to God we must first meet Him in our private devotions. Only then can He give power to our service. God can take a worthless, sinful life; wash it, cleanse it in the blood of Jesus, put His Spirit within it, and make it a blessing to humanity.

In conclusion, to be set apart for service we must first meet God, our Heavenly Father, and then we are ready to meet others in service. Then it is that He can say of us, "She hath done what she could."

### A Penny a Day for Thank Offering



The secretary of the *Indiana WMC District* reports that the offering at the fall district rally amounted to approximately \$150, to be used for the purchase of chairs for the new church at Elkhart, Ind.

The Lord is blessing at *South Bend, Ind.* There were 15 in attendance at a recent meeting, in contrast to two or three at the meetings last year. A Sisterhood was also organized recently, with eight intermediate girls showing interest in the work.

The *Winona Lake Senior Council* is planning an extensive tract ministry. The chairman of the tract committee writes, "Last month our group sent 100 Spanish tracts in booklet form to Mr. and Mrs. Carson Rottler in Argentina to use in their work there. These tracts went out with the prayer that many souls will be reached for the Lord. We are eagerly waiting for a report from this needy field. It is our plan to provide tracts for each member of our WMC to give out during the month in our local territory. Let us pray for decisions for the Lord on the part of those who receive them."

A report from the council of *Long Beach, Calif.*, *Second* indicates a strong and growing WMC group. There were 47 at the October meeting and new members are joining each month. They have a very novel way of taking the birthday offering for our own WMC missionary. They have 12 gaily decorated boxes, one for each month, into which the ladies put their offering. At the close of the year all the boxes are opened at the meeting and the ladies whose birthday box contains the most are the guests of the others at a covered-dish dinner. Last

## BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for December—Leviticus, chapters 2-27; the Christmas story in the Gospels.

Bible reading for January—Matthew, chapters 1-31.

### Tracts of the Month

1. For OURSELVES—"Thoughts on the Christian Family Circle," by Good News Publishers.

2. For OTHERS—Our suggestion for this month is a simple little tract to be sent to new mothers. "A Life in Your Hands," by Herald Press Tracts.

Both of these tracts can be obtained through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

year the November birthdays won with a sum of more than \$13 in their box.

The newly organized *Southern Ohio District* held its first rally at *Clayton*. There were 81 present. The theme was "Holding Forth the Word of Life" and a covered-dish dinner was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Phyllis Towner, of Dayton, gave a challenging message on child evangelism.

The October meeting of Senior WMC of *Mundy's Corner, Pa.*, was an impressive candlelight dedication service in which both the Junior WMC and the SMM joined. Mrs. Teeter writes that on the 15th of the month the telephone lines are kept very busy contacting members of the council and reminding them to pray for our missionaries.

The *California District* held its fall rally recently at *La Verne*. The Lord is blessing the district under the new president, *Leila Polman*. She has been visiting local councils and passing on to them some of her own zeal and enthusiasm.

The WMC at *Los Angeles, Calif.*, *First* had the privilege of having Mrs. Frances Ogden on hand for their September meeting to install their new officers. Frances spent some years there while her husband was the pastor, so it was rather a homecoming for her.

Word has come to us that the husband of our beloved financial secretary, *Mrs. Chester McCall*, has been seriously ill but is now improving. Remember to pray for our busy secretary with the added duties that this illness places upon her.

Your editor wishes to express her thanks for the news items you have been sending her. We hope that you approve of the publishing of shortened news items rather than entire letters. This plan permits keeping up to date on all news and also conserves space for more missionary material.

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#### DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Strength."  
Mission Study—"Women of India."



# BRETHREN

# Women Manifesting Christ

## AROUND THE WORLD

### THE BRETHREN TESTIMONY IN HAWAII

Our monthly visits with Brethren women around the world take us this month to the Hawaiian Islands, where a new Brethren testimony is slowly being established.



Mrs. Foster Tresise

This work in Hawaii has been started by a young Christian couple who believed the Lord expected them to witness where He placed them. When military service took them from California to Hawaii, the Brethren church in the islands had its birth. Mrs. Vivian Jones tells of their struggles and problems in beginning that work in our mission study for this month.

As Sgt. Jones' term of military service grew shorter and he was about to return to the United States, it was necessary to find someone else to go to Hawaii to carry on the work so sacrificially begun. The Foreign Missionary Society agreed to sponsor and advise in the work while Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise volunteered to go to Hawaii as self-supporting missionaries to carry on the work. It is planned to develop a self-supporting national church. At the present time Rev. and Mrs. Tresise are working to support themselves while building the new work. WMC has an especial interest there because we have voted \$300 this year to help in the development of this new Brethren expansion project.

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### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

#### Africa--

Rev. William Samarin.....February 7  
Christine Anne Taber.....February 11, 1953  
Allen Bennet Taber.....February 14, 1943

#### Argentina—

Mrs. Jack B. Churchill.....February 2  
Rev. Carson Rottler.....February 27

#### Brazil—

Mrs. John Teeter.....February 15

#### On Furlough—

Steven Altig.....February 20, 1944  
Mrs. J. Keith Altig.....February 26

### GREETINGS FROM AN ARGENTINE COUNCIL

The following picture and letter were sent to us by Mrs. Margaret Marshall, missionary to Argentina. We surely do appreciate both, thank her for sending them on to us, and invite other overseas groups to send us news also. How wonderful it is to know that we all are Women Manifesting Christ *around the world*.

"Our Women's Council of the Brethren Church of Corral de Bustos consists of about 15 persons, including



women and young girls. The meetings are held once a month. The program is varied and interesting. The women who feel they are capable prepare the messages, while all cooperate in the reading of the missionary study.

"In all our meetings there reigns a spirit of brotherhood and love. At the close of the meeting we stay a few minutes for tea and cake and thus have a nice time of fellowship together.

"Besides the personal work which we do, we help with the support of our national worker, Señorita Nelida Nuñez. Our greatest desire is to be like those women who went to the tomb of the Lord, who are called the first messengers of the resurrection of the Master. Oh that He might help us to carry the message of redemption to the lost!

"For our dear sisters in North America we desire abundant blessings from the Lord, and at the same time wish to send to you our deep appreciation for the work of love and faith which you are making possible in our dear republic.—Isobel H. de Garibotti."



# THE WOMAN WITH THE "BEAUTIFUL LOOK"

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

In the ninth chapter of Acts we are given the portrait of a woman well known to the Christian church for 19 centuries. Her name was "Dorcas" in the Greek language, "Tabitha" in Aramaic. Robertson says that the name means "the creature with the beautiful look." This woman may have been beautiful in face, as suggested by the name, but the Bible gives no details as to this in its description of her. What we are told is that she was "full of good works." So, regardless of her physical appearance, we know that Dorcas was beautiful in her deeds. In this respect she was the woman with "the beautiful look," which is better than what the world of fashion calls "the new look." This is a kind of beauty that never fades with age, and, best of all, it is a beauty that any Christian woman can possess.

As I was considering the statement, "full of good works," I began to wonder whether the Bible ever said this of any man. And running through my concordance I could find nothing along this line. Both Stephen and Barnabas are said to have been "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," but only of a woman is it said she was "full of good works."

Now the "good works" of Dorcas were of a special nature. They ministered to the physical needs and comfort of those for whom they were done. How true to life and experience. It is always the "women" who think of the things which the men forget. In the Philippian church, which more than once had sent things which ministered to Paul's need in the Roman prison, I do not think it was any mere coincidence that women seemed to have been the most prominent. It was at a women's prayer meeting that Paul began his great work in Philippi. A woman, Lydia, was the first convert. An unnamed "damsel," demon-possessed, was another convert. In the epistle we read of Euodias and Syntyche, two more women. I am sure that Paul, shut up in the Roman prison, often thanked God for the women of the Philippian church, the women with "the beautiful look" because of their kindness.

In the Brethren Church we have an organization of women with the same "beautiful look," women "full of good works." We here at Grace Seminary every day see the work of their hands, the evidence of their gracious concern and thoughtfulness for others.

Every day we set our feet on the massive sidewalks which now encircle the building on Seminary Hill—a gift from the Women's Missionary Council.

Every day we enter the library and take down books from the limed oak shelves—another good work of the same women.

We look into the amply furnished and efficient kitchen which ministers to the needs of the students—another provision from the hands of the women.

Every day we enter and enjoy the quiet and comfort of our beautifully furnished chapel—and again we see in the pews and carpeting the ministering hands of the women.

And this year the same women are undertaking as a special project to furnish the student social lounge, a large room 30 by 60 feet. Probably nothing represents a more important need, especially since the college is bringing in younger students who should have such a place to meet for social and spiritual fellowship.



*Laying Sidewalks at Grace Seminary*



*Grace Seminary Library*



*Grace Seminary Chapel*

One thing we have learned through the kindness of the Women's Missionary Council, namely, when these women undertake a project, they always carry it through. Truly, these women of the churches by their "good works" have manifested "the beautiful look" which is suggested in the Book of Acts.

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# ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE WMC DISTRICTS

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

We of the Central District WMC are happy to greet you in the name of our wonderful Lord. We have added three new councils to our district this past year, making a total of 27. These new councils are Alto, Mich.; Elkhart, Ind.; and Winona Lake, Ind., Senior. Twenty-four of the 27 councils reported 535 members.

Just a portion of the local projects include sending clothing to our mission stations at home as well as helping our missionaries on the fields; clothing to Korea; CARE packages to refugees in Europe; hope chests; helping the Sisterhood girls; giving to the seminary; sunshine boxes to the sick; canned goods for the missionary residence; and helping in the local churches.

The Fort Wayne WMC was host to our fall rally in October. Mrs. Rose Foster and Miss Grace Byron presented a skit of the work in Africa.

As district projects this year we gave \$108.50 to Grace Seminary; \$108.50 to the National Sunday School Board; and communion sets to the Ozark and Jackson, Mich., churches.

The Central District WMC contributed to all the national offerings and projects.

A spring meeting for all presidents in the district was held in Fort Wayne. The time was spent in discussing local problems and getting better acquainted with each other.

Our district conference convened at Winona Lake in July. Truly the Lord was with us in a marvelous way because many plans and decisions had to be made for the coming year. It was at this conference that the district divided into three districts—Indiana, Michigan, and Southern Ohio. By thus separating, we feel that we will be enabled to launch out into new fields to establish new churches and in time new councils. The councils in each district will be closer together and we are trusting that this will mean larger attendances at our conferences and rallies. We were privileged once again to have Mrs. Rose Foster as our speaker.

It has been grand to serve as district president this past year, although at times the burdens seemed heavy. All the ladies have been wonderful to work with, remembering our work in prayer, and serving whenever called upon to do so. May I say that it is only when we as a WMC put the Lord first in all things as we start a new year that each district will see the Lord's blessing on our councils. Let us all work together that we may serve the Lord better in the year ahead.—*Mrs. Robert Boone, president.*

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### A Penny a Day for Thank Offering

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## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Like the writer of Lamentations 3:23, the women of the Northern Ohio District wish to say, "Great is God's faithfulness."

When the annual statistical reports were requested, every council in the district responded, and we understand our district was FIRST to get their completed report to the national statistician. As they were faithful in their reporting, they have also been faithful in working during the past year.

The October district rally was held in the Mansfield,

Ohio, church, with Mrs. Bernard Schneider as special speaker. Her talk about their trip to Germany was extremely interesting and made us all realize how good God has been to us that we were born in the good old U. S. A. At this rally our project was to buy a mimeograph for the new church at Findlay, Ohio.

The midwinter rally was held in January at Middlebranch, Ohio, with our beloved Althea Miller as guest speaker. She challenged us to the need of family altars. The project was to raise funds to pay for a supply of the Mediator, which is used by our Jewish missionaries in Los Angeles.

Three afternoon sessions were held during the district conference in April at Rittman, Ohio. The project at that time was for a fund to be given to the Fogles in France. The following projects were accepted for the coming year: missionary residence upkeep fund; \$200 toward the educational expense of Marguerite Taber; \$200 for the school building which has been erected at Yaloke for the missionaries' children. Miss Ruth Snyder gave us a new insight into the land of Africa during this conference.

The July rally was held at Fremont, Ohio, at which time we received a good offering for the missionary residence fund, and Miss Angie Garber enlightened us about the work among our American Indians with whom she has been laboring recently. We believe her message will help our women to increase their project offerings to the extent that we can meet our new goal of \$200 for the next rally.

This district has 21 councils and 539 members. Every council participated in the national project offerings and we understand from the national treasurer that we have done nobly in this respect. Seventeen councils have observed the day of prayer; 16 sent thank offerings, and 20 are sending birthday offerings for the support of a WMC missionary.

We believe that the project displays which were shown at Winona fully explain the many and varied projects which have kept our ladies busy for the Lord during the past year. We realize we could have done nothing except as the Lord had first saved us, and then caused us to see the necessity of putting HAND AND FEET TO PRAYERS, knowing that God uses people who love Him to do His work today.—*Mrs. Frank Lindower, president.*

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### A Penny a Day for Thank Offering

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It is no loss of time to pray. Many think it chiefly or wholly lost time. They are so full of business, they say, and assume that prayer will spoil their business. I tell you that your business, if it be of such sort as ought to be done at all, will go all the better for much prayer.

Are you studying? It is no loss of time to pray, as I know very well by my own experience. If I am to preach, with only two hours for preparation, I give one hour to prayer.—*Charles G. Finney.*

Bring Christ's Word, Christ's promise, and Christ's sacrifice—His blood—with thee, and not one of heaven's blessings can be denied thee.—*Adam Clarke.*





## BEAUTY OF THOUGHT

By Althea S. Miller

The thought life of an individual is more important than many realize. In fact, there are people, many of them young like yourselves, who seem to believe that what goes on in your mind, or what goes through your mind, does not show in the life. How Satan deceives! You "cannot think crooked and live straight." Medical men have long said, "You are what you eat." Physically speaking, this is true to a very great degree. It is likewise true that spiritually you are what you think.

The Bible recognizes this as a truth. There are many references to one's thought life. "For as he [the individual] thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). If you entertain unclean thoughts and evil desires you are bound to fulfill those thoughts and desires openly sooner or later. As you reflect and think on the good and noble and right in the light of God's Word, those things will be in evidence in your life's activities.

Let us open our Bibles and read together Philippians 4:8. Notice that this is addressed to believers, "brethren"; brothers and sisters in Christ. The unbelieving heart is unable to think on the right and good and noble because that heart is bent toward sin. Only the believer in Christ is able to discipline his thought life, and he is able to do it only because he can claim the power of God in his life. Think on whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and good report. Do you notice how all that is untrue, dishonest, unjust, impure, ugly, bad report which is gossip (yes, I have heard SMM girls gossip) is automatically ruled out? What about *your*

thought life, young lady? Does it stand acceptable before God whom you cannot deceive?

When a person thinks it seems to be understood that you must know something. If your head is a vacuum you can't think! Very few of us have a vacuum head. We think about something. When it isn't good, it is evil. Satan sees to that. He works overtime to make righteous thinking difficult to accomplish and evil thinking easy. You all know how true that is.

Since thinking and knowledge go hand in hand it is good for every girl to notice that God wants her to know certain things. He puts no premium on (does not approve of) ignorance. An ignorant Christian is both unhappy and a discredit to her Lord. Are you an ignorant believer? If you are, get busy and learn what God wants you to know.

One of you may ask what you should know if God wants you to have knowledge. He wants you to be diligent in learning what is taught in school. But what you learn must only be believed in the light of, or as it agrees with, God's Word. Turn to a couple of passages in the Bible with me now. In II Corinthians 2, the Apostle Paul is teaching believers to forgive one another. He concludes by saying: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are *not ignorant* of his devices" (vs. 11). It appears then that the first thing we should know is that Satan is loaded with devices which he uses to deceive God's children. He deceives not only in matters which pertain to the Bible, but he covers education with a fine veneer (imitation) of the real truth in order to get control of minds. Don't YOU be ignorant of the fact that he has schemes and devices by which he knows he can deceive you if you are not on daily guard by prayer and Bible reading.

Now look at II Peter 3:5. Here is a case where people are "willingly ignorant" of the fact that "by the word of God the heavens were of old." This passage deals with some of God's judgments which He brought upon the earth which He created and which He has every right to judge as He sees fit. Today even high-school teachers have joined the university professors to teach that all and every part of this great universe just somehow "happened" from some original cause. In all their blind ignorance they can't explain how or where that first "cause" originated. But they don't really want to know the truth. I have known young folk in our own churches who have tried to show these teachers the truth about creation from the Bible only to be laughed at by these "blind leaders of the blind." They tell us that conservative Christians who believe the Bible from cover to cover are very narrowminded and pride themselves on their broadmindedness. But when it comes to trying to set them right on matters of creation and God and the

### PROGRAM GROOMING FOR JANUARY

**PRAISING VOICES**—Have a period of testimonies and favorite choruses. Repeat the year verse.

**SWEET SAVOR**—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner." \*

**CLEANSSED HEARTS**—Read the Scripture—Ephesians 6:11-18.

**GLOWING LIVING**—Seniors study "Beauty of Thought." Middlers study "Beauty of Meditation."

**SPARKLING TALENTS**—Give special number.

**BEAUTIFUL FEET**—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeating year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

**BUSINESS MEETING.**

**SMM BENEDICTION.**

\*Prayer Circle—Through the years we have had the prayer circle in Sisterhood. The purpose of this is to give every girl the opportunity to learn to pray aloud. The prayers do not need to be long, but keep them short enough so that every girl will have time to pray.

Bible *they* are the ones who are utterly narrowminded. They are "willingly ignorant." God pity their souls some day when they stand before Him. And regardless of what they teach you, remember you are to "know," not to be ignorant of Satan's devices along this line of controlling minds, and don't let him get hold of yours! Test every bit of knowledge on the basis of God's Word.

If thinking cannot be apart from knowledge, we must remember that knowledge comes by study. You must study of the world around you in which you live. But in all your study *never* forget that nothing is so important to study as God's Word, the Bible. There is a vast difference between studying *about* God's Word and studying the *Word itself*. Paul charged young Timothy to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* [discerning] the word of truth." The Sisterhood girl who wants to really be approved by God and who really loves Him will not only read her Bible each day in a period of devotions alone with God, but she will study some portion of the Word each day. If you would study nothing else of the Bible but your Sunday-school lesson each week you would be doing some actual studying of the Word. How about it, girls? This is January, the first month of 1954. Along with all your other resolutions and promises, how about getting down in dead earnest in this matter of your thought life? You *know* God does not want you to be ignorant of His Word. Start studying **NOW!** Also renew that Q. T. hour. You've been slipping lately and allowing other things to take the time which you should be spending on your face before your wonderful Lord.

Renew your vows to Him as you "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29).

## ATTENTION, ALL LOCAL SISTERHOODS!



*How Would You Like to Have This Beautiful Trophy?*

It can be yours if you meet the following requirements:

- (1) Must be an Honor Sisterhood.
- (2) Must have the highest offering per girl.
- (3) Must have the highest percent of girls receiving the diamond award.

*Will This Trophy Be Yours?*

*Let's Have Some Keen Competition!*

**REMEMBER: IF YOU WIN THE TROPHY FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, IT IS YOURS PERMANENTLY!**

**NOTICE TO ALL SISTERHOOD GIRLS:** For all Sisterhood materials write to the literature secretary, Myra Joy Conner. The general secretary does not have these items.

## ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 5

### IA. Chapter 13—Off the Beaten Track.

- 1b. A Gospel message under difficulties.
  - 1c. Mr. Glass meets the priest (p. 82, par. 4).
  - 2c. He competes with a band (p. 83).
  - 3c. He has an unannounced meeting (p. 83, par. 6).
- 2b. Visitation in a fever-scourged district (p. 84, par. 1).
- 3b. Another interrupted meeting.
  - 1c. Preaching in the dark (p. 84, par. 2).
  - 2c. The priest interrupts (p. 84, par. 3).
  - 3c. The priest speaks (p. 85, par. 2).
- 4b. A meeting at the crossroads (p. 86, par. 5).
- 5b. A tract makes a friend (p. 87, par. 1).
- 6b. A new meeting is arranged (p. 87).
  - 1c. The resulting conversion (p. 88, pars. 1-2).
- 7b. A Gospel message alters things (p. 88, par. 6; p. 89, pars. 1-2).
- 8b. Incidents along the way.
  - 1c. A monstrous snake (p. 89, pars. 3-4).
  - 2c. Two conversions (p. 90).
  - 3c. An early-morning meeting (p. 91).
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### IIA. Chapter 14—A Bible Village.

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- 4b. Results (pp. 96-98).

### IIIA. Chapter 15—Triumphs and Trials.

- 1b. Another uncomfortable night (p. 99).
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- 3b. A series of meetings (p. 101).
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- 1b. Dona Bernardinha before she was a Christian (p. 104).
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### VIA. Chapter 17—Light and Shade.

- 1b. The path Mr. Glass took to a meeting (pp. 108-109).
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  - 1c. Refusal of a meeting place (p. 110, par. 2).
  - 2c. Alone on the church steps (p. 110, pars. 3-6).
  - 3c. A congregation of one (p. 111, par. 1).
  - 4c. A good meeting, after all (pp. 111-112).

### VIA. Chapter 18—The Rainstorm.

- 1b. A damp and rainy trip (p. 113).
- 2b. A song makes a welcome (p. 114, pars. 5-7).
- 3b. An impressive service the next day (p. 115, par. 3).
- 4b. Another convert (p. 115, pars. 4-7).



# KNOW YOUR SISTERHOOD OFFICERS

**NANCY WEBER**  
*General Secretary*

"After all He's done for me, how can I do less than give Him my best and live for Him completely, after all He's done for me." Being born in a Christian home, and a preacher's at that, I had Christian training from the very beginning. But it wasn't until 1948 at the age of 11, that Jesus became Lord and Master of my life. The young people of the world try to have a good time, but real peace and joy do not come until we've come face to face with Jesus at the cross of Calvary.

I never dreamed that I'd be the national general secretary of Sisterhood after attending national conference and camp in August. At first I wanted to say, "I can't," but the verse came to me, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The job is a big one, as I have already found true, and I request your prayers that I may have wisdom and power from God to do my very best for Him. The Devil often tries to discourage us, but as we read in the Word, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." As we labor together in this year of Sisterhood, my prayer is that the girls will receive a blessing and help from the program, and Christ will receive all the glory and praise.



each of you is that the beauty of our Lord may really be seen in each of your lives as well as in every phase of your life.

**MARIE SACKETT**  
*Bandage Secretary*

"I've never been sorry I heeded God's call,  
I've never been sorry I yielded my all;  
My walk with the Master grows sweeter each day;  
I've never been sorry one step of the way."



Although I was born in a Christian home, I too was a sinner and needed His call and accepted Him as my own personal Saviour as a small girl. I can truly say I've never been sorry.

A verse that has meant a lot to me and I have chosen as my life's verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." In school and other places many trials and temptations face us, but if we truly trust in the Lord with all our heart and acknowledge Him in all our ways He will direct our paths.

It is a great privilege to serve the Lord as bandage secretary and I'm looking forward to this year as being a bigger and better year for Sisterhood.

**MYRA JOY CONNER**  
*Literature Secretary*

It is quite a privilege to serve in Sisterhood as your literature secretary. It really makes me humble to feel that the Lord can use me in such a small way for Him. I certainly do enjoy hearing from all of you, even if it's just an order for a hundred announcement cards



The Lord has certainly been wonderful to me in giving me a fine Christian home. It was through the influence of my parents that I came to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus at the age of 6. How many times I'm afraid I was ungrateful for the Christian training I had at home, but as I look back on things now, I really praise the Lord for this training.

Even though I accepted the Lord as my Saviour early in life, it wasn't until the spring of 1952 that He actually became "Lord" of my life. Since then there have been many trying and testing times, but I really do thank the Lord for these hard times because I have been drawn so much closer to the Lord through them.

How wonderful it is to know that our Lord is concerned about each little detail of our lives. I've come to realize this so much more since coming to Bryan University this year. I really praise the Lord for leading me to such a Christ-centered school as this. The Lord has become so much more real to me than ever before.

I certainly do covet your prayers in my behalf as I seek to know the Lord's will for my life. My prayer for



*"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).*

1. Pray that a number of SMM girls may feel led to memorize the personal memory project.
2. Pray for our girls who are away at colleges or schools, that they might be a testimony for the Lord even when away from their home church.
3. Continue to pray for Marybeth Munn and especially as she is home on furlough, that her body might be strengthened.
4. Pray that the devotional topics might help the girls to live closer to the Lord.
5. Pray that the project of supplying furniture for the mission in New Mexico will be met and each Sisterhood girl will give prayerfully to this project.





A tourist was driving through the beautiful mountains of Pennsylvania. It was in the fall of the year and the mountainsides were ablaze with color. This man did not see any beauty, for he was intent on watching the road so that he might be over the mountain before nightfall. We think this man foolish, for if he had only taken time to stop a few moments he could have taken in the scenery with satisfaction and he would have seen the beauty placed there by our Heavenly Father.

As we journey through life as tourists we oftentimes miss the beauties our Lord has for us because we do not stop and take in the beauty around us. This is a busy world, and we are in a hurry to get through one day. What for? So that we may hurry through the next. Here is the place where we must stop and THINK. In your school life you are often admonished by your teacher to "think." We do many thoughtless things, don't we? It may be a smart answer to Mother or a friend. Or maybe we neglect to do or say something that is right because we "didn't think." I know a lovely girl whose

favorite saying was, "I wasn't thinking." It is a sad thing to admit, in these days when education is at a high peak, that we cannot use the faculties that the Lord gave us. Let us not be thoughtless. It is not God's will that we be "scatterbrained."

If we are not to be thoughtless, what are we to think about? Surely we could all name some things that we would like to think about. A lovely new dress, that handsome boy that sits next to us in school, a party where we surely will have a good time; this list could go on and on. But in Philippians 4:8 we read, "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Will our thoughts stand this test? To be sure you will think about the above-mentioned things. It is only natural that young girls will, but we must be careful that our thinking on these things will not crowd out the things that God wants us to think about. He would have all people, yes even teen-age girls, think on virtuous things. It is hard to keep our minds pure, but let us try, with God's help, to do it. Many times we are ashamed if we realize that others can tell our thoughts, but remember, our Lord is able to see our thoughts, and even the intents of our hearts, at all times. Be sure your thoughts are fit for His holy eyes to look upon.

We know that when we want to be pure in mind and thought that there is only one way to do this. That is by reading God's Word DAILY, and meditating on it. Don't just glance hastily at the words and then jump up to do something else. Let those words sink in our minds and hearts so that we can bring them to our remembrance throughout the day.

To think properly we must be intelligent about the subject we wish to think about. In Paul's epistles we read many times, "I would not have you to be ignorant." Paul was writing the mind of God and in II Timothy 2:15 he gives us the remedy for our ignorance. When Paul says, "Study to shew thyself approved," he does not mean that we should read all the books we can get our fingers on that might tell us about the Bible. He wants us to study THE BIBLE. His Holy Spirit will be our teacher, if we will only allow Him to work in our minds and direct our thoughts. May this be our prayer as we seek to "Do God's Will"—"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).



Hint 1. GENERAL FUND OFFERING is due January 31. Let's not forget this and get it in on time or even ahead of time.

Hint 2. WRITING CONTEST—Your stories, poems, and essays are also due January 31. Please send to Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, our national patroness.

Hint 3. Have you sent in your post card news item yet? If not, send a card to Nancy Weber, general secretary, telling about the activities and blessings of your SMM. We'd like to share them, too.

Hint 4. A good way to work off a Martha goal is to plan and present an SMM program in your church. You might have a musical program, a play, or just an inspirational program. This is a good way to acquaint the people with SMM—its aims, projects, and goals. This would also be a good way to raise money for our national projects.

## FURNITURE NEEDED! HELP WANTED!

Come on, girls! Keep giving to your national project. As you know, our goal is \$1,700 and we'll never make it unless you continually give your offerings and make a special effort to reach this goal. Remember, we are supplying furniture for the Navaho work in New Mexico. Don't let us down! We're depending on you!

TOO MUCH TO CHEW? Is that what you thought when you were asked to memorize the Book of James? It would not be if you would break it up into little pieces. Starting this month, just by learning a few verses a week you could memorize it by the required time. So girls, let's have more of you participate in this goal than ever before! It really isn't so hard.





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*Philadelphia, Pa.* Mrs. Charles Croker died unexpectedly Dec. 1. She was the wife of the eastern representative of our Foreign Missionary Society, and the mother of Rev. Wayne Croker and Mrs. Roy Snyder.

*Berne, Ind.* Rufus Boze, father of Mrs. True Hunt, Dallas Center, Iowa, had a heart attack on Nov. 9. He is confined to his home and progressing satisfactorily.

*Hagerstown, Md.* Twenty-two Brethren ministers from the Atlantic and East District Conferences met here in a two-day prayer session Nov. 16-17. The many prayer sessions were marked by a spirit of confession, humility, intercession, and revival. The next joint prayer fellowship is planned for March 15-16 in Waynesboro, Pa.

*Long Beach, Calif.* The Second Brethren Church, Rev. George Peek, pastor, hit the peak of 1,435 on Nov. 8 in the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. The average attendance for the six-week period was 1,249.

*Chicago, Ill.* The Evangelical Theological Society will meet in its fifth annual session Dec. 30-31 at Trinity Seminary. Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt are scheduled on the program. The membership of the society is comprised of theologians holding advanced degrees.

*Allentown, Pa.* "The Bible Fellowship" radio broadcast will be heard over WSAN (1470 kc.) at 8:30 p. m. each Sunday, according to Rev. William Gray, pastor of the First Brethren Church, which sponsors the program.

*Aleppo, Pa.* Rev. Gordon Bracker closes a two-week meeting Dec. 13 at the Aleppo Brethren Church, Fred Walter, pastor.

*Hagerstown, Md.* Mr. William Wiles, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Pond Bank, Pa., was licensed to the Christian ministry on

Nov. 11, by action of the Grace Brethren Church here.

*Listie, Pa.* The new address of Rev. and Mrs. John Burns is Listie, Pa.

*Mansfield, Ohio.* The Second Brethren Church of this city is the newest church in our brotherhood. This church was formally organized with 17 charter members on Nov. 6, with Rev. Bernard Schneider presiding. Bro. Gene Witzky, senior in Grace Seminary, has been called as the pastor of this new church. Four acres of land have been purchased in the southeast part of the city. The building on this property is being remodeled into a house of worship and should be ready for dedication before Christmas.

*Leamersville, Pa.* Celebrating four years of broadcasting by the Leamersville Brethren Church, a radio rally was held on Sunday evening, Dec. 6. R. D. Crees is pastor.



*Harrah, Wash.* The Harrah Brethren Church celebrated its 25th anniversary on Nov. 22, with Rev. Fred Kinzie as the speaker. Rev. Kinzie was the second pastor of the church. Other pastors have been Dr. J. C. Beal, Rev. Robert Williams, Dr. R. D. Culver, Rev. Fred Walter, Rev. Curtis Morrill, Rev. Ralph Rambo, Rev. Harry Sturz, and Rev. Jesse Hall. Rev. Herman Baerg was an interim pastor.

*Covington, Va.* The construction of a parsonage has been approved by the First Brethren Church. It was also approved to stucco the church. Rev. Paul Mohler is pastor.

*Johnstown, Pa.* The National Sunday School Board and the Brethren Missionary Herald Company salute Bro. Campbell Apple, of the First Brethren Church, who has completed 12 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school.

*La Verne, Calif.* The new address of Rev. Victor Meyers is 2350 3d St., and the telephone number is Lycoming 4-2575.

*Akron, Ohio.* The new addition to the First Brethren Church will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Harold Etling is

pastor. Rev. Charles Turner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind., was ordained to the Christian ministry on Nov. 27.

*Denver, Colo.* The first annual Thanksgiving Bible Conference of the Grace Brethren Church was conducted Nov. 22-29, with Dr. McLaughlin as guest speaker. One thousand special calendars were distributed door-to-door announcing the meetings. Tom Inman is pastor.

*Washington, Pa.* Rev. Charles Sumey, missionary on furlough from Africa, closes a two-week revival service on Dec. 13 at the Laboratory Brethren Church. L. E. Rogers is pastor.

*Uniontown, Pa.* A new 10-foot-square radiant screen, together with 800 Bible slides and projector, have been purchased by the First Brethren Church. Wendell Coffin has been elected director of visual aids. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

*Grand Rapids, Mich.* The Zondervan Publishing House has announced its third International Christian Textbook Contest, which will close Sept. 30, 1955. First prize is \$1,500. Contest rules may be secured from the Brethren Missionary Herald office.

*Philadelphia, Pa.* Seminars on personal soulwinning and visitation evangelism will be conducted April 25-30, 1954, at the Baptist Temple. Instructors include Dr. Walter Wilson, Dr. Robert Parr, Mr. Gilbert Davis, Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt, and Mr. Horace Dean, founder and president of Christ for America.

*Kittanning, Pa.* A public-address system and chimes have been installed in the First Brethren Church of West Kittanning as a memorial to Mr. P. Thompson McDonald. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

*Special.* Sunday-school teachers are reminded that in the back of the Brethren Teacher are additional sections for the junior-intermediate teacher and for the teacher of teenagers. These sections are adapted to your age group.

*Sampleville, Ohio.* Recent attendance at Sunday school was 112, and \$1,500 has been paid on the indebtedness. Charles Flowers is pastor.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* (RNS). The American Council of Christian Churches concluded its 12th annual convention with a resolution expressing satisfaction with its "separatist" tendencies and a determination to continue them.



# ADVENTURE

A TRIP TO THE INDIANS  
WITH UNCLE EDDIE

Not too far from where we live in Brazil there is a tribe of real live Indians. I suppose you have read about the Indians that used to live in America long ago, who hunted buffalo with their bows and arrows and used long wooden spears with a sharp point on the end to catch their fish. Of course you don't see these Indians all over America any more, but here in Brazil there are lots of wild Indians that live in the interior.



Uncle Eddie

Would you like me to tell you about the trip I made to visit these Indians? We started out one afternoon from Belem in a large launch, which is a large boat driven by a motor. We traveled about two days and two nights until we finally reached a large waterfall about 90 feet high. Of course our boat could not get up over these falls, so we had to get out at a little village and walk around the falls. It took us about two hours to get all our baggage from the launch to the top of the falls. We had to take enough food to last about two weeks, as there were no stores to buy anything up the river where the Indians live.

Finally we had all our sacks of food and clothing and other things in a little motorboat on the other side of the falls and we were ready to go. The river wasn't very deep and there were lots of rocks sticking out of the water. Our trip was very exciting now, as there were monkeys, parrots, and many other wild birds jumping around in the trees along the shore. If you have never seen any monkeys and parrots you ought to come and

visit us sometime in Brazil because we have lots of them here.

The first night we stayed in a little house along the river, since we had not reached the Indians yet. And how do you suppose we slept? Of course they didn't have enough beds for all of us, but we came prepared with our own hammocks. It's really fun to sleep in a hammock and lots safer, too, because the bugs and insects can't crawl up on you so easily.

The next day we traveled all morning in our little motorboat without seeing anyone. Then in the afternoon we were suddenly surprised to see something swimming in the water in front of our boat. It was an animal that looked like a big dog, only he was yellow with black spots. You know right away what that is, don't you? Yes sir, a panther, and they are dangerous, too! Well, it didn't take us very long to shoot it with our rifle. Later on that day our guides skinned the panther so we could keep the hide.

It was on the third day after leaving the falls that we first saw the Indians. Late in the afternoon we were coming around a curve in the river when suddenly a small canoe with a whole family of Indians appeared. At first they were afraid of us, but when they saw that we weren't going to hurt them they came alongside to see what we wanted. They really looked like Indians, all right, with their red skin and long black shiny hair. They didn't have many clothes on, but they had strings of beads around their necks and arms and legs. In the bottom of their boat they had some fish they had just speared and a wild pig they shot with their bows and arrows.

This was probably their supper, since they have to hunt for all their food in the jungle.

That night we stayed in the village with our new friends, the Indians, and slept in one of their huts. They were very friendly to us and they gave us some bows and arrows in exchange for the beads that we gave to them. The chief was a real tall man and very strong too. He gave us all some monkey meat to eat for supper. But, you know, we couldn't talk with them because they didn't speak our language. Of course they



Indian Children of Brazil

couldn't talk in English and they knew very little Portuguese. They have a language all their own and we have to learn it first before we can talk with them.

Now I want to tell you something sad about our trip to the Indians. They don't have any churches or Sunday schools like you do there in your town, and no one has ever told them about Jesus. The Bible says that Jesus died on the cross because He loved us and wanted to be our Saviour and that whosoever believes in Him will be saved. But these Indians don't have any Sunday-school teachers to teach them and tell them this story of Jesus. So they still have gods of stone and wood. Don't you want to pray for these Indians? Ask Jesus to send someone to learn their language so they can tell the story of the Good News to them. And maybe someday you can come to Brazil as a missionary and help tell the Good News of Jesus too.





# Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

## DON'T BE ASHAMED OF YOUR BIBLE!

Recently I've been running across high-school and college Bible clubs whose members advocate and practice carrying their Bibles along with all other schoolbooks. It's a healthy and admirable habit, for God's Word is still the "dynamite" of God unto salvation, to all who will believe.

However, carrying your Bible as a charm or fetish is of little value. But carrying it to use is another, and better thing. When you have it with you, you'll find odd moments here and there when you can read a few verses, and draw strength from its pages. And you may be surprised at how many people will ask you questions about it, and thus open a way for a real testimony. Don't be afraid of technical or scientific questions that you aren't able to answer; remember that if the Bible has done something for you, your changed life is an argument for which they'll have no answer.

Maybe it takes courage to carry your Bible to school, and to like places, but it is courage that will be rewarded. After all, most of our troubles are caused by too much bone in the head, and not enough in the back.

## LONG BEACH BBC SHOWS PROGRESS

The Brethren Boys Club of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., which meets every other week at the Brethren High School, has shown outstanding growth and initiative under the leadership of Club Chief Floyd Strawsburg. They can claim the distinction of having the first two swordsmen in all our clubs, and to our knowledge, the only two top-ranking club members in the country. (Swordsmen is the fifth and top rank in BBC, and requirements for earning it are tough, and include winning a soul to Christ.)

David Hocking earned this rank about a year ago, and David Wilker-

son only recently. A number of other boys in different clubs are close to this rank, but to our knowledge, no others have as yet received it.

The Long Beach club also sponsored a handicraft contest recently, and the winner was an eight-year-old boy, Douglas Ihnen. The boys were building Strombecker solid model kits, and the three best were



mounted on a display board shown in the picture. Second and third places were won by Paul Scanlan and John Price.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR BYF

(These were originated by Tony and Cora Luna and used effectively at Taos and Cordillera, N. Mex. We thought them timely enough to pass on to you!)

1. Thou shalt not chew gum inside the church.
2. Thou shalt not eat candy, peanuts, piñon, or like food inside the church.
3. Thou shalt not sit in the last two rows of benches on either side of the main auditorium.
4. Thou shalt not talk, whisper, or giggle during a service unless otherwise instructed.
5. Thou shalt not all crowd into one bench, when there are several others to sit on.
6. Thou shalt not make fun or laugh at the attempts of others to serve the Lord.
7. Thou shalt bring your Bible to church with you.
8. Thou shalt listen quietly and

# NEWS from the CHURCHES

(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

The Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va., engaged in a one-week revival service with their pastor, Rev. Edward Bowman, as the evangelist. According to Pastor Bowman, "The Lord blessed in these meetings. The attendance was fine, and 246 visitors were present for the first time during the meetings. The closing Sunday night 192 were present. There were five decisions for Christ."

The Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, closed a two-week campaign for souls under the leadership of Crusade Team Two, with Evangelist Walter Lepp. Rev. Marion Gates reports a real victory for the Lord as he writes, "We praise the Lord for the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, which we believe God has raised up for such a time as this. Our church has been revived; 110 people came down the aisles, 22 for first-time confession and 88 for rededication. The church has taken on a new look and we are ready to do business for the Lord."

The Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., sends an additional report of the recent revival meeting conducted by Evangelist Bill Smith. According to Rev. William Howard, pastor of the church, "A man that we have been praying for for two years came to the Lord to publicly accept Him as Saviour. Another man for whom we have been praying for almost a year came to Jesus Christ. . . . Altogether 24 made decisions of

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respectfully when someone else is singing or speaking.

9. Thou shalt surely do, willingly and joyfully, all duties assigned to you by the leader, pastor, or teacher.

10. Thou shalt stand or sit as requested by the leader during a service.

All these things thou shalt surely do, if thou desirest to please the Lord, and to grow in grace and knowledge of His Word. (And all God's people said AMEN!)

# The Christian's Christmas

Much has been said in recent years about the fact that we ought to put Christ back into Christmas, but unless we who are Christians do something about it the truth is that it simply will not be done. One of the finest places to begin is in our planning and programming for Christmas in our Sunday schools. Of course your committee will already be thinking about these things, but let us make sure that we include them in this year's Sunday-school plans.



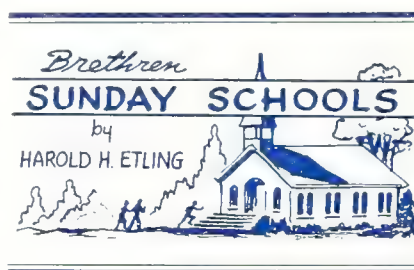
Shall we stop by simply urging our Sunday-school pupils to be sure their Christmas cards include a Scripture text and possibly a Christmas tract? This is a good beginning, but what about the gifts which our Sunday schools give to the boys and girls? For the amount that most of our schools spend for these little gifts of candy we could supply a good book for every pupil in the school, which would not only be a lovely Christmas gift, but one which would be a real blessing to the pupil and perhaps even the parents of the pupil. Some of the books advertised in the catalog of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company would bring untold blessing to our boys and girls.

Again, when giving the gifts remember that we have a real privilege as well as a real responsibility of teaching our pupils the Christian ideal of gratitude. How often we have seen Christmas gifts passed out in churches without an opportunity given to pupils to say, "Thank you," to teacher, superintendent, or even to the Lord Jesus, who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. What an appropriate time to teach the whole school a lesson in "thanksgiving" for the wonderful blessings of life.



Then Christmas is a natural time for giving of gifts, but let us remember that it is the birthday of Jesus

that we celebrate. This is a wonderful time to include an opportunity to give gifts for Christ. We heard recently of a class of junior boys and girls that decorated the Christmas tree in their room with birthday gifts for the Lord. Several weeks in advance of Christmas each child was given a money container cut in the shape of a star. These were made of heavy construction paper and in many colors. They were stitched together with colored thread to add to the decoration. Each star had a slot in which money could be placed, and had a loop of yarn by which it was fastened to the tree. On Christmas Sunday morning a



tree had been placed in the front of the room. As the pianist softly played Christmas carols, the children marched around the tree and hung their stars on the branches. Then the class sang, "Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus," and a prayer of dedication was made for the offering. This offering could be used for home missions, for Grace Seminary, for foreign missions, or any other worthwhile project of your Sunday school.

Another important part of Christmas in your Sunday school is its public program. Christmas is an important day in the life of every member of your school. Why not use the opportunity to the best advantage?

What would Christmas be without a Christmas party? Our churches and Sunday schools have them regularly. But do we include Christ at our parties? Why not include some original games about Christmas, gleaned from the Bible? Everyone loves to sing at Christmastime, so let's use the Christmas party as an opportunity to sing the old familiar carols and to teach the stories of the

carols. These stories may be secured in most libraries in our villages and cities. Then too, it is a wonderful time to have someone tell one of the familiar Christmas stories as a fitting climax to an evening of real Christian fun. The thing in which we are interested is that in all our Christian giving, and programming, and parties we keep Christ central.



While we are thinking about Christmastime, are you going to do anything for your teachers by way of gifts? By all means every class ought to remember its teacher with a gift for the faithful service rendered throughout the year.

## FROM ACROSS THE NATION

The First Brethren Church of Kitting, Pa., Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor, reports splendid gains in every department of their Sunday school. They reached a goal recently of 325 present, with more than \$100 in the offering. The Sunday school has adopted the six-point system of records and reports it is accomplishing much for them.

The Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., reports a "bulging at the sides" condition in their Sunday school. The attendance is reaching new heights every Sunday. Congratulation to Rev. Leon Myers, pastor, and to the Martinsburg church.

The Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, is in the midst of an attendance contest which Rev. Richard Burch reports is bringing results, with an increased attendance each Sunday.





# In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

REV. JOHN E. PATTERSON, of Hollins, Va., was loosed away upward to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, November 22, 1953. He had been in failing health for several months due to a heart condition. Death came rather suddenly at his home.



Rev. John E. Patterson

Brother Patterson, who was 70 years of age, had held the longest continuous pastorate of any minister of the Brethren Church, having served the Hollins church for 40 years. He retired from his pastorate last April. He was ordained to the ministry June 4, 1904, at the Red Hill Brethren Church, near Roanoke, Va.

Brother Patterson was known far and wide in this section of the Shenandoah Valley. The Lord had given him a great gift of comfort in the sickroom and in homes where death had come. He was greatly loved by young and old in his congregation.

An estimated 600 people attended the memorial service held at the Mountain View Brethren Church on Tuesday morning, November 24. The service was in charge of Rev. K. E. Richardson, pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Radford, Va. He had been associated with Brother Patterson for a number of years. Rev. Edward Bowman, present pastor of the Mountain View church, assisted. Thirteen ministers were present, eight of whom were Brethren of the Southeast District.

The music was provided by the choir of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke. They sang, "Wonderful Peace," "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and "It Is Well With My Soul." The Scripture was read and prayer offered by Brother Bowman. Brief tributes were offered by Brethren Bowman and George Donahue, the latter having known the deceased

for over 50 years. Brother Richardson delivered the message, using as his text the words of Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Brother Patterson leaves his widow, Mrs. Cora Patterson, and two foster sons, J. W. Patterson and J. H. Oyler; four sisters, and eight grandchildren.

The Brethren Church has surely lost a great warrior who stood for the faith throughout the years. Our loss is his gain. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15).—*Edward Bowman, pastor.*

HENRY LEPP, 71, father of Evangelist Walter Lepp, departed from this life to be with Christ on November 11, after a faithful life for the Lord for 50 years. He was a resident of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. Rev. Walter Lepp, engaged in evangelistic meetings in Leon, Iowa, was unable to attend the funeral service on November 16.—*Rev. Walter Lepp.*

MRS. MARGARET DICK departed from this earthly sojourn to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, November 8. Mrs. Dick was a member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., and is survived by 11 children. One, Blair S. Dick, is a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., and another, Rev. Paul Dick, is pastor of the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va. In just six months, less one week, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dick lost all four parents. Romans 8:28.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, officiating minister.*

VINCENT REIGHARD, 78, for many years a loyal member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., was called from this life to be with Christ on October 7. Brother Reighard was known throughout Johnstown for his ministry of tract distribution.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

HARVEY DRURY, of Clearspring, Md., departed from this life November 18. Funeral services were conducted November 21. *Rev. Russell Weber.*

GLENNA GREENLEAF was promoted to be with her Lord on October 22, following a heart operation.—*Rev. Robert Crees, pastor.*

MRS. CHARLES BOAL, deaconess and faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa., went to be with the Lord on November 27.—*Rev. Clyde Landrum, pastor.*



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one nature or the other." Pastor Howard reports that the "following Sunday another man and his wife made a decision for the Lord . . . the next Sunday a young mother presented herself for membership. . . . The Clearbrook people are still praising God for these wonderful two weeks and God's continued blessings."

The Mountain Brethren Church, La Crescenta, Calif., closed a week of special meetings with Rev. Charles Underwood, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif., as the evangelist. There was one conversion, a 19-year-old girl who comes from a home where she is forbidden to go to church.

The Vernon Brethren Church, of Limestone, Tenn., was engaged in an evangelistic meeting October 19-November 1 with Rev. Ord Genman, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., as the evangelist. According to Lelia Arnold, recording secretary, the attendance throughout the meeting was good, and the Word of God was faithfully proclaimed.

The Grace Brethren Church of Wheaton, Ill., reports the Lord is blessing the work. Mr. Clark Myers writes that services are now being held in the Wheaton Christian Grammar School located at 534 E. Harrison St., just north of Wheaton College. The actual location of the new church will be some distance from this present place of worship, but it will be located in an unchurched area of about 150 new homes. Recent speakers at the church have been Bro. Galen Hunts, who has been engaged in missionary work in Alaska, and Dr. Homer Kent, of Winona Lake, Ind. Mr. D. A. Spangler is Sunday-school superintendent, and under his leadership the children of our school are helping to support some of the children on the foreign field. Pray for the Wheaton work as the effort is made to reach the Chicago area. Rev. Kenneth Teague is pastor.



## "AND I KNOW THEM . . ."

She sat pensively on the hall floor tugging at pint-size socks. Nearby at the bathroom sink Aunt Althea stood washing out some hosiery. Suddenly little Jan looked up at her and said, "Just two more days 'til Mother and Daddy come home." She held up two chubby fingers for emphasis.

"You'll be glad to see them, I know."

"Uh huh, I sure will. They've been away lots of days."

With older brother Rus, Jan had been guest at Grandma's while Mother and Daddy took a little va-



cation trip. Despite the fact she was having a great time rollicking with visiting cousins, her little heart missed Daddy and Mother more each day.

"Say," her voice took on new animation, "if you hear Rus scream and the dog bark, that means Mama and Daddy are home." Now back to the task of getting that other sock on. With other things on her mind, the five-year-old had quite a time getting socks and shoes on this morning. One shoe was on when Jan abruptly stopped. Looking up at her aunt she said in a small, half-frightened voice, "I hope they know us when they get home."

This was just about too much for the aunt. Swiftly stepping into the hall she put her arms around the little miss, assuring her that Mother and Daddy would certainly know their children. She helped with that second shoe, and a more cheerful little girl skipped off to play.

Like a refrain Jan's words, "I hope

they know us," kept running through Aunt Althea's mind. Jan's parents had been gone but four days! "I hope they know us." Can a mother forget her bairns? "I hope they know us?" Their own flesh and blood and not know their children?

Jan's "I hope they know us" was based on the limited experience of a five-year-old. How could she know anything of full appreciation of the tenacity of parents' love?

Because of the fickleness of the human heart some professing Christians cannot really appreciate the tender yet tenacious love of their Father God. Far too many folk live as though God does not know them or remember that they once professed to love Him as Saviour and Lord.

The Scriptures came back with renewed force to Jan's aunt. The believer belongs to God on two counts. God's right by *creation* cannot be denied. "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee . . . Fear not: for I . . . have called thee by thy name, thou art mine" (Isa. 43:1). Man was created for God's glory and fellowship, but in sinning he could no longer show God's glory nor have fellowship with Him. So now through *salvation* in Christ, because men receive Him as Saviour, God says of His own: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28). Wondrous truth to the beleaguered heart. God knows His own, and the proof of this is in their following Him.

Do you follow close to His side, or do you follow afar off? "AND I KNOW THEM." Do you know the lover of your soul through faith in His blood spilt on Calvary? Confess Him now and know the depths of peace which comes from being known of Him.

### PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Dates	Pastor	Speaker
Dallas Center, Ia.	Jan. 3-17.....	True Hunt.....	Crusade No. 2.
York, Pa.	Jan. 3-17.....	Gerald Polman...	Crusade No. 1.

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**THE PRESENT TENSES OF THE BLESSED LIFE**, by F. B. Meyer. Zondervan Press, 1953. Cloth. 127 pp. Price, \$2.

Suggesting the danger of Christians becoming so absorbed with the many responsibilities of life that they become "bogged down," the author offers a Scriptural solution. Admonishing Christians to consider what God is to us, rather than what we are to God, will result in victorious Christian living. Only in this sphere can we fully know the present tenses of the blessed life.

**MOSES THE SERVANT OF GOD**, by F. B. Meyer. Zondervan Press, 1953. Cloth. 189 pp. Price, \$2.50.

Moses is presented as a man whose life was shaped through his experiences with God. Although Moses was not unlike any other man, yet through his obedience, faith, and communion with God, the holy purpose of God was achieved. This book is challenging with its practical analysis of the man Moses, and what the grace of God accomplished in his life.

**DAVID SHEPHERD, PSALMIST, KING**, by F. B. Meyer. Zondervan Press, 1953. Cloth. 160 pp. Price, \$2.50.

The story of the life of David is comparable to that of many Christians of this generation with its progression in spiritual things. From a shepherd boy to the throne of a king, and all the experiences encountered which God used to develop his servant, is a challenge and an inspiration to any believer.

**THE HONOR OF PRESTON REED**, by Louis Harrison McCraw. Moody Press, 1952. Cloth. 248 pp. Price, \$2.75.

This is a historical novel of the days preceding the Civil War. Lively Catherine Twyman and her sister, Nancy Belle, figure prominently in the story, as do Bushrod Kyle, a plantation owner, and Preston Reed, a young seminary graduate who takes the Gospel to the Kansas Indians.

**LIGHT FROM THE CROSS**, by Friedrich A. Tholuck. Moody Press, 1952. Cloth. 293 pp. Price, \$3.50.

Dr. J. C. Macaulay in his introduction says: "I regard it one of the greatest sermonic works on the cross ever given to the English-speaking world, directly or through translation." To appreciate more fully the work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary, one needs but read this volume.

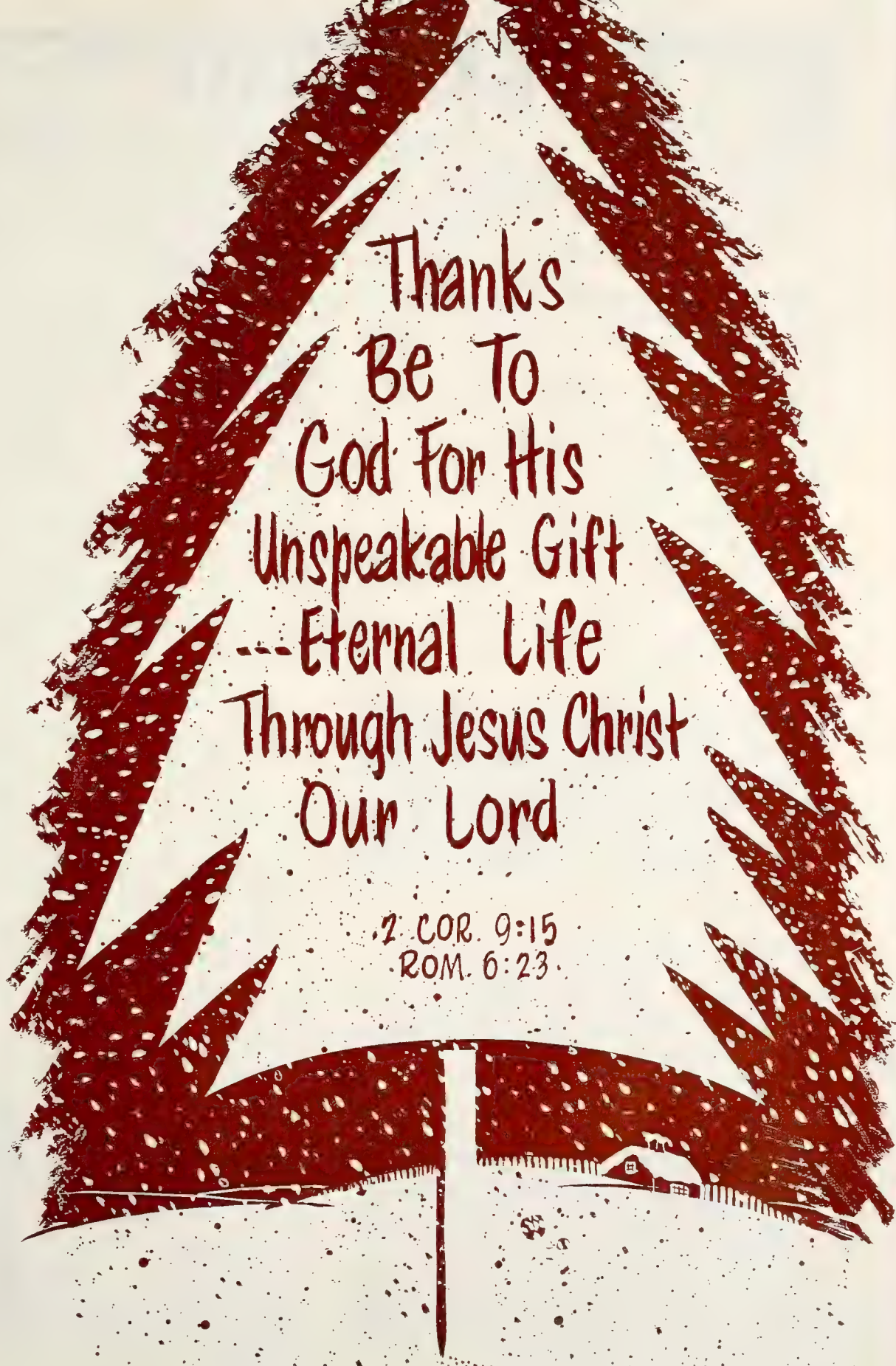
**PEACE WITH GOD**, by Billy Graham. Doubleday, 1953. Cloth, \$2.50.

The purpose of the author is to give a clear understanding of the new life in Christ. He sought to write the book so the man of the street can comprehend the absolute source of help in this hour of crisis and confusion.

**QUEEN OF THE DARK CHAMBER**, by Christiana Tsai. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 160 pp. Price, \$2.50.

Christiana Tsai has written a fascinating story of her life. In her girlhood she was exposed to every fanciful delight that Chinese mind and money could produce. Buddha was her god and she did not desire to "eat" Christianity. However, through true Christian missionaries Christiana came to know and love Christ as her Saviour. As a result, her missionary endeavors, her keen spiritual knowledge, and glorious daily living, in spite of her inability to walk for 22 years, moves Christians with a fresh realization of God's power, and the worth of foreign missions. This book is worth more than one reading.





TO OUR BRETHREN FAMILY:

May the Lord's richest blessings be yours at this Christmas Season and during the New Year.

*Your Home Missionary Family.*



# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## *"When the Fulness of the Time Was Come"*

At this time of the year many of our thoughts are turned toward the giving of gifts, to whom we should give, what we should give, and then, how to pay for what we have given.

While the giving of gifts plays such a prominent part in the economy of men it is appropriate to turn our thoughts heavenward and think upon God's infinite gift to all the world.

Writing to the Galatians Paul summed up the whole glorious plan and purpose of redemption in two wonderful verses.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

"To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5).

There are those who ask, "Why didn't Christ come sooner?" Certainly men were sinful and depraved and in need of a Saviour thousands of years before the Redeemer came. There is no conclusive human answer to this question. But there is a *divine* answer. It was "when the fulness of the time was come" that Jesus appeared on earth. When the cup of God's time was filled His sovereign will was made manifest in the first coming of Christ. God is purposive. He has a complete plan for the universe and for the life of each of His children. He always works strictly on a planned and prearranged schedule.

Even from a human standpoint it is apparent that the coming of Christ at that particular time was very strategic. It was at a time when all Old Testament prophecies could have easily been fulfilled. It was at a time decreed by Jeremiah, Isaiah, and others for the appearing of the Messiah. So, it was indeed a fulfillment of prophecy.

Now, after all the schemes and plans of men for salvation had utterly failed, and the human heart was as black with sin as ever, Jesus came. During a period of 4,000 years the minds and talents of men had been active in an endeavor to legislate men into righteousness. Rome was full of temples, gods, idols, etc. But all failed to satisfy the spiritual craving of the human heart.

It was one of those rare periods when the world was relatively peaceful, and there was little hindrance to the movements of our Lord across the lands of His nativity.

Alexander the Great had made the world largely Greek-speaking, and communications, such as they were, stood at their best. At the same time the Jews were spread widely and with their knowledge of Old Testament Scriptures were a possible source of witness.

Our all-wise Heavenly Father knew what He was doing in revealing himself through His blessed Son almost 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem.

At this Christmas season we should be reminded that He is the same sovereign God who desires the primary worship and allegiance of His children. We should remember that Christ is still the Redeemer and that the world lieth in the lap of the wicked one.

Even though the message of redeeming grace has been preached since the cross of Christ, the task of evangelization is far from finished.

## *Support Grace Seminary*

True-to-the-Word seminaries are tragically few in America today. When a called servant of God begins his search for a fundamental seminary in these days he is limited to a very small minority of the institutions which class themselves as theological seminaries.

It is worthy of praise to God that our Brethren Church has a seminary in that minority category. Grace Theological Seminary is a thoroughly orthodox school with high academic standing. It is worthy of the consideration of any young person preparing for full-time service in the Lord's vineyard.

No tuition is charged to seminary students in this school. Instead it is fully supported by the voluntary offerings of the Lord's people. December and January are the months set aside in our calendar for special gifts to "Grace." We trust that Brethren around the world will rise to the challenge in generously supporting the institution which helps to meet our needs for pastors and missionaries.

## *Are You Partially Responsible?*

Somebody has miserably failed! When Philadelphia police can round up 975 teen-agers, many of them girls, in a weekend drive against a juvenile reign of terror—somebody has failed. When cops finally disperse 70 teen-age girls who have tried to force a seven-year-old girl to smoke a cigarette and then beat her almost to death when she refused—somebody has failed. When officers find two five-year-old boys with pockets stuffed with jewelry and trying to steal a small radio—somebody has failed.

This is a picture in practically every American city. Congressional investigation is bringing to light some of the most brutal and cold-blooded crimes of history—the work of teen-agers. Never in the history of America has there been a situation quite so serious among our young people.

Who is responsible? It is easy to saddle the youngsters with all the blame. Of course their hearts are depraved and responsive to the advances of Satan and the flesh. They cannot be excused in their sinning. But, what about the parental delinquents? What about the mothers and dads who even profess to be Christians, yet have no family altar, and who fail to encourage their children in the realities of the Christian experience. What about the parents who never have time for their children? When they should be attending to the needs of God-given children they instead farm out the children and abandon themselves to fleshly pleasures. Let the parental delinquents take their place in judgment with the juvenile delinquents if justice is done.

AMERICA NEEDS THE GOSPEL AS NEVER IN ITS HISTORY!



# ADVANCING TESTIMONY AMONG THE NAVAHOS

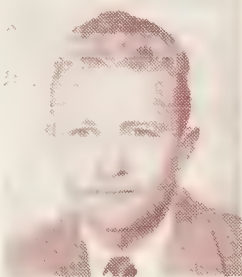
By Evan Adams

We have not had a native Christian interpreter for sometime, but have managed to have a continuing attendance at the services. Those who can understand English have, of course, profited most by the services. However, we try to incorporate as much Navaho participation as possible, in the form of testimonies, prayers, songs, so that all who attend can understand something that is going on. We have seen a great deal of growth in the spiritual lives of two Navahos, husband and wife, for which we daily praise the Lord. Also some of the schoolchildren show spiritual growth and understanding. In the past weeks, on Sunday afternoons, we have been memorizing Scripture in Navaho. We have learned a total of seven verses which cover well the facts of salvation. On a coming Sunday we will hold a contest to see who can be first to stand and quote all seven verses.

Last Sunday we had somewhat of a revival among some of the Navaho Christians, some of whom had grown cold and had failed to stand when the test of separation came. One woman who had been very indifferent for some months stood and gave a testimony. After the service we had a special time of prayer for all Christians who wanted to confess sins, to seek a closer walk with the Lord, and to ask forgiveness for their failures in the Christian life. There were eight native Christians who took part in the prayer meeting, some who had not shown any active participation for sometime.

We are beginning soon to launch a "gospel team" program for the schoolchildren. The new program will meet the need in several ways: the camp work is sadly neglected, due to so many mission tasks, and also being without a competent interpreter. We can now use the schoolchildren who have had three years of schooling and give them a chance to put their Christian lives to practical use, and before their own people. The children need to be under supervision after school time, and this way they can be under supervision and be used at the same time. Also it will enable the mission workers

to do the task which is first in their hearts, to get out among the people with the Word of God. We are hoping that this program will help us develop some potential Christian workers and interpreters from our own schoolchildren.



Evan Adams

## First Weeks in Navaho Land

By Priscilla Zimmerman, Teacher at the Navaho Mission

On a mid-September evening a well-loaded gray-green coach wended its way northward on Highway 44 in New Mexico. The somewhat weary driver searched the roadside eagerly for a sign bearing the welcome words, "Brethren Navaho Mission." Once the sign was found in the quickly lowering darkness, she was soon inside the mission and made comfortable for the night.

Morning brought the inspection of some 20 pairs of dark eyes as their owners peeped to see what the new teacher looked like. Another pair of dark eyes scanned theirs just as eagerly to learn what the new pupils were like. Soon just as many personalities as there were pairs of eyes began to emerge.

In a few days school was in full swing, and the teacher was learning far more than the pupils this time. Little



Miss Priscilla Zimmerman and Navaho School Children

by little she began to realize that what seemed a lack of response was due to the lack of comprehension on the children's part. Was not the teacher speaking in a foreign language? Were not many of the things happening in the stories of the average schoolbook just as foreign to these children's experience? When they heard of country fairs, parks, farms, and cities, few if any could think, "I saw that." Back and back the teacher must go to a point of understanding between herself and the children.

Now by this time the teacher is being impressed not so much with the differences as the likenesses between these and all other children. They all walk in the mud without overshoes, run in the rain without coats, and lose their pencils along with their other belongings. They can turn out bubbles with their gum just as big as any child. When they have modeling clay they'll fashion just as many miniature cowboys as in any eastern school.

The one great similarity of the Navaho with all other children in this country and the world over is their great need to know the Lord and His Word.

## WANT TO ADOPT A NAVAHO CHILD?



Twenty-six children like the girl shown here with Mrs. Evan Adams are enrolled in the Navaho Mission and Boarding School. Many of them have been adopted by various groups, organizations, and individuals of the Brethren Church, and are supported in the school by them. A few of the children as yet have not been adopted, and if you would like to help in some way, just contact the

Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind.



# DEDICATION DAY AT PHOENIX

By J. C. McKillen

*Editor's Note*—The following material on the Phoenix dedication arrived too late for the November Home Mission Number. We are sorry, but because of the few days between the dedication day and press deadline, we could not include it at that time.

About 110 folk gathered at 3 o'clock Sunday, November 1, 1953, for the dedication service. What Rev. George O. Peek, pastor of the Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., had to say on the subject of "Why Build a Brethren Church in Phoenix?" would make good advance reading for any group intending to build a church, and excellent review reading for any church already functioning—to see if they are really functioning as God would direct. It was by no means "Brethrenism." It was Christianity being alerted to the commands of Christ and the demands of our day, to get the Gospel message to every neighborhood—even in pagan America.

To many of us the highlight of the day was having with us Dr. John Hubbard, formerly of Biola, and now at Arizona Bible Institute. His prayer, just before the sermon, was the prayer of a dear saint—down to earth but up to heaven—and we are so glad this dear "gladiator" could be with us. Rev. A. L. Howard, Brethren missionary to the Mexican border, surprised us by driving several hundred miles to join with eight other ministers present for the service.

We wished that all our members could have been present, but already we have some who have moved to Winona Lake, Seal Beach, and San Diego. The greetings elsewhere in these pages from some of our members, and from the last person to make public confession of Christ in the parsonage, are just "samples" of how all of us feel out here in this oasis which is Phoenix. Right now we're a little wearied in body, but the crest of the wave on which you folk, supporting the Brethren Home Missions Council, have swept the First Brethren Church of Phoenix off its parsonage sandbar and onto the boulevard is now receding. As we look around us, still doubtful as to whether we're still dreaming and about to wake up back in the parsonage-church—we find we're really wideawake! Yes, there is a pile of good old Arizona in the wrong place. There are some clods that need

breaking up. There is a vast expanse of future lawn—right now just bare ground. There is a lovely spot for some roses, and alongside the church, room for masses of green shrubbery. Inside? Oh yes, see those places that need polishing, and even that dust in that corner. Tch! Tch! Yes, we are awake! Yes, we have dedicated the building, but we are still dedicating every sweep of the brooms, every swing of the picks, every swish of the rakes through the rank weeds—dedicating our united strength to the job that you, Brethren, have made possible for us to tackle, on a big-time scale. Thank you so much! And pray for Christ's abiding presence as we distribute ourselves to the job. It takes a heap of lovin' to make a house a home—and God's house here on Bethany Home Road needs to become a home-place to the hundreds of unsaved ones all about us. Dedication to such a task cannot be done in a day, nor told on a page. Brethren, pray for us!

## SAVED IN AKRON—SERVING IN PHOENIX

By Mrs. Nicholas Zoagt, Pianast

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think . . ." (Eph. 3:20). Truly this has been so in Phoenix, Ariz. We thank God for the Brethren church He has given us, which would have been impossible had it not been for the Brethren Home Missions Council. My husband and I were saved in the First Brethren Church, Ellet, Akron, Ohio. We moved to Phoenix for health reasons and we were lost without a Brethren church. So you can see why our hearts are overflowing with joy that we are able to serve again as God would lead. We thank Him for the Minute-Men who have answered the call for this work. Our prayers are that we may serve Him faithfully until He comes.

## CHURCH DEDICATED—LIVES REDEDICATED

By Mr. Stanley L. Beam, Vice Moderator

As we look back over the past 15 months we can only marvel at the miracles that God is able to perform. We are indeed thankful to our Lord for you who have helped us. Our new building is dedicated to the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord, and we as individuals dedicate ourselves anew to the Lord's service, that many should hear and believe. We want to voice our thanks to the Brethren Home Missions Council, and to all who have contributed. It is a great joy to us to work with you. We ask for your prayers that the Lord will guide us and keep us humble.

## THE BRETHREN FOLLOW THE BIBLE

By Miss Mary Strain

I have belonged to only two churches in my lifetime, but I have attended many different ones, and I find



Pastor J. C. "Bill" McKillen and Mr. Nicholas Zoagt working on the future lawn.

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the Grace Brethren folk following nearest to what the Bible teaches. In Revelation 2:2 it says: "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience." Christ was speaking about the church at Ephesus then. But I believe the same thing holds true in the Brethren churches today for me. I've seen and helped in their work, and they seem to be the most patient and peace-loving people at all times. Another reason I like them so well: it seems there is such a friendliness on the part of everyone, and this cannot be bought at any price. When you have found a church with all these fine qualities, plus so many others too numerous to mention, I believe one has found a church pleasing to the Lord, in which we may gladly worship Him.

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## PHOENIX BUILT ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

By Miss Patricia Burkholder

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11). I'm so glad to know Christ as my own personal Saviour, and to belong to a church whose one desire is to win the lost to Him. I know that it is a miracle from God that we have been able to dedicate our new church. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico, for their support of the Brethren Minute-Men for Phoenix. May God bless you all.

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## GRATEFUL TO MY LORD AND YOU

By Mrs. Richard L. Riggs, Sunday-School Teacher

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren Home Missions Council and everyone who had a part in making possible the First Brethren Church of Phoenix. It is an answer to prayer and a beautiful place to invite others. I feel it is a challenge to everyone of us to reach for Christ those at our very doorstep.

Our pastor, J. C. McKillen, and Mrs. McKillen are real laborers for the Lord, and their ministry is bearing fruit. I am grateful to be associated with them and the Phoenix brethren. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless us in the future as He has in the past. We covet your prayers for us.

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## A LETTER TO MY LORD

*(Note: Mrs. Moore, an invalid through advanced lung ailments, never away from her oxygen tank more than three hours safely, was the last person to publicly accept Christ as Saviour in the parsonage services.)*

Dear Lord:

Only Thou and I know how many letters I've written that haven't been mailed. Well, now I'm writing to Thee, although anything I say will not be news to Thee because Thou knowest what is in my heart, and how this mind of mine thinks. Of course, Thou knowest how I hurried that Sunday morning, but still I was late, and the services in the "house with a garden" were already

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## DIVINE BLESSING IMPOSES NECESSITY

By Dr. Paul Bauman, President

The blessing of the Lord often imposes new necessities in various angles of His work. This has been true of Brethren home missions. We cannot speculate whether the original directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council expected such an outpouring of God's power and blessing as is seen in the work today, nevertheless, it has now grown to proportions which make it impossible to properly execute the work with such limited personnel. This is a good sign and we praise the Lord for imposing this necessity upon us.

For quite a while the members of the Home Missions Council have realized the need of additional personnel in the field. With 46 home-mission points on the list, the need for additional publicity, and the multiplying number of new opportunities needing investigation together with the much-increased detail work, the board decided that the only course to follow was to increase available personnel.

Thus the board extended a call to Rev. Lester Pifer, former successful pastor of the former home-mission church in Fremont, Ohio, to become assistant field secretary. This call was accepted by Brother Pifer, who has now taken up his residence at home-mission headquarters in Winona Lake, Ind.

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under way. I remember how grateful I was to find an empty chair near the door—a comfortable one with arms.

Also Thou knowest that I came that morning to worship and pray with the dear kind people who had brought me to renew acquaintance with Thee—to really know Thee as I never had before. Of course, it was Thou who sent Mrs. Niswonger to my home at a time when I thought I could not bear up under my troubles. She in turn sent Rev. Bill McKillen and his wonderful wife, Edna, and they in their desire to serve Thee to the fullest have spent many hours of their time trying to teach me Thy ways. In so doing, they have comforted me, and given me a greater measure of peace of mind than I have known since I was a little girl.

Getting back to that Sunday morning, I came to pray and ask Thy guidance. I could have stayed at home and prayed, but I felt the need to be with Thy people. When Brother McKillen extended the usual invitation to come forward and publicly accept Thee as Lord, I found myself walking calmly up the aisle. After all, had I not come to ask Thy help, and how could I without yielding? When I took Thee to be my own personal Saviour it was the least I could do in appreciation of my many blessings. I thank Thee, Lord, for these, and I thank Thee for letting me be privileged to be at the dedication of this wonderful new First Brethren Church of Phoenix. The beauty and simplicity of its western styling make me feel near to Thee, as I do when I gaze up at the mountains in this desert land. Lord, if it be Thy will, give me the ability to help others find Thee, and please help me to make of good use the remainder of my life.

Sincerely,

Lillian Moore.

# Testimonies by Brethren Home Mission Pastors and People

## RAILROAD FAMILY NOW ON THE RIGHT TRACK

By Mrs. John Summers

We are a railroad family. My husband, John, is a section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad. His section is along the Columbia River, 33 miles east of Portland. When we were married seven years ago, he was an extra-gang foreman, and up to a year ago we lived in a bunk car right on the tracks anywhere from Portland to Huntington, Oreg. We never knew where we would be stationed or how long we would be there, so we used this as our main excuse for not attending church or for taking our boy, Richard, now five years old, to Sunday school. We always promised ourselves that when we got a permanent section we would begin attending church.

Six months after we did get permanently located, I started taking Richard. One Sunday on our way home Richard said he wasn't going to go to Sunday school any more because Daddy didn't go and he didn't have to either. Being a morally upright man, John realized that he would have to go to keep his son going.

It was at the Bridal Veil Sunday School that we met Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kluehe, members of the Grace Brethren Church in Portland. God is using them to bring the Gospel to this community. They came to our home one evening and gave us their testimony and made us realize our lost state. They invited us to attend their church and gave us their friendship. Because of them, I knelt beside my bed one day in June and asked the Lord Jesus into my heart as in Revelation 3:20.

After my salvation we drove into Portland (33 miles)

every Sunday night. On July 6 John and I went forward together and publicly confessed Christ. With the help of Pastor Harris we are growing strong in our faith. We were baptized October 4 and welcomed into the membership of the Portland Grace Brethren Church.

Having the Lord Jesus in our home has truly made a change. We now give thanks for every meal, read our Bible daily, study our teacher-training course, study our Sunday-school lessons, and have family devotions every evening. We tithe, and receive blessings, and we give our precious Saviour praise for all He has done for us and for all we have in Him.

Before I was saved I was a "worrier." Now I pray, and let my Saviour carry my burdens, and the word "worry" has been taken completely out of my life. Also before I was born again I used bad language, and He has taken that away from me, too. I'm sure I am a better mother and wife now than I ever was before because I can always count on the Lord to help me with all my problems.

John gave up smoking, with the help of the Lord, and also the habit of swearing.

We are looking forward to our second child in January. We give thanks every day that this child will have a Christian home from the day it is born. We are so thankful we found Him when we did. Our boys loves Jesus, too, now. Life is so much easier when you are on the Lord's side.



Beaumont, Calif. (Gene Farrell, pastor)—

Fourteen young people came forward following a message by Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder when they visited Cherry Valley. Four were first-time confessions, and the others rededications. Last Sunday two other couples came for rededication of life and a young wife made her first public confession of Christ. Several other confessions of Christ were made during our Sunday-school contest. As a result of the contest many new people are coming and the opportunities are greater than ever. We need the Lord's help to meet this need.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Conard K. Sandy, pastor)—

Indeed the Lord has been very good to us. We have another public confession to report—this one making a total of four—all of which were boys and men. Last night after the service a young married couple, with two small children, accepted Christ as Saviour, and we expect them to make a public confession soon. Many unsaved people are attending, along with many from other denominations who are hindered by modernism, unbelief, and indifference in their own churches.

Chico, Calif. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor)—

Sunday morning three of our men, with four from other churches, made up a gospel team that went to a prison camp about 15 miles away. It was a great joy to see the Holy Spirit working through the entire service, and have six men respond to the invitation to accept Christ. On a previous Sunday our hearts were thrilled to have a 70-year-old man and his wife accept Christ as Saviour.

York, Pa. (Gerald Polman, pastor)—

WE CERTAINLY ARE PRAISING THE LORD FOR THE WONDERFUL HOME - MISSION OFFERING THAT HAS COME IN THUS FAR HERE IN YORK. IT NOW STANDS AT \$1 OVER DOUBLE THE GOAL, AND THE GOAL WAS SET AT 25% OVER LAST YEAR'S OFFERING. THE GOAL WAS \$300, WITH \$601 IN, AND MORE YET TO COME. NEEDLESS TO SAY, OUR FOLKS BELIEVE IN HOME MISSIONS.



# ISRAEL CALLS!

## I MEET A RABBI

By Leanore M. Button

I almost turned away from the door. The morning had been one of those seemingly fruitless ones—cold disinterest or downright refusal of the Mediator. But I noticed the card read that no previous contact had been made. Two calls previously had notations: "M NA," meaning the Mediator had been left in the door because no one answered. This time, however, the buzzer sounded (upstairs apartment) and I opened the door. At the top of the steps stood a small, gray-haired, typical Jewish man. He was smiling in a friendly way.

"I am bringing you the little paper, the Mediator," I said, as I went up the steps.

"I don't need a mediator!" he cried, throwing up his hands.

"Um, you don't? Then why did the Jewish people have a high priest and what exactly was Moses?"

He grinned. "Come in and sit down," he said. "We'll discuss this further. I am a rabbi."

When one is talking with Jewish people it is always wise not to let the conversation get out of hand. That is, it is well to do the questioning yourself and not let the other person take the initiative. This man was willing to admit the Old Testament was the Word of God. He said he believed every word of it. He at first refused to admit sin, but finally agreed that ALL men are sinners. Messiah was to come, he said. I asked him about Genesis 49:10: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." He had no answer. By this time he was pacing the floor—walking back and forth, as many Jewish people do when talking about the Word of God.

We talked about the prophecies concerning the Messiah. Why, I asked him, wasn't the 53d chapter of Isaiah read in the synagogue? His answer to this was that it was written wrong. I asked him why I was doing the work he should be doing—that of witnessing—and called his attention to Isaiah 43, where it says: "Ye are my witnesses."

The Jewish people use the first chapter of Isaiah to show why they no longer need to use a blood sacrifice or any sacrifice. I told him to get his *tenach* (Old Testament) and we would discuss it together. He did, and surprised me by bringing out the Old Testament in English. Naturally, it was the same as mine. We read the first chapter completely and I told him God wanted *sincere love* from the Jewish people—He wanted their hearts and not their sacrifices—that they could not come to Him as sinners and disobedient people. If they couldn't come to Him as He asked, then He didn't want any of their "vain oblations."

We talked of the *Shema*. He admitted the Jewish people no longer tried to teach their children about God. Finally he went into another room and returned with a little notebook.

"Let us go to the New Testament," he said. "Jesus never claimed to be God, or Messiah." His notebook

contained passages of refutation. It was the same point, mainly Matthew 19, where the rich young man came to Jesus to ask the way of eternal life. He called Jesus "Good Master" and Jesus said: "There is none good but God." I explained that He was saying in effect: "I am either God or I am not good. I'm either what I claimed to be or I'm not qualified to tell you the way of eternal life." Then I took him to Matthew 5, where Jesus actually intensified the law in Matthew 5:22 and 28, where He says: "But I say unto you . . ." Only God could change the law in this manner. Then we went to Hebrews 1:8, John 8:58, and others. Then I asked him what he thought of the Book of Romans.

"Ach!" he said. "They are wrong. They are all written wrong."

So much had been said there was no point in remaining any longer. So I took my leave. As I went downstairs he followed me, saying: "You understand my position, don't you?"

"I can see your position," I told him, "But I can't understand why you maintain it." And with that I started for the next home. As I looked back he waved, and I thought he looked old, tired, and not a little wistful.

I do see the position he is in; he has been taught to read and understand the Old Testament only in the light of the Jewish commentators. He has been taught to regard the Lord Jesus as the center of all the suffering the Jewish people have experienced. He has been taught to regard Jews who have accepted Jesus as Messiah and God as traitors who have gone over to the side of the enemy. He has been taught acceptance of Jesus as Messiah and God means rejection from the community of Israel. Again I say I can see his position. But I cannot understand why he maintains that position. This man has intelligence. He has read the Prophets time and time again. He has read the New Testament. And his attitude that day demonstrated that he had doubts in his mind relative to the position of Judaism regarding the Lord Jesus. He even seemed to wish that he might have that peace of mind which I have with regard to the sin problem. His position is that taken by so many Jews. It is a position of fear—fear of the opinion of their brethren—fear of rejection by gentile Christians.

This fear can be overcome only by LOVE. And we who love the Lord can display that love for this man that he will not be able to resist the call of the blessed Lord.





*Temple City Fellowship Dinner*



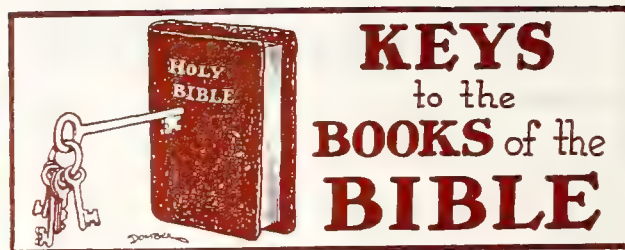
*Temple City Appreciation Meeting*



*Temple City Church Nearing Completion*

Field representatives of the Brethren Home Missions Council received a pleasant surprise during their November 5 visit at Temple City, Calif. First, the attractive new modern building is nearing completion. The walls are up, the roof is on, and rapid progress is now being made to complete the building for dedication for the Christmas season. The building, an innovation in home-mission architecture, is going to be one of our most practical church first units. It will house the San Gabriel Academy, and will serve as the lovely home of the Temple City Brethren Church.

Secondly, an appreciation service to the Lord and to the Brethren Home Missions Council was planned for the evening. The meeting began with a fellowship dinner, which was followed by a lively song service, words of appreciation from representatives of the various departments of the Sunday school, from the moderator of the church, from Mrs. Leila Polman, the pastor's wife, and from Dr. Francis Altig, representing the San Gabriel Academy. The words of appreciation should have been recorded, for they expressed so sincerely the heartfelt thanks of every representative group within the church and Sunday school. Dr. Grubb received the greetings and appreciation and expressed the joy of the Council in working with the Temple City Brethren in this needy home-mission field, and commended them on the splendid job being done. Rev. Pifer brought the message of the evening with pictures of the home-mission work being done and the challenges of the home-mission field.



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## PHILEMON

### I. Presents.

- A. Christianity in action; Christianity in its out-working.
- B. Offers an example of humility, courteousness, and freedom, in the intercourse of Christian friendship.

### II. Key Words.

- A. Brother (1, 7, 16, 20).
- B. Fellowlabourer (1).
- C. Fellowsoldier (2).
- D. Paul, the aged (9).
- E. Bowels (heart) (7, 12, 20).

### III. Key Verses.

- A. 12—"Whom I have sent again; thou therefore receive him."
- B. 17-19—"If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself. If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account; I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it."

### IV. Key Pictures.

- A. Of individuals.
  - 1. Paul.
    - a. Triumph over circumstances in the fellowship of Christ (1, 9; cf. II Tim. 4:6-8).
    - b. Triumph over personal authority in the power of love (8-9).
    - c. Triumph over inclination in a passion for righteousness (13-14).
  - 2. Onesimus.
    - a. The change (11).
  - 3. Philemon.
    - a. The Principles (5-7).
      - (1) Faith.
      - (2) Love.
- B. Of social relations.
  - 1. Paul and Philemon.
    - "Love seeketh not its own" (14).
  - 2. Paul and Onesimus.
    - "Love beareth all things" (17-19).
  - 3. Onesimus and Philemon.
    - "Love suffereth long, and is kind."
      - a. The slave to return (12).
      - b. The master to receive him (16-17, 21).
  - 4. The Church.
    - "Love never faileth."
      - a. Interested (1-2).
      - b. Cooperative.

### V. Key Outline.

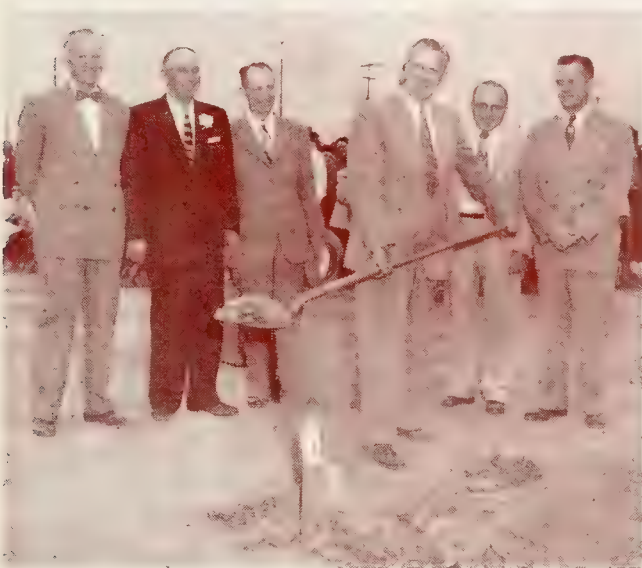
- A. The heading (1-3).



# Ground Is Broken for New Brethren Church and School



*Los Altos Ground-Breaking Service on November 1, 1953*



*Left to right—Trustees George Rinsink, George Hocking, and C. D. Andrews; Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach; Trustees Walter McPheeters and Arthur Schwab.*

More than 200 people recently gathered on the new lots for the Los Altos, Calif., Brethren church and school, and broke ground for the beginning of construction of the new building. Largely through the vision of Dr. Charles Mayes and members of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., this new movement was initiated.

Literally thousands of new homes have been constructed in the new area northeast of Long Beach and known as Los Altos. Through the providential working of God we were enabled to secure lots at a strategic location. On these lots, as we write, a Christian day-school building is being constructed and totally financed by the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. In this building the new Los Altos Brethren church will be holding meetings. Plans are already made for the construction of a church building in the future as the work expands.

This is only one of the unlimited opportunities for Brethren church expansion in the Los Angeles area.

## CLEVELAND DEDICATES BULLETIN BOARD



The new bulletin board shown above was presented to the First Brethren Church as a gift sponsored jointly by two adult Bible classes and the Northern Ohio District SMM. The photograph was taken on a recent Sunday when a special dedication service was held for the gift. Christmas is the season when gifts claim our attention, but we are grateful to the Brethren and organizations who contribute gifts throughout the year for the benefit of Brethren home missions and ultimately for our Lord.

- B. The courteous approach (3-7).
- C. The body of the letter (8-21).
- D. The compliment (20-21).
- E. The postscript (22).
- F. The closing of the letter (23-25).

### VI. Key Thoughts for the Day.

- A. The power of Christ in its working.
  - 1. Ephesians—"Be filled with the Spirit" (5:18).
  - 2. Philippians—"Have this in mind" (2:5).
  - 3. Colossians—"Let the word of Christ" (3:16).
- B. The application.
  - 1. To the individuals.
    - a. Life in Christ changes every relationship.
    - b. Our relationships to others test our relationship to Christ.
  - 2. To the church.
    - a. Social evils are to be changed by transformed lives.



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*New York.* Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver and Misses Marybeth Munn and Mary Cripe arrived on furlough from Africa on December 1.

*London, England.* According to radio and press organs in Iron Curtain countries, workers have been exhorted to labor on Easter Sunday, which the Communists call "Spring Day." During the past few years, Communist regimes have abolished the observance of many Christian feast days as workless days.

*Seattle, Wash.* Formal organization of the View Ridge Brethren Church was completed on Sunday, Nov. 29. Rev. Tom Hammers is pastor. There were 13 charter members.

*Fillmore, Calif.* The new address of Rev. and Mrs. Max Brenneman is 344 Sespe, or 422 Central, if addressed to the church. Brother Brenneman has only recently sold his photography studio in Huntington Beach, Calif., and is moving to Fillmore to assume full pastoral duties at the First Brethren Church. Mrs. Brenneman is Elaine, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman.

*Harrisburg, Pa.* The Melrose Gardens Brethren Church gave their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Conard K. Sandy, a surprise thanksgiving food shower.

*Chicago, Ill.* Some 500,000 are expected to attend the 48th annual Founder's Week Conference of Moody Bible Institute Feb. 1-7. Speakers will include Dr. William Ward Ayer, Rev. Alan Redpath, Dr. Jack Shuler, Miss Ruth Stull, and others.

*Pittsburgh, Pa. (RNS).* Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, states clerk of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., told the 50th anniversary convention of the Religious Education Association that there are "only three dynamics powerful enough to

be, in the 20th century, the controlling center of education—God, American fascism, or international communism." Mr. Blake warned that unless religious leaders and groups agree to press for the "reintroduction" of God into public schools, education inevitably will waver between fascism and communism.

*Taos, N. Mex.* From the estate of Dr. Victor Thorne, wealthy New York physician, the executors of the Taos Foundation, Inc., have awarded the Brethren Spanish-American Mission a check in the amount of \$50 to be used at Christmastime to benefit the girls and women of the mission in accordance with the Foundation's charter. Dr. Thorne has never visited the Brethren mission, nor is he known by Rev. Sam Horney, pastor.



*Temple City, Calif.* The following note was dropped into an offering plate on Nov. 31: "To the Temple City Brethren Church. We attended the Sunday-morning service at your schoolhouse church about nine weeks ago and observed that a new building was in the process of erection. Knowing the importance of music in the church, we made inquiry about a grand piano and found that the church did not have one. Since that time we have searched and found a piano originally valued at \$2,500 which has been completely reconditioned and is now in excellent working order. When we explained the mission which the piano would fill, the owner permitted us to have it for \$700. The piano has been purchased, including moving and final tuning charges, and will be placed in the church when you are ready for it. Please accept this piano as a \$700 gift designated to the Temple City Brethren Church from friends who remember you daily in prayer. Anonymous."

*Norwalk, Calif.* A special groundbreaking service was conducted Dec. 6 for the Norwalk Brethren Church. Dr. Charles Mayes was the speaker. H. G. Rempel is pastor.

*New Troy, Mich.* A record attendance was set at the New Troy Brethren Church on Dec. 2 when 52

were in attendance at the midweek prayer service. Crusade Team No. 1 completed a campaign in this church only recently, and the evidence of revival continues. Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., is pastor.

*New York, N. Y.* The World Day of Prayer has been set for March 5 by the American Council of Christian Churches. Programs are available to churches ordering them from the Council office, 15 Park Row, New York 38.

*Canton, Ohio.* The First Brethren Church had a record attendance recently on a regular Sunday when 244 were present. John Dilling is pastor.

*Listie, Pa.* Rev. Wayne Baker and family were honored on Nov. 25 by the congregation of the Listie Brethren Church. Brother Baker has been acting as supply pastor for the church, and in appreciation for his faithful ministry unto the Lord, the church gave him a gift of nearly \$90 and gifts of foodstuffs. Rev. John Burns is the recently called pastor.

*Johnstown, Pa.* Dr. Robert R. Fritsch was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, under the auspices of the Christ for Greater Johnstown Committee. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

*Mansfield, Ohio.* The Second Brethren Church will formally dedicate their building to the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 20. Dr. L. L. Grubb will deliver the dedicatory message. Gene Witzky is pastor.

*Middlebranch, Ohio.* Six first-time confessions and nine rededications were made during the recent one-week revival meeting conducted by Rev. Stanley Hauser, of Conemaugh, Pa. Rev. Edward Lewis is pastor.

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# Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

## The Star of Bethlehem

According to United Press, Astronomer Wagner Schlesinger, director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, has declared that when the three wise men saw the star of Bethlehem "they probably were witnessing a grouping of three planets." "What they probably saw was a close grouping of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, which happens once each 805 years, and apparently happened in 6 B. C. . . . The only Biblical reference to the star indicates that no one but the three wise men saw it," Schlesinger declared.

There are two or three things that we should carefully note before we draw any conclusions as to whether the star of Bethlehem was a natural phenomenon or a supernatural demonstration.

One should give special attention to the several phrases used by Mr. Schlesinger, such as "they probably were," "they probably saw," and "apparently happened." Does this sound scientific? Indeed not! It is pure speculation! Such statements as these would put the astronomer in a class of imposters with Simon in Acts 8 and Elymas in Acts 13.

Secondly, Mr. Schlesinger declares that these wise men were priests of Zoroaster, and were believers in astrology. On the contrary, they were the descendants of Ishmael, and they knew only too well that a star would arise out of Jacob as prophetically declared in Number 24:17. One thing is absolutely certain, and that is, they sought the Saviour with believing hearts and when they found Him, they worshiped Him and not the star that led them there.

Finally, let us notice that Mr. Schlesinger affirms that only the wise men saw the star. It is an absolute law of eternity that no man can see God except by the avenue of faith. Those wise men had the faith to follow the star, and their faith was rewarded. Unlike some modern astronomers, those wise men demonstrated their faith by associating the appearance of the unique body in the heavens with the coming of Jesus into the world.

Would it not be strange indeed that this triad of planets should leave their orbits and go "before them, till it stood over where the young child was" (Matt. 2:9)? It



takes less faith to accept the supernatural demonstration of a star over Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ than it does to accept the theory of an astronomer that is "probably" wrong.

## Old-Fashioned Paddling

Mr. John Gutknecht, prosecutor of Cook County, Illinois, recently discussed the matter of delinquency with Senators who are investigating teen-age crime in Chicago. Mr. Gutknecht told the Senators that the real problem is not juvenile delinquency, rather it is parental laxity, and that "old-fashioned paddlings" would be a very effective method of solving the problem. The county prosecutor agrees with the Scriptures: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24).

## Shintoism Returning in Japan

Shintoism, the former national religion which was exploited by the militarists, is making a comeback. This last October, for the first time since Shinto fell at the close of World War II, the Emperor sent an emissary to the autumn festival at Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, where the war dead are buried. Each subject had to pause and bow while passing. In addition to this, the government is now appropriating about 20,000,000 yen annually to guarantee the upkeep of these shrines.

While faithful missionaries have entered Japan with the Gospel, and have scored percentagewise, still they have only touched a fraction of Japan's 85,000,000 people. Pray for those who are seeking to proclaim God's Word in this irreligious nation.

## What God Thinks of Santa Claus

There is a gospel tract, published by Pilgrim Tract, in which the writer demonstrates that one cannot mix Christ with falsehood any more than you can mix oil with water. The message of the tract is herewith given.

"Several years ago I was invited by a kindergarten teacher to come play Santa Claus for her pupils. I complied with her request, doing the best I could to make a success of the occasion. I had never seen children so deceived; their eyes fairly popped with wonder. I began to feel condemned for my deception. On my way home God spoke to me, saying, 'You had no business deceiving those little children like you did today.'

"One night I started to church where an evangelistic service was in progress. When I came to the door, two boys, perhaps 10 years of age, were peeping through the crack between the swinging doors. They were trying to hear and see what was going on inside. Finally one boy asked the other, 'What do you think about what they are saying in there?' The other boy came back with a ready answer. He said, 'I think it is just another Santa Claus story. You know we once thought there was a Santa, but we finally found out there wasn't, and it will be the same way with this story about Christ.'

"The Santa Claus myth is not so harmless if it serves as a Fifth Column in the heart of a child to prepare the way for the shock troops of materialism.

"A pastor of a church played the part of Santa Claus at their Christmas celebration. After the program he went to his study to change clothes. When he was changing, a small boy who had been watching him unobserved, stepped out and said, 'So, you are Santa Claus!' The pastor said, 'I guess I am.' 'Well,' said the boy, 'I am going to investigate this Jesus business a little farther to see if it isn't a fake, too.'

"In the celebration of Christmas today, the dollar mark has eclipsed the Star of the East! 'Jingle Bells' has the preference over 'Silent Night.' Millions of children are taken to worship at the mystic shrine of Santa Claus who never have or ever will hear the call to family worship."

# The Arrival of the Saviour

A Radio Message by Rev. Lester E. Pifer

The prophets of the Old Testament time foresaw the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. They looked forward with eager anticipation to the coming of one who would deliver them out of their bondage and sin. Malachi was the last of the prophets to herald the coming of the King who would bring righteousness and peace. After this voice of postexilic days died out there was no voice from heaven for nearly 400 years. During this period of time Israel turned away from God; yet even greater anticipation was built up for the One who would deliver men from their sins.

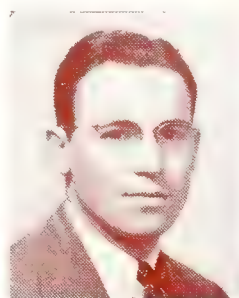
Zacharias, a priest in the temple, was about his work, and while placing the incense upon the altar, was the first to hear from heaven at the beginning of the New Testament time. Zacharias and his wife, Elizabeth, were righteous before God and were inquiring of Him that the barrenness of Elizabeth might be overcome and that she might have a man-child. They had been praying for this, and as he put the incense upon the altar, which is typical of the prayers of God's children ascending to heaven, an angel appeared to make a startling announcement. God was going to honor the prayers of His children and Elizabeth would bring forth a son which was to be called John. John, who was later called John the Baptist, was to be the forerunner of the great Messiah King, the fulfillment of the desire of all Israel.

Six months later another messenger was sent from heaven to announce to Mary, the cousin of Elizabeth, that the child Jesus was to be borne by her. This marvelous birth, a miracle in the physical realm as well as the spiritual, would be the manner of the birth of Christ, just as Isaiah of old had prophesied so clearly many years before.

Following the decree of Caesar Augustus, Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth to the city of David, Bethlehem. Luke tells us the following: "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be de-

livered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7).

Note the earthly conditions surrounding this marvelous birth. "There was no room for them in the inn." What was the inn? When we read that, we may think the reference was to a caravansary, a hostel, or, in our modern language, a hotel. That is not the meaning of the word



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"inn." There are two words in the New Testament used for the word "inn." One is *pandocheion*, meaning a "caravansary," "a place with a host," and "provisions and apartments."

Then there is another word, *kataluma*, which was a mere enclosure by the side of the road where the shepherds stopped with their flocks. There was water, always water, but no food, no host, no entertainment. There was no room even in the enclosure for cattle.

What happened then? In the supreme hour which permits no delay, they had to find some place for a dwelling, and there the baby was born, and the mother laid Him in a manger. No palace, no dwelling place, no caravansary, no room even in the *kataluma*. He was born outside of everything, even the place where the cattle might be sheltered through the night. So He came. The glory of it—the wonder of it! When He came He passed the court, and passed the palace, and He passed the dwelling place, and passed the

inn, and was born into this world so low down that no baby can even be born lower.

Then notice the pathos of the main part of the verse. "She brought forth . . . and wrapped him in swaddling clothes." It is very beautiful, but oh the pity of it; the tragedy of it; the loneliness of it; that in that hour of all hours, when womanhood should be surrounded by the tenderest care, she was alone. The method of the physician-writer is distinct. She with her own hands wrapped the boy with those swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger. There was no one to do it for her. Again I say, the pity of it, and yet the glory of it to the heart of Mary. When I was thinking of this, there came to me the memory of something Jesus once said, and never before had it occurred to me in this connection. It must be that Jesus was thinking of His own mother. "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of her child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world" (John 16:21). That surely was the story of Mary, especially in the light of the fact that this was the Son of God.

The phrase, "no room in the inn," is characteristic of many in this day. Christ has come that He might have a place of preeminence in our lives and yet so little room is given. Many are like the innkeepers there at Bethlehem when they must have replied to Joseph on several times, "No—no room!" The Saviour comes and begs admission to the heart's door and yet so comparatively few allow Him to come in.

But why all this sacrifice on the part of the Son of God? What was the reason for it? Was it necessary? The Scripture answers the questions. Yes, it was necessary. Note what the angel said when the announcement was given to Joseph. "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that



which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:20-21). In this word from the messenger the purpose of the coming of Christ is stated in plain words. "For he shall save his people from their sins." Every step of the life of our Lord, from His conception here on earth to the last breath and even the last word, was ordained of His Father for the purpose of saving men out of their sin.

There are some who think that to talk about the awfulness and terrible conditions of sin is distasteful in these modern days. But awful, terrible, filthy, or distasteful, or however it is, the Word of God must be proclaimed. Jeremiah, the prophet of the last days of the Israelite kingdom just before the southern captivity, said, "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it?" Paul said, "There is none righteous, no, not one," and "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." These passages and many others indicate the condition of unsaved mankind. Man in this condition cannot help himself. He must lean on the arm of God. He must be saved by the grace of God. He must accept the work of God in salvation. Anything that he would do would be tainted with sin. Anything that he might think would be perverted by a sinful mind. God knew all this, and it was in love that He sent His only begotten Son to die in our stead.

Therefore, when Christ came into this world as a babe in the manger, He came to die. That was the sum total of His purpose in coming into this world of sin and woe. He came to do for mankind what they could not possibly do for themselves. And in doing so He was manifesting the grace and love of God, grace and love such as this old world never had seen before and known. Everything about the birth of Christ seems to indicate this. The clothing that was wrapped about Him, "swaddling clothes" were grave clothes. The gifts of frankincense and myrrh were often used as spices at the time of death. Even the words of the angel rang in the heart of Mary and Joseph having known that He was going to die for men in order to pay the price for men's sins.

The Apostle Paul knew what it was to walk in sin. He knew the de-

## Holiday

Tinsel dust, and star-shine, and moonlight on the snow,  
These are things we think of as we remember Him;  
Wreaths and scarlet ribbons, a candle's fitful glow,  
Now are symbols of the One who walked gray roads and dim.

Colorless and rugged, the fields wind-swept and brown;  
All the land was darkened on that first Christmas night,  
Save one lone star gleaming; but now in each small town  
Casements glow and trees shine, where baubles glitter bright.

Bethlehem or Nazareth, or any town He knew,  
Was not lighted for Him through all His earthly house;  
Now men thread the cities with jewels, through and through,  
Draping streets and parkways with blinding fireflowers.

Lonely and forsaken, rejected and despised,  
Christ, the Man of Sorrows, went on His quiet way.  
Does He now, I wonder, turn grave and questing eyes  
Back along the old roads, as we keep holiday?

—Grace Noll Crowell.

livering power of God. He tells us in the Corinthian epistle, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Paul remembered well that day on the Damascus road when he met the Saviour face to face and when he bowed his face in the dust and humbly said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He felt the surge of power of God unto salvation and the release that came from the bondage of his sin. Then he knew well the eternal joys which came with numberless blessings in those days which followed after his conversion. He traveled long and far, much of the way being hard and difficult, but always there was the smile upon his face, the radiance that comes from a heart that glows from the Gospel. The gift was so magnificent, so broad in scope, large in value, so infinite that he could only say, "Thanks be unto God for His *unspeakable* gift."

I read a story sometime ago of a little boy whose father was away in the war. Christmas was approaching, and all the other children in the neighborhood were talking about the toys that they wanted for Christmas. One of the kind men in the neighborhood noted that the boy seemed sad and more or less disinterested in

the idea of toys, and so he asked the little fellow, "Son, would you like a nice big red truck for Christmas?" The boy answered, "Nope." Then the man ventured again, "Son, I want to give you the biggest and best gift you have ever received—you name it." The boy answered, "I don't want any toy; I want my daddy home for Christmas." The man felt sorry for the little fellow and he proceeded to get a nice big red truck for him. On Christmas morning the neighbor went over to the little fellow's house and watched him open his gifts—many nice toys and finally the big red truck. His eyes opened wide and finally he said very politely, "Thank you." Just then the door opened and in walked his daddy. The boy leaped to his feet and grabbed his daddy by the legs and hugged and hugged him. Tears streamed down his little face, but he couldn't say a word. He was speechless at the presence of the best gift a little fellow could have.

This is the attitude that should be present in our hearts today. Multiply over and over the joy of that little fellow and you might come just a little closer to the joy that you can have if you have Jesus as your Saviour. Will you accept Him today?

# THE FIRST CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

"What will he be when he grows up?" "What influence will his life have upon the world?" What mother and father have not asked these questions as they lovingly fondled the little new-born babe which God has given them? History is replete with men who have risen from humble beginnings to stellar heights—men who will be remembered for many years for their great contributions to society. Men like Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Edison have changed the course of nations by their accomplishments. The path to success is not easy—it is fraught with many brambles, seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and many "dead ends." One must be entirely devoted to his task if he is to win in the end, and sometimes victory is not recognized until after the victor is gone.

So it was to be in the life and ministry of that new-born babe lying in the stable manger in the little town of Bethlehem. However, Mary and Joseph were not left to wonder concerning the destiny of this, Mary's child. Soon after Joseph heard of the child's conception, an angel of Jehovah appeared to him in a dream and assured him of Mary's purity, the divine conception of the child by the Holy Spirit, the safe delivery of the baby, His name, and the mission set before Him. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). What a mission! Let us note quickly the mission set before this little babe who was indeed God, come in the flesh.

## 1A. The Great Need for a Champion.

All the world was under the rule of Rome. The ravages of sin were evident everywhere. The world was so deep in sin that even the Jews, those commissioned by God to represent Him before men, had sunk to such spiritual depths that only a small remnant maintained the messianic hope. Surely every thinking person will conclude that man's own efforts to deal with the "sin question" had failed miserably. Not spiritual evolution, but definite spiritual devolution characterized man's history from the time of Adam to the birth of Jesus. God's holy law was indifferently broken or twisted to fit

(MATTHEW 1:21)



By James Dixon, Washington, D. C.

the purposes of the religious leaders. The spirit of the law was completely lost and the letter of the law had become an intolerable burden upon the people. The Messiah had been lost sight of, for the scribes and Pharisees selfishly searched the Scriptures, not with an open heart to God's message to them, but only to validate the "traditions of the elders."

It was into this spiritual chaos that our Saviour came as the infant Jesus. His task—"to save His people from their sins."

## 2A. The Great Purpose of Jesus' Life.

"He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Matt. 18:11). John tells us, "He came unto his own, but his own received him not" (John 1:11). Herod, certainly a tool of Satan himself, sought to slay Him in His infancy. The religious leaders hated Him, for He pierced their thin veneer of piety and disclosed the true condition of their hearts—hard, selfish, and unregenerate. The multitude vacillated between adulation and hate, seeking only one who would minister to their fleshly needs. Thus it has been with mankind ever since. The masses superficially acknowledge Jesus, the man, while rejecting Christ the Saviour. "We will not have this man to rule over us."

But John also tells us that "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). John the Baptist pointed his own disciples to

Jesus as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Eleven of the twelve disciples received Him. Paul, when faced with the risen Jesus, cried, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" From that time on Paul preached everywhere that "Jesus was the Christ." Then there was the small remnant who believed that this Jesus was even who He said He was—the Messiah, the Son of God. You too, friend, can be in this group if you but believe that Jesus is the Christ.

## 3A. The Importance of His Mission.

The importance of His mission is epitomized in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the only One who could save His people from their sins.

## 4A. The Accomplishment of His Mission.

Many "modern" religious leaders say today that Jesus was "unfortunately cut down at the height of His career before He could accomplish His mission." Nothing could be farther from the truth. The great need of man for a champion who could "save his people from their sins" was met when Jesus gave His life on Calvary's hill. His mission was accomplished. He had paid in full our debt to God. He had made atonement for our sins. He had given himself in death as the substitute for all mankind who would by faith identify themselves with Him.

Paul declares He was the One "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). Jesus' victory is summarized by Paul, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. . . . That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:19-21).

## 5A. The Great Results of Jesus' Mission.

These can best be summarized in the words of Paul: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we



# A HUMBLE BEGINNING--A CROWNING END

(LUKE 2:7)

By Paul E. Dick, Winchester, Va.



Rev. Paul Dick

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). The very suggestion of this verse brings to our minds the birth of Christ and the Christmas season and all that accompanies it. When we think of Christmas we think of many things including the snowfall, welcomed by some and hated by others. Each tiny snowflake composes a pattern as intricate and beautiful as that of the finest lace and yet it yields itself unresistingly to our heedless feet. The snowflakes are not intent on proudly preserving their delicate beauty but, by cooperation with each other, they perform a service. They provide a protective blanket for vegetation and every year deposit minerals worth many dollars on the acres of ground.

Is it possible that the little things in life are of far more value than we realize? Who would ever have thought that the birth of a child in a stable with many unusual surroundings would determine the destiny of every human being in the course of world history? And yet, this is exactly what has happened. Our acceptance or rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin and crucified for our sins, will determine our fate for eternity.

The manner in which the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world characterized His entire life and ministry. It was an entrance of humility.

## I. Humility Defined.

It would seem to be the attitude growing out of the proper evaluation of self in relation to God and to

one's fellow men. Philip Brooks said, "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is. Humility is the taking our place in God's presence as believers to be nothing but a mote dwelling in the sunlight of His love."

## II. The Supreme Example of Humility—The Lord Jesus Christ!

He said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:29). He, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, deigned to be born the helpless, sinless baby of the Virgin Mary. He, the owner of all wealth, said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). Then in Isaiah 40:11, 15 we have a striking contrast between His humility and greatness as we read of Him, "He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. . . . Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing."

It was the Creator of the world—before whom every knee shall bow—who washed His disciples' feet. Oh, what love and condescension! In John 13:3-5, 12-16 we read, "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he

poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. . . . So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. . . . The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

The great example of our Lord's humiliation is supremely evident when He, the source of life, died on Calvary's cruel cross for the remission of sins. This event brought to a crowning finish His work of redemption. This is vividly expressed in Paul's letter to the church at Philippi in Philippians 2:6-8, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

As we come to the Christmas season may we remind ourselves anew that the Babe of the manger, the Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, humbled himself and became obedient unto death on the cross, that we who were sinners and lost, might have eternal life by trusting in His finished work. The Lord Jesus Christ is God's gift to us if we will trust Him by faith as our own Saviour. Will you receive Christ now as your Saviour?

stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1-2); and, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

No more enmity, no more condemnation, but a wonderful abiding peace which issues forth into sweet fellowship with God and with one another.

Beloved, this peace has been the goal of all men throughout the centuries. Torn within and without by

fears and selfishness, man has "fought" his way "toward peace," but has never found it. This peace is found only by the one who comes to God by faith believing that Jesus is God's only begotten Son who came to "save his people from their sins," and who recognizes that he is one for whom Christ died. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

## Annuities—Investments for Eternity

### WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

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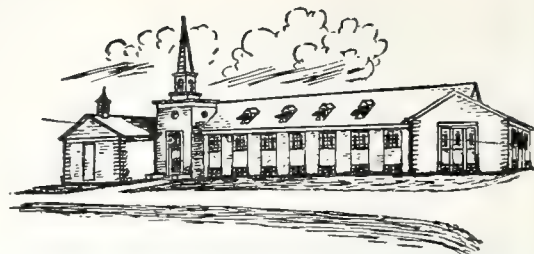
## **YOUR HELP IN LIGHTING THIS BUILDING**

HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL  
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**Give A Special Offering at This Season to  
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# THE ANNUAL OFFERING



## *And the Needs of the School*

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

This is the season set aside for Grace Theological Seminary and College to make its needs known among the churches of our National Fellowship, and for the churches themselves to receive a special offering for the work of the school. Some may be wondering just what the needs are at this time, especially in view of the offerings that have been sent to the school during the year through the Monthly Finance Plan.

The estimated cost for operational expense as originally set up in the school's budget was \$72,000 for the year, or \$6,000 per month. This was the amount considered necessary for the General Fund only, and did not include the amounts needed for such items as furnishings, sidewalks, shrubbery, grading the roads and campus, seeding the lawn, etc. All these items were paid for, if possible, by special gifts.

The figures below show the receipts of the school for its General Fund during the first 11 months of 1953. Month by month they were as follows:

January .....	\$4,775.15
February .....	5,820.91
March .....	9,082.42
April .....	7,412.95
May .....	2,987.25
June .....	4,270.08
July .....	3,773.41
August .....	5,324.37
September .....	4,956.83
October .....	3,644.33
November .....	2,363.01

Total receipts to General Fund..... \$54,410.71

### ATTENTION PASTORS, FINANCIAL SECRETARIES, OR CHURCH TREASURERS

If you have not ordered a supply of envelopes for your annual offering to Grace Theological Seminary and College, or if you need monthly plan envelopes, special church bulletin covers, and letters, please address your request to the school immediately. Or, if you need an additional supply of any of the above items, please let us know. Boost Grace especially during the coming month.

From the above figures, it is evident that the amount necessary to complete the budget for 1953 amounts to \$17,589.29. This might be properly called the school's minimum need, for the necessary expenditures from the General Fund during the year have shown that, with its expanding program, Grace Theological Seminary and College must have more than the originally estimated \$6,000 per month to fully care for its needs.

How can the educational program of the Brethren Church be cared for? The answer is really not difficult for a church the size of ours. There are two things just now that every member of the church can do: (1) Give a substantial offering to Grace Seminary and College through your local church in December and January; (2) Secure a packet of monthly offering envelopes immediately, and contribute something each month to the work of the school.

Gifts to Grace Seminary and College are investments in lives—the lives of those who “go for us” and the lives of the thousands to whom they go. Will you pray about this need, and then give as the Lord directs?

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# Theological Training in the Laboratory of Experience

*Note: Recently at the school a chapel service was given over to the members of the Practical Works Department. Members of the student body and faculty alike were thrilled by the reports and testimonies given at this service. The editor has asked some of those who spoke to tell something of the work being done each week by the students representing different aspects of the work. As the magazine goes to press two of our young women are spending a considerable amount of time at the county courthouse in Warsaw, having gone at the request of a woman who is standing trial for the murder of her husband. The girls, Miss Eva Godfrey and Miss Rosella Cochran, visited her at the county jail, and she found in them the kind of counsel and friendship one needs most in the greatest crises of life. Perhaps more of the story can be told next month. In the meantime, consider some of the thrilling experiences our students are having.—P. R. B.*

## WHAT PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN WORK DOES FOR THE STUDENT

By Don F. Locke, Student Director

We who stay in Winona Lake the year around always welcome the sight of new students who arrive early for the school year, and we do our best to interest them immediately in our Practical Works Department.

Such was the case of Jacques Crapuchettes when he came to us last summer. He had been here only a short time until he was accompanying us on our Saturday-night street meetings. His first night out we asked him to lead in prayer as a part of the service, and he consented. We arrived, set up our equipment, conducted our meeting, and then left. As we journeyed home Jacques said, "Boys, I have a confession to make. If I had known that you were taking me to a street meeting I never would have gone. I thought you fellows were having a meeting in a church."

You can imagine our surprise. "What is wrong with street meetings, Jacques?" we asked. "Nothing," he replied, "only I had intended to wait until I had more schooling before taking part in such activities." "Why," we said, "we thought maybe you would like to preach for us next Saturday night." "Oh! I could never do that," he answered, swallowing hard. "I would only hinder the work." To make a long story short, Jacques preached his first sermon on the street corner just three weeks later. Now no one forced him to do this, for our practical work is all voluntary. But by the time school started Jacques was going every Sunday to the Plymouth hospital and jail. Just last week he graciously consented to take charge of street meeting activities.

Jacques is only one of many such students who come to Grace. How we can praise God for a school that teaches the Holy Scripture in all its truth and also encourages a program whereby the student can apply himself as he learns.

As a Brethren student, I feel it a great honor to be able to share in supporting and maintaining such a school. Certainly Grace College and Seminary is sending forth the light of Christ into a world of darkness.

Won't you ask God what He would have you do to help support this school? May God bless you all.



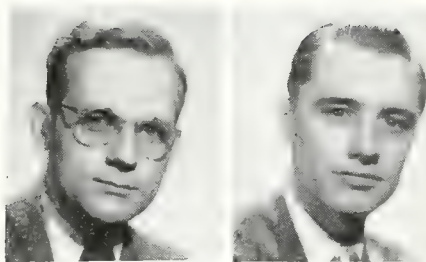
Don Locke and Max Fluke Witness to Jail Inmates

## A MURDERER LED TO CHRIST

By George E. Cone and Donald Tschetter

One Sunday afternoon as I entered the cell block of the Columbia City Jail, I was faced by a man who had his head swathed in bandages and a bitter look upon his face. He had killed his wife and attempted to kill himself. He was hard and unyielding in his attitude the first Sunday that I met him. As I read the Word and discussed the plan of salvation and prayed, he was not interested.

After several more visits to the jail, Ralph Leedy began to soften, by the work of the Spirit, and soon he made a profession of Christ. I did not have faith to believe that it was real, but the next Sunday the change in the man proved to me that he had met Jesus. Just



*George Cone and Donald Tchetter*

through the simple plan of salvation and his interest in the Word, he gave up his bad habits, became a mild-mannered man, and was resigned to the will of the Lord for his life. Even the sheriff's wife noticed the change in him as she brought the meals each day, and her comment to me regarding the man was very encouraging.

Ralph was sentenced to life in the Michigan City prison. During the following summer, I received a letter from him telling me that he was reading the Word, praying, and witnessing for the Lord. He had given himself wholly over to the Lord and promised that if he were to ever be released, he would go into the work of the Lord

for the rest of his life, but if he wasn't released, he would serve the Lord there in the prison.

I didn't hear from Ralph again, but this good word comes from one of those who is now going to the jail each Sunday.

Probably one of the greatest sources of encouragement in soulwinning is to realize that the person to whom we witnessed has accepted Christ and is giving evidence of the fact by his own life. Such is true in the life of Ralph Leedy as pertains to John J. Hall. I met Mr. Hall in the Columbia City jail a few days after he had been led to the Lord by the Gideons in that city. This man had truly come to the end of himself—and realized that his life was meaningless and endless apart from Jesus Christ. He related to us that during his imprisonment at Michigan City, Ralph Leedy had spoken to him about his need of Christ many times and had taken him aside to pray with him. He had, however, refused to accept Christ during that time. He was now rejoicing that he could go back to Michigan City, where he was again to be imprisoned, and tell Ralph that he too knew the Lord as his personal Saviour. Surely it is true that we are not always conscious of the length to which our testimony will be used of the Lord. It encourages us to be faithful in this work.

## "PERSUADING MEN" AT THE NURSING HOME

By Herman H. Hein, Jr.

Having served three years for the Lord in the Alfran Nursing Home, near Pierceton, Ind., witnessing and preaching for those dear old folks, I wish to pass on to those of you who will be carrying on the work a few precious gems.

Winning those who are well along in years to the Lord Jesus Christ is a work that requires much time and not a little patience, along with a great deal of prayer. This can be said from experience, having seen at least five aged men make professions of faith during my three years of service there, four of them at my invitation personally.

The secret of this work is learning who is unsaved, then selecting one of them by the guidance of the Spirit. Visit this one every Sunday afternoon, winning his confidence, showing him that you have a personal interest in him and his soul. Don't give up dealing with that one until you see him come to the Lord. It can be done.

I am thinking of one Mr. Clark who always would come almost to the place of acceptance, then refuse. Seven long months this went on until one Sunday afternoon he could fight God no longer, and he gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. That man's face and life show that he is a new creature in Christ, and his testimony rings true to the Word of God.

I have found at this nursing home work a real outlet for service for my Lord, and am happy to be able to tell a little of my experiences there. I want to take this opportunity to praise our dear Lord and Saviour for what He has done for me since I have been at Grace Seminary.



*Herman Hein*

## PRESENT WORK AT THE NURSING HOME

By Ernest Lee

My aim is to present the procedure of the work at the nursing home and some of the difficulties involved. We have about one and one-half hours at the home. For those who are able to gather we have a 45-minute service similar to our Sunday-morning worship services including singing of favorite hymns, Scripture reading, prayer, special music, testimonies, and a short message from God's Word. Only a few can come, but others can hear through our loud-speaker system.

During the other 45 minutes we deal personally with the patients, reading the Word to them and praying with them. Some of the saints are often an encouragement to us as well as being encouraged by us.

The chief difficulties lie in the condition of the patients. Many no longer retain their reasoning faculties and so cannot understand the Gospel; others are so filled with false doctrines as "sinless perfection" and "salvation by works" that they cannot see the truth. Finally, many have hearts so hardened that they will not listen. Only last Sunday when I went to speak to one man he said, "Go on, get out of here!"

Despite these difficulties the team has experienced the joy of seeing fruit from their labors. Some souls have been saved, and others have been strengthened. We who labor have profited by learning needed lessons in patience and faith, for in this work, especially, the Lord must be depended upon for results.



*Ernest Lee*

"For every look at self take ten looks at Christ."—*R. M. McChayne.*



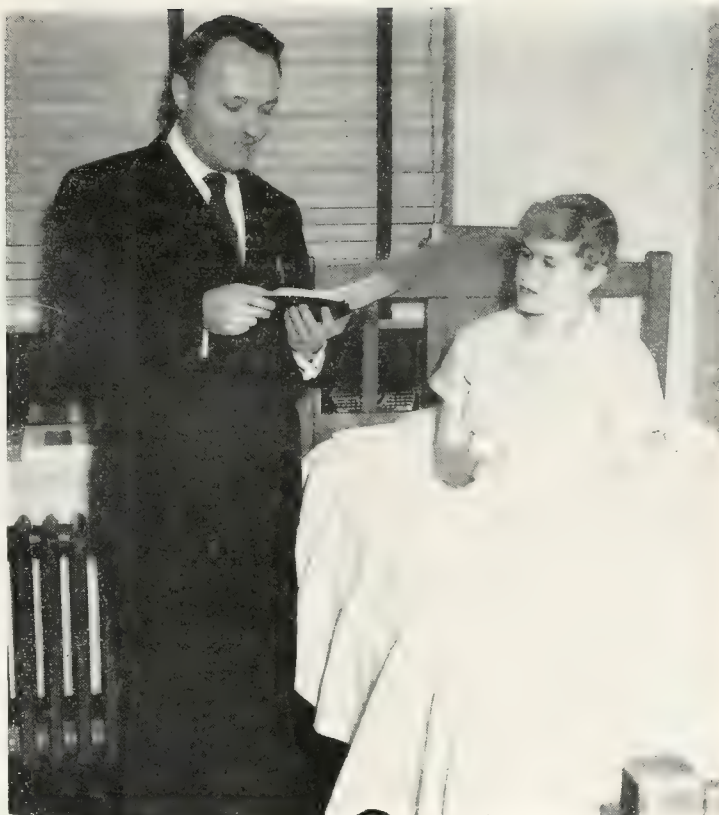
## HOSPITAL VISITATION AND PASTORAL WORK

By Jack Peters

I praise the Lord for Grace Theological Seminary and that the Lord led me here for further preparation for His service. I received the impression somewhere that Grace Seminary was noted for its critical handling of the Word of God and that not much emphasis was placed on practical work, such as the work of the gospel teams, etc.

Shortly after arriving at Grace, I realized that I had received the wrong impression, and I was happy to learn that the school had a Practical Works Department in which the students participated in various types of Christian service. Immediately after learning of such a work in the school, I inquired and was assigned to the McDonald Hospital in Warsaw. I shall never forget the rich blessings that I received each Lord's Day in ministering to those who were ill. It was wonderful to watch the Lord work after we had prayed and asked the Lord to lead us to some needy soul. There were many who made decisions for Christ.

I now have the privilege of being a student pastor of a wonderful little church. Now, as never before, I appreciate the practical experience that I had with the Practical Works Department of Grace Seminary at the McDonald Hospital. Not long ago I had the privilege of calling on a friend of one of my parishioners, who was ill. This man made a decision for Christ, and the next week this dear man went to be with the Lord. I praise the Lord for the many gems of truth that I have



*Jack Peters Reads the Word to a Hospital Patient*

laid hold on in the classrooms of Grace Seminary and also for the practical experience that I have received at the same time.

## PREACHING ON THE STREET CORNER

By Earle E. Peer

It happened eight years ago on a cold winter night. Saturday, November 3, 1945, was the night that our Bro. George Hoagland was

born into the kingdom of God at the conclusion of a street meeting conducted by the students of Grace Seminary. A revival meeting was in progress at the Sidney Brethren Church, but Mr. Hoagland was careful to avoid these services. This particular night Mr. Hoagland was sitting in a cigar store



*Earle Peer*

in Warsaw with a group of men who were playing cards and smoking. Hearing the music, Mr. Hoagland went out on the street corner to listen to the students from the seminary sing and testify. It was not the singing nor the sermon preached that night which brought our brother to the Lord, but the faithful witnessing of a student who pressed home to his heart his need of knowing Jesus Christ. There on the street corner he was saved; he never again



*Grace Seminary Students Holding Street Meeting*

entered that cigar store! Brother Hoagland is one of the most faithful members of the Sidney church today. His favorite song is, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." I'm sure of this! When the roll is called up yonder, Brother Hoagland will be there because of the testimony of the street-meeting team on a wintry November night.

Hospital visitation has brought me new joys, blessing, and challenges in serving my Lord—joys, blessings, and challenges which I never had experienced before since I have known the Lord as my Saviour. Visiting at the bedside of those in the hospital has afforded me the opportunity of witnessing to the saving grace of Christ. This I had longed to do but had not been able to realize it before in such a manner.

Not only have I had the privilege of visiting the unsaved in the hospital, but I have met with many who have professed to know the Lord as their Saviour, yet who have not had the assurance that they could know now that they would go to heaven. To one lady in particular I was able to show from John 5:24 that we can know now that we have eternal life and are assured of heaven when we die. It was indeed a joy to have her thank me over and over again for helping her to see the truth from God's Word.

I also had the privilege of talking to another lady who thought that if she would have enough faith she would be saved. When I told her from Scripture that it is by faith in the Lord Jesus and by His righteousness which is put to our account we are justified by God, she was able to trust fully in Christ for her salvation.

People like these two and many more are contacted for the Lord from week to week by others and myself as we visit in the hospital.



Donald Girton Breaking the Bread of Life

## ALUMNUS MAKING GOOD IN HOME MISSIONS

Meet Rev. Lester Smitley, of Parkersburg, W. Va. Brother Smitley came to Grace from the Bethel Brethren Church at Berne, Ind., having completed his college training.



Lester Smitley

After graduating from Grace Seminary with the class of 1952, he took his family and moved to Parkersburg, where he was able to obtain a job in a Sears and Roebuck Company store. At that time he was developing a new Brethren church. They have been meeting in a community hall in the city of Parkersburg, and in recent months have found a suitable location which they have purchased to erect a new home-mission church. This is a type of the pioneering spirit

that is paying off with new Brethren churches in many of our cities today. Brother Smitley is expected to give his full time to the pastoral work approximately January 1, 1954.

"He who loves not lives not; he who lives by the light will never die."—Raymond Lull.

"I have never willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom."—Abraham Lincoln.

## WHERE DID WE GET OUR CALENDAR?

Our modern calendar, which numbers the years from the birth of Christ, was introduced by the Roman abbot, Dionysius Exiguus, in the sixth century. It came into general use two centuries later during the reign of Charlemagne. Testimony is borne to the incarnation of Christ every time we write the date 1953 A. D. (Anno Domine, "in the year of the Lord"). The previous system of dating numbered the years from the founding of the city of Rome. When the present calendar was adopted, the year 1 A. D. was made to correspond to 754 A. U. (Anno Urbis, "in the year of the city").—Prof. Homer Kent, Jr.

"The nearest we will come to having heaven on earth is when our wills are His will."—T. C. Horton.



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# THOSE THREE ASHLAND ALUMNI



Donald Farner



Harold Morr



Donald Bishop

At the commencement service last spring, the West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, was distinguished by having three young men graduate at the same time. They were Donald Bishop, Donald Farner, and Harold Morr. In the work they have undertaken since graduation, they illustrate very well the various avenues of service that are open today for young men who are trained for the job.

Brother Bishop and his wife have been approved by the Foreign Missionary Society for service in Argentina. Just now they are in the Pacific Northwest engaged in deputation work. They will return to Winona Lake shortly after January 1 and are making preparations to sail for South America in March. Pray that all the doors will be opened for their entry.

Bro. Don Farner has undertaken to develop the new church in Sidney, Ohio, and is working there on a self-supporting basis. The Brethren Home Missions Council is working with the Southern Ohio District Mission Board in this new venture. Temporarily the people are meeting in a hall.

Harold Morr (Chaplain Harold F. Morr, 720 Putnam Ct., Lackland Village, San Antonio, Tex.) has received his commission as a chaplain in the United States Air Force and is now stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Tex. In a recent letter to his pastor, Rev. Miles Taber, Harold tells of the blessings the Lord has been showering upon him and another chaplain with whom he is working. Here are some excerpts from his interesting letter:

"In the first place I have a new chaplain to work with. He is a Southern Baptist and is also interested in bringing the lost to Christ. . . .

"We have located two talented men to play the organ and piano. The one played with Billy Graham for six months. We did away with the ritualistic program and launched into a new evangelistic emphasis. . . . You can imagine the thrill of hearing the men sing, "Do Lord," as they march along while training. Often one can hear the words of a chorus floating through the night as the men sing in the showers and barracks. . . .

"Our attendance is increasing each week. . . . We have two services on Sunday, one at 0800 and one at 0900, and the Wednesday-evening service. Last Wednesday night the chapel was overcrowded. During the invitation approximately half of the 350 men held up their hands and admitted if they should die that night they would go to hell. Soon my heavy heart was rejoicing when over 40 of the men crowded into the aisle to come forward. The place was so full we dismissed the rest so those who desired could come forward.

"We have visible results in almost every service. I believe this is only the beginning of a great harvest the Lord has for us here. The job is big and our responsibilities are tremendous. Constantly we realize our inabilities and our helplessness without His power. We need your continued prayers."

Pray for these three young men, and remember that your gifts to Grace Seminary at this time and throughout the year are making it possible for others like them to enter fields of service for Christ around the world.

## SUPERSTITION ABOUNDS IN THESE DAYS

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

The following paragraph is quoted verbatim from a brochure on baptism taken from the Fides Album, a Roman Catholic publication prepared for the laity. It reads:

"The power of water when used with the invocation of the Holy Trinity is wondrous. Several years ago, in a large city hospital, a baby was born whose survival was doubtful. His mother wished him to be baptized a Christian at once. It was, coincidentally, Christmas night. Few people were in the hospital, and they were all non-Catholic. Finally, a young lady, an interne, who was not even a Christian, took water, poured it over the head of the little baby, saying, 'I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' She was a nonbeliever (who, incidentally, later

became a Catholic), but she had baptized the baby validly. The child was now a Christian, capable of beatitude. The water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity had done their work. These essentials suffice for a valid baptism in the time of emergency."

How amazing that this superstition can be propagated and people will believe it, and people who boast intelligence. But how wonderful to know that despite the ritual of pouring water and reciting an invocation, the child was already saved from the only guilt he had, namely, that of Adamic sin, by the blood of Christ. And how wonderful to know that the blood of Jesus Christ clears away the guilt of Adamic sin in every human being, for the work of Christ on the cross went just as deep and just as far as the sin of Adam (Rom. 5:18).

# THE CALL OF ABRAHAM AND HIS TESTINGS

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

The Book of Genesis is clearly divided into two main sections. The first 11 chapters deal with the history of the human race, and the last 39 chapters deal with the family of Abraham. In the 12th chapter, therefore, God turns our attention from a rebellious humanity recently scattered by the judgment of Babel to this one family through which the Saviour of the world would ultimately come. Let us examine now the all-important call of Abraham, recorded in the first three verses of chapter 12:

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

## *Sacrifices and Promises*

In the first verse we find God calling upon Abraham to make a *threefold sacrifice*, which would have staggered a man of lesser faith: "Get thee out of (1) thy country, (2) and from thy kindred, (3) and from thy father's house." To leave relatives, friends, and familiar surroundings for the sake of God is often one of the most difficult aspects of missionary work today. The Book of Hebrews immortalizes this deed when it says that "by faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" (11:8).

But God's requirements and calls for personal sacrifice are always more than compensated by promises of blessing. How infinitely true this was for Abraham! The *threefold promise* of God involved (1) a land, (2) a seed, and (3) a blessing. These may be found in the words "unto a *land* that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great *nation*, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a *blessing*." The entire life story of Abraham may be gathered about these three focal points in the call of God. Concerning each one of these promises, Abraham was severely tested, that his faith in God might be purified and come forth as gold.

## *The Land*

Notice first of all how Abraham was tested concerning *the promise of the land*. No sooner did Abraham, Sarah, and Lot arrive in Canaan than they discovered that "the Canaanite was then in the land" (12:6). As though the presence of these wicked people was not enough to shake his faith, "the promised land" was soon smitten with a famine so grievous that he had to escape to Egypt (12:10). And when he returned from Egypt with Lot, "the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together" (13:6). Furthermore, the land was soon

invaded by kings from the east, and Abraham was forced to rush to Lot's rescue (14:14). Even until the day of his death, the only plot of ground in Canaan that he could legally call his own was the field of Machpelah, which he purchased from a Hittite to bury Sarah (23:19)!

## *The Seed*

But Abraham was also tested concerning *the promise of a seed*. God had said to him, "I will also make of thee a great nation" (12:2). But in the face of this clear promise, Abraham had to admit that Sarah was barren and that Eliezer of Damascus would be his heir (15:2). Ten years later, Ishmael was born of Hagar, but God would not accept him as the promised seed (17:18-19). And then, when Isaac, the promised seed, did finally come, God told Abraham to take him to a high mountain, and there offer him as a burnt-offering (22:2)!

## *The Blessing*

Finally, Abraham was tested concerning this promise: "thou shalt be a *blessing*." Now with this in mind, think of Abraham's experience in Egypt. He lied to Pharaoh concerning Sarah, and as a result Pharaoh's house was smitten with great plagues (12:17)! No sooner did he return to Canaan, after having been expelled ignominiously from Egypt (12:20), than his herdsmen got into a bitter quarrel with Lot's herdsmen, and the two men had to separate (13:7). Still later, he lied to Abimelech about Sarah and brought sorrow to the entire royal household of the Philistines (20:9)!

## *The Fulfillment*

But faith triumphed over all of these bitter testings, and Abraham, with the other patriarchs, "died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Heb. 11:13). From the vantage point of subsequent history and prophecy, we can see that the *land* which God promised to Abraham actually did become the possession of his descendants, and shall yet become theirs in the fullest sense (Amos 9:15). As for the promised *seed*, we discover that not only the physical descendants of Abraham, but also all those who share in his saving faith are counted as his children (Gal. 3:7), thus multiplying his seed "as the sand which is upon the sea shore" (Gen. 22:17). And as for the *blessing*, who could have realized that our Lord Jesus Christ, "the son of Abraham" (Matt. 1:1), would be in the deepest sense Abraham's seed (Gal. 3:16), through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed!

Let us learn, as Abraham learned, that God's ways are best and that His promises, though long delayed, will never fail. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).





Above—President McClain and Mrs. Rose Foster study landscaping plan, prepared under the direction of Mr. Herman Schumacher, a member of our church in Osceola, Ind. Center—Dr. McClain assists George Cone and Paul Bauman, Jr., in the work of planting. Right—Dr. Paul Bauman examines planted shrubbery, which includes the following: Japanese yew or *Fastigata juniper*, *Phitzer juniper*, dark-green *arborvitae*, *juniper Carnardi*, spreading yew, blue *Phitzer juniper*, Japanese spreading yew, *juniper Keteleri*, and spiny Greek *juniper*.

# A FITTING MEMORIAL

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

Anyone who was acquainted with Rev. Joseph Foster, one of our pioneer missionaries, knew something of his great love for the souls of men and women in the dark continent of Africa. All who were intimately acquainted with him, especially those who worked with him on the mission field, knew also that he had another love—a love for the handiwork of God which he saw all about him, particularly in the trees and plants that grew nearby. Notwithstanding the discouragements peculiar to the tropics, such as the weather, pests, and marauding animals, his garden and orchard always seemed to flourish just a bit better than others, and everything was planted and maintained with the neatness that characterized this man. As a result, many of the fruit trees which he planted are today bestowing their blessings upon those who followed him.

Brother Foster is now with the Lord where he has doubtless been able to see something of the real results of seed patiently sown, not only in the ground, but especially in the hearts of the thousands who heard the gospel story for the first time because he went to Africa. Many to whom he ministered the Word of life have also

stepped across the threshold into the gloryland. What a joy it was to plant the seed and watch it spring forth into life and grow, but how much greater the joy of seeing the harvest itself. That joy now belongs to him.

Several months ago his beloved wife, Mrs. Rose Foster, presented the seminary with a sizeable sum of money to be used for something that would form a fitting memorial for her husband. Knowing something of the present need on the campus for trees and shrubs, and recalling also Brother Foster's great love for growing things, she chose to have the money used for this purpose.

During the past two months 74 beautiful shrubs have been planted along the front of the building (which is 180 feet in length, exclusive of the offset at the main entry). Additional shrubs will be set out as soon as weather permits in the spring. This is the first step in beautifying the seminary's campus, and we know that the Foster Memorial is pleasing to the Lord who created such things for our pleasure as well as His own. Thank you, Sister Foster.

## ATTENTION, HIGH-SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATES

The second semester at Grace Theological Seminary and College begins January 22. If you completed your college or high-school work last spring and did not enroll at the beginning of the fall semester, or if you are graduating at the end of the first semester, it is not necessary to wait until September to continue your schooling. Why not consider coming to Grace immediately? If you desire a catalog and further information, address your letter to Dr. Homer A. Kent, registrar, Winona Lake, Ind.

## REPORT OF NOVEMBER GIFTS TO GRACE SEMINARY

Accident, Md. ....	\$11.75	Radford, Va. ....	\$3.00
Alto, Mich. ....	7.00	Rittman, Ohio ....	24.00
Altoona, Pa. (1st) ....	15.00	San Diego, Calif. ....	15.00
Beaumont, Calif. ....	2.00	Sidney, Ind. ....	11.00
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Cleveland, Ohio ....	9.00	Temple City, Calif. ....	25.00
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Dayton, Ohio (1st) ...	10.00	Whittier, Calif. (1st) ..	139.00
Everett, Pa. ....	9.00	Winchester, Va. ....	43.36
Fort Wayne, Ind. ....	3.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	134.35
Fremont, Ohio ....	121.00	Special ....	29.00
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	8.00	Yellow Creek, Pa. ....	44.00
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Long Beach, Calif. (1)	5.00	Isolated Brethren ....	10.00
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*New Troy, Mich.* The New Troy Brethren Church has organized a "Crusaders Band" for the purpose of systematic visitation. This group is formed into 11 teams which, according to plans, will make 44 definite calls during December. Richard Jackson is pastor.

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* Rev. James D. Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, and Rev. Carl W. Brown, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, were granted time on radio station WOWO (50,000 watts) Dec. 6, on the program "The Pastor's Study." Time was allowed to refute charges made by the regular speaker on the program that the American Council of Christian Churches is "a very small group . . . whose only purpose is to embarrass the National Council."

*Conemaugh, Pa.* The community Christmas sing will be conducted in the Conemaugh Brethren Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 20. Stanley Hauser is pastor. Rev. Edward Lewis will conduct a three-day Bible conference here beginning Jan. 3.

*Cedar Rapids, Iowa.* Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grant are the proud parents of a 7-lb. boy, Charles Robert Grant, born Dec. 7.

*Middlebranch, Ohio.* Rev. John Neely preached here on Dec. 13. Edward Lewis is pastor. Mr. Joe Dombek, Christian artist from Winona Lake, Ind., will draw at the New Year's Eve service.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* A Business Women's Missionary Fellowship has been organized in the First Brethren Church. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* The Indiana District Sisterhood of Mary and Martha has taken as a project the securing of a bell for the mission in Cordillera, N. Mex., according to Mrs. Geraldine Snyder, district patroness.

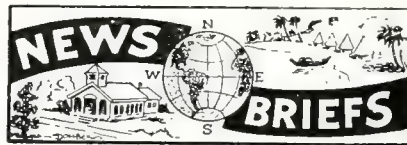
*Rome, Italy.* Vatican Press Service has disclosed that the Catholic population in the State of Israel has dwindled from 40,000 to 8,000, and that most of the Catholics there are Arabs.

*Elkhart, Ind.* Dr. Herman A. Hoyt conducted a week of meetings in the Elkhart Grace Brethren Church Dec. 6-13. Lowell Hoyt is pastor.

*Meyersdale, Pa.* Two young men who are members of the Meyersdale Brethren Church and also students at Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., had charge of the evening services on Sunday, Nov. 29.

*South Gate, Calif.* The Tithers Club is a new organization in the First Brethren Church. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

*Philadelphia, Pa.* Dr. Bella V. Dodds, a former Communist leader, testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee, asserted that to her knowledge there were Communists among Philadelphia schoolteachers when she was an active member of the Communist party.



*New York, N. Y.* Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, director of the Winona Lake Bible Conference, and pastor of the Cazenovia Baptist Church here, was challenged several weeks ago by a New York supreme court justice to prove Communist charges against the three nationally known churchmen, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and Dr. Claude C. Williams. Dr. Muntz obliged the supreme court justice, George T. Vandermuelen, and documented material was provided, but Justice Vandermuelen refused to attend the service to hear the evidence. The justice also withdrew his membership in the Cazenovia Baptist Church. (Editor: I John 2:19.)

*Colombia, South America.* Missionaries in Colombia, South America, have been ordered by the government to leave the country. The official order was dated Oct. 19, 1953. The State Department of the United States has received an avalanche of protests.

*Chicago, Ill.* The Evangelical Press Association and the Christian Writers Conference and Workshop will convene here January 26-30. Speakers include Mr. Kenneth Butler, of Northwestern University; Mrs. Helen Sigrid, former Communist writer; and Mrs. Charles L. Ramsey, well-known religious cartoonist.

*Long Beach, Calif.* Miss Johanna Nielsen, retired missionary from Argentina, was given a housewarming by the WMC of the Second Brethren Church. George Peek is pastor.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* The ministers and their wives of the California District Conference of Brethren Churches assembled at the First Brethren Church Dec. 14 for a time of fellowship. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

*Wheaton, Ill.* Youth for Christ International has announced that the 10th annual convention will be conducted at Winona Lake, Ind., July 4-18, 1954. Major speakers will be Bob Cook, Billy Graham, and Torrey Johnson.

*Seattle, Wash.* Religious services were conducted on a plane Dec. 6, with Wing Chaplain (Maj.) W. H. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Spokane, Wash., in charge. Nine Civil Air Patrol members were being flown back to Spokane when the plane was grounded waiting for clearance to fly. While the pilot waited for clearance orders, Rev. Schaffer conducted a preaching service—until the noise of the four motors drowned out his voice. (Editor: Now the entire brotherhood knows one time when Brother Schaffer had to admit defeat in speaking louder, but please note it took four airplane motors to do it.) When the service was over, a member of the group passed the hat for an offering.

*Los Angeles, Calif.* Thieves entered the Second Brethren Church and stole over \$600 of their home-mission offering. Henry Rempel is pastor.

*Toledo, Ohio (RNS).* Dr. E. J. McCormick, president of the American Medical Association, speaking at the fourth annual Campus Conference on Religion, held at the University of Toledo, declared that most medical schools fail to place proper emphasis on religious training. "No one without sound moral principles has any place in medicine. . . . Physicians must be concerned not only with the body but also with the soul," he declared.



# BROKEN VOWS

By George M. Richardson



George Richardson

The most grievous incidents of life are many times precipitated by a common cause—the broken vow. This was true in those days when the Lord Jesus walked among men as it is today. The calendars of our civil and criminal courts are crowded with cases which are the direct results of promises made and never kept. Divorces are granted at an ever-increasing and alarming rate because of broken marriage vows. Tragedy stalks the pages of our newspapers. Story after story unfolds before a background of human error—a betrayed confidence, a repudiated contract, a violated treaty, or some other failure in human relationships. So many seem all too eager to break a priceless human friendship for paltry human gain. Too many have forgotten that faithfulness is a wellspring in the wilderness of our pilgrimage.

One of the most heartrending incidents in sacred history is the story of a broken vow. Peter, impulsive in action and word, spoke so vehemently when he said, "If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise." Peter really meant every word he spoke, as did the other disciples when they reaffirmed his stand. The Scripture bears its own record, "Likewise also said they all" (Mark 14:31). How these avowals of loyalty and love lift us high up to the mountain top of joy. Our joy is only for a moment as the record almost immediately plunges us into the abyss of sorrow when just a few verses later we read, "And they all forsook him, and fled" (Mark 14:50).

Vows made in haste were soon broken. Jesus was left to stand alone in the midst of his enemies. Only Peter followed Him as they led Him away to appear before the high priest, but he followed his Master and Lord afar off. It wasn't His enemies and their false accusations that brought great heartache to the Lord Jesus that day. It wasn't the

threats and abuse of those that hated Him. It wasn't the thought of the suffering and agony of the cross just ahead. It was the heartache of loneliness. He stood alone in the midst of the cold yet searing ashes of the empty broken vows of friendship and love. No wonder He was called a "man of sorrows." There is no sorrow deeper than the sorrow of a broken love-covenant.

Pastor, Christian leader, deserted wife or husband, you know what I mean, for you have walked the way of loneliness with Him. Never was the heart agony of the Lord Jesus brought clearer to my own mind than when I once stood in the presence of my accusers and about me, "following afar off," were those who had made their avowals of love and loyalty and yet broke those vows by keeping their silence. The waters of sorrow are never so deep as when you stand in them alone.

God looks upon the vows that men make as sacred things. A vow should never be made hastily or unadvisedly, but soberly and in the fear of God. A broken vow is a broken word. A broken word is a broken character. A broken thing regardless of how well restored, is never as beautiful nor as trust-

worthy as before the break. There always remains the unsightly rivet, the line, the weakness. Its former beauty and value are gone. No wonder the Holy Spirit speaks so forcibly when He warns us to watch our step and guard our lips lest failure to do so would result in sin.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God" (Eccl. 5:1-7).

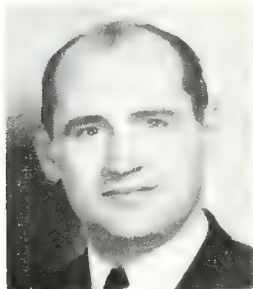
As Christians, our promises to our fellow men and our personal resolutions made before our fellow men should be as binding as our promises to God. This is the season of vows and resolutions. How much better to be slow in vowing than to be as equally slow in keeping it. Remembering that we have a testimony to maintain before God and man, would it not be better to think upon our way than to be free and easy with our words and doubtful in our works? Someone has truthfully said that "the tongue so far controls the whole body that when it is tamed, he may be considered to have well nigh attained perfection."





## HAGERSTOWN CHURCH HAS VISION

## TEAM TWO IN IOWA



Rev. Russell Weber

The Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md., has a real vision for Christ. Unselfish is not the word! Here is the story.

Several months ago Rev. Sam Horney wrote to Rev. R. Paul Miller, evangelist of Crusade Team No. 1, desiring to know if his team could conduct a tent meeting at Taos, N. Mex. Brother Horney wrote, "We would have persecution from the priests, for they would have rocks thrown at us, but I am sure we would have a harvest of souls. We couldn't finance it all, but we surely need it."

While Crusade Team No. 1 was engaged in a recent campaign in Hagerstown, Rev. Weber took this matter of Taos to his people, and they responded as only real believers would. They opened their hearts, and also their pocketbooks, and raised an offering to cover the expenses of a tent campaign in Taos, N. Mex. Brethren, this is an answer to the prayers of the Taos congregation, and also an evidence of a passion for souls in Hagerstown, Md. May God bless Rev. Weber and his fine congregation for this missionary vision. To show his support of this work, Rev. Weber's three daughters, Nancy, Janice, and Janet, plan to provide music for the Taos meeting and assist in the personal work program. PRAISE THE LORD!

### LEAMERSVILLE, PA., MEETING

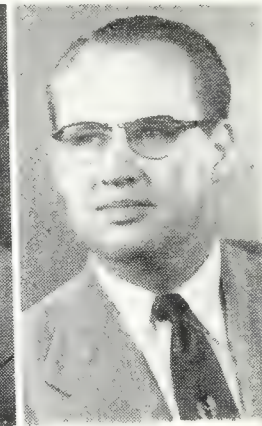
Seventy-seven public decisions were witnessed in the meeting conducted by Team No. 2, under the ministry of Evangelist Lepp. Of this number, 16 were first-time confessions. Attendance averaged 211 for the meeting, and \$135 was given to assist in some meeting on a smaller field.



Rev. Charles Bergerson



Rev. Walter Lepp



Mr. Frank Coffin

*Leon* (Nov. 1-15). Rev. Marion Gates has written that "Leon church has experienced a revival the like of which has not been seen for at least 15 years." There were 110 decisions, of which 20 were first-time confessions. Evangelist Lepp has declared that "never have we seen God working in a more definite way," and this in spite of the fact that it was a difficult meeting.

*Garwin* (Nov. 17-29). Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., writes, "We have just closed a 12-day meeting with Crusade Team 2. There were 12 public decisions, all for restoration. . . ."

We believe that many have become keenly aware of their spiritual condition. . . . We thank God for sending the team to our church." Evangelist Lepp writes that the true evidences of revival were not present in the meeting.

*North English* (Dec. 1-13). From the very opening of the meeting, the services were well attended. Revival fires were manifest on the first day of the meetings when there were six first-time confessions and five restorations. What a blessing, writes Evangelist Lepp, "to be in a church where the Spirit of God is working."

### ELDERLY COUPLE CONVERTED

In the recent meeting of Crusade Team No. 1 in Berrien Springs, Mich., an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Williams (86 and 83 years old, respectively) were brought to the Lord under the testimony of Mr. William Weaver, 94 years of age. In the picture below are (l. to r.) Max Williams, song leader; Mr. William Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and Evangelist R. Paul Miller.



### NEW MEMBER JOINS TEAM ONE



Mr. Jesse Gingrich (above) member of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., will join Team No. 1 January 3 in York, Pa.

Brother Gingrich is the son of Rev. U. L. Gingrich, and graduated from the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania (1948), and then completed his college work at Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis (1952), and spent a year in Grace Theological Seminary. Brother Gingrich is an accomplished musician, and will be pianist for the team.



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